

Information

JAPAN

For Canadian companies that would like to do business with Japan, the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) is a good starting point. JETRO promotes two-way trade, technical and personnel exchanges, joint ventures, licensing agreements, and investments in both countries.

As the foreign trade arm of Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry, it focusses on helping foreign companies to identify and exploit market opportunities in Japan. Contact:

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Canadian companies conducting business in Japan may obtain general information and assistance from the Canadian Embassy and provincial offices in Japan.

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Lawyers in Japan

Canadian researchers working in Japan can be greatly helped by working with Japanese patent attorneys and other experts in Japan who are familiar with Japanese law and its application. A number of Japanese law firms also employ foreign nationals who are familiar with the international laws applying to licensing and joint venture arrangements.