

Association Information

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The information will be distributed to all participants at the Atlanta conference.

Taxes in Your Country: 2008

Please provide a tax snapshot of your country by filling out the following information.

Organization Name	Japan Taxpayers Association(Japan Association to Correct the Unfair Tax System)		
Homepage (URL)	http://www.taxpayers.jp/e-index.html		
Street Address	KK bldg.4F 2-12-9 Minami Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku		
City	Tokyo		
ZIP or Postal Code	171-0022	No. of Publications/ Frequency (Ex. 1/10 = 1 Publication 10 Times/Year)	JTA Report: 1/month JTA Annual Report :1/year
State or Province	Japan	No. of Paid Officials/Volunteers	About 20(non-paid)
Telephone	+81-3-5960-6672	No. of Offices	1
Fax Number	+81-3-5960-6651	Number of Paying Members 2008 (trend- up, down or steady)	about 3000
Year of Establishment	Founded in 1977	Budget for 2008 in €uro	8,000,000 YEN(51,282 Euro)
Name and Email of the President/CEO	President: Dr. Hirohisa Kitano E-mail address: kitano8@amber.plala.or.jp		
Name and Email of the Chairman	Draft on "Japan Taxpayers' Charter". Correcting the unfair tax systems and controlling the wasteful public financial expenditures.		
Reason for Establishment: To correct the unfair tax systems and restrain the tax expenditures contrary to the national welfare from taxpayers' viewpoint.			
Best Achievements: Draft on Japan Taxpayers' Charter. Correcting the unfair tax systems and controlling the wasteful public financial expenditures.			
Main Goal Today: i. To correct the tax system and tax administration contrary to the ability to pay tax principle. ii. To restrain the tax expenditure contrary to the national welfare. iii. To establish the taxpayers' rights on tax burden and tax expenditure			

Total Tax Pressure (% of GDP)	27.4 (2005, OECD Revenue Statistics1965-2006)
Overall Tax Trend (Up, Down or Steady)	Up, abolished 20% temporary individual tax cut
Individual Income Tax Brackets	6 bracekts(5%,10%,20%,23%,33%,40%)+10% individual inhabitant tax
Basic Deduction	380,000 YEN (about US\$ 3620)
Social Security/ Nationalized Pension Tax Rate	not adopt tax sysytem in Japan, but pay about 20% social security premiums
Corporate Profit Tax Rate	40.69% effective tax rate(30% corporate tax basic rate + local corporate taxes)
Value Added Tax Rate	5%
Capital Gains Tax Rate	listing shares reduced tax rate10%, other shares 20%
Property / Real Estate Tax Rate	1.4%(local property tax)
Gift Tax Rate	10%, 15%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%
Wealth Tax Rate	
Death Tax Rate	10% ,15%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%
Other Taxes and Their Rate(s)	Opposition parties call for the repeal of a gasoline tax temporary rate.
Additional Tax Rates & Policy Notes: There is much debate about the consumption tax hike plan for welfare tax.	
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