

Sub-Program	1. Human Resource and Institutional Development for Economic Development
Component	1-1. Improvement of Business Environment
Accepting University (Number of Scholars)	Waseda University (4) Graduate School of Commerce / Master of Business Administration
Target Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ministry for Foreign Economic Relations, Investments and Trade ● State Committee on De-monopolization and Support for Competition ● Chamber of Commerce and Industry ● The State Committee for State Property Management ● Institute of Economics of the Academy of Sciences ● Institute of Forecasting and Macroeconomic Research ● Center for Coordination and Control of Securities Market under the State Committee for State Property Management ● Tashkent State University of Economics
Purpose of Study	
<p>Since gaining independence in 1991, Uzbekistan has been making efforts to move away from the socialist regime of the former Soviet Union. In 2007, the government formulated the final version of WISP (Full Strategy Paper for 2008-2010). According to the I-WISP, increasing national income and reducing poverty require economic policy that accelerates economic growth. Such policy involves vitalizing the private sector. Specific measures include tax reduction, restriction of the government direct intervention in the economic processes, simplification of the regulatory and legislative framework, more effective management of national financial assets, appropriate fiscal management in accordance with international standards, and achievement of conditions required to join the World Trade Organization (WTO).</p> <p>Japan's Country Assistance Program (CAP) for the Republic of Uzbekistan identifies "support for human resource development and institution building to facilitate a market economy and develop the economy and industry" as one of the four priority areas for ODA. The CAP states that trade promotion is essential for sustainable economic growth in Uzbekistan, stressing the need to establish an institutional framework that complies with international rules with a view to integrating the country into the world economy. Joining the World Trade Organization (WTO) is instrumental in establishing economic relations with other countries. With this in mind, Japan will support many aspects of the Uzbek government's efforts to join the WTO, including improvement of Uzbekistan's fiscal and financial systems, revision of the civil and commercial codes, and economic reforms. Japan will also help Uzbekistan to build an economic and trade structure that can accommodate the WTO framework after becoming a member of the WTO, according to the CAP.</p> <p>Japan supports Uzbekistan in training business people with practical skills by, for example, offering business courses at the Uzbekistan-Japan Center for Human Development. It also offers assistance in training Uzbek administrators who contribute to vitalizing the private sector. Expectations are high that training both business people and administrator will help Uzbekistan to build foundations for the development of the private sector in the country.</p>	