

# English Language Support for Administrative Procedures relating to Incorporation (Ministry of Justice related)

## (English Language Support for Company Registration Procedures in National Strategic Special Zones (notification), November 25, 2024)

### Overview of the regulatory reform

#### Before the implementation

##### ○ Procedures for Application for Registration for Incorporation

The application form for registration of incorporation and related attached documents (\*) need to be prepared in Japanese as registration items are supposed to be notified in Japanese in order to conduct safe transactions.

(\*)Except for those issued by the Japanese authorities

##### ○ Procedures for Attestation of the Articles of Incorporation

The items that need to be included in the articles of incorporation (including business purposes, the location of HQ), many of which require registration, are supposed to be prepared in Japanese, in the same way as registration items, if they are within the scope of attestation of the articles of incorporation.

#### After the implementation

Collaborating with local authorities in the special zone, we support English speaking applicants (or those who are going to be the applicant) by utilizing the tool which enables preparation of application forms for incorporation and attached documents for the articles of incorporation, for simplified types of incorporation, through English entry and selection of information.

#### Impact

**Promote entries by overseas companies to the Japanese market!!**

### Contents of the regulatory reform

#### ① Provision of Application Documents Supporting Tool

○ Ministry of Justice provides the application documents supporting tool (\*) to the local authorities in the special zone. English speaking applicants can obtain the tool from their websites, etc.



\*The tool automatically translates English texts into Japanese after information has been entered and selected by the applicant.

#### ② Creation of Application Documents with the Tool

##### One-Stop Support Center for starting business, etc.

English speaking applicant



Prepare application documents with the supporting tool for application documents creation

Supporting staff (translators) of the local authorities provide supports for application documents creation.



#### ③ Attestation of the Articles of Incorporation

##### Notary Public Office ※



Supporting staff (translators) of the local authorities support presential examinations by a notary

○ Submit the articles of incorporation and other necessary documents to the notary public office.

○ Presential examination by a notary at the notary public office

※In municipalities where the National Strategic Special Act, Article 12-2 is applied, attestation of the articles of incorporation is available at venues designated by the zone planning (One-Stop Support Center for starting business).

#### ④ Submission of Application Documents

○ Submit application documents to the Legal Affairs Bureau



By post or by hand

##### Legal Affairs Bureau

