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Japan Textile Federation

Action Policy for Fiscal 2026

The Japan Textile Federation (JTF) has worked on various efforts for problem solution and appropriate response through organizing common challenges to be solved and directions to follow in the entire industry and cooperating with our member organizations, while coping with various environmental changes surrounding our supply chains.

Last year, we had multiple discussions with our major member organizations about how the JTF should be for continuation of its operations and activities. In the discussions, many organizations indicated that the JTF should take a leadership role as the contact organization in negotiations with the government, considering that such negotiations would put a heavy burden on the respective member organizations. Specifically, the JTF is required to carry out such activities as collection and provision of policy information on fiber and textile industries, giving opinions in policy-making process, and cooperation with the government on various policies such as the Specified Skilled Workers Program and ensuring proper transactions. The JTF will actively engage in these activities under cooperation with our member organizations.

We also had discussions with the major organizations about our key activities to be conducted. As a result, we found that many organizations have a high interest in approaches to ensuring proper transactions, strengthening of supply chain robustness, and circular economy. In particular, many organizations pointed that comprehensive efforts are indispensable and highly necessary for ensuring proper transactions in the entire supply chains, since efforts by each member organization are limited.

Consequently, we will put focus on the three themes this year: (1) Response to Ensuring Proper Transactions, (2) Response to Strengthening of Supply Chain Robustness, and

(3) Response to Circular Economy for improvement of our operational efficiency. Additionally, we continue to proceed with the existing major activities:(4) Active Approaches to Cope with Trade Issues, (5) Strengthening of Information Transmission Capability and Brand Power, and (6) Response to Taxation Issues.

Based on the basic ideas described above, the JTF will carry out its activities for development of the Japanese textile industry along with the following policies:

1. Response to Ensuring Proper Transactions

Since ensuring proper transactions is a significant issue in terms of respect of human rights in supply chains and wage hike as well as corporate continuation, we continue to implement the follow-up activities, etc. of the “Voluntary Action Plan for Promotion of Proper Transactions and Improvement of Productivity and Added Values”.

In addition, we will appropriately cope with the Act on Ensuring Proper Transactions Involving Specified Entrusted Business Operators going into effect in January this year and the related regulations and abolishment of promissory notes in the process of DX deployment, and will follow up the “Voluntary Action Plan for Optimization and Productivity Improvement in Physical Distribution”.

2. Response to Strengthening of Supply Chain Robustness

For strengthening of supply chain robustness, it is of vital importance to take an effective step to solve structural labor shortage in combination with policy support for business continuation and succession including capital investment assistance.

In taking responsive measures for the issues mentioned above, we strive to make the “Guidelines for Responsible Corporate Conduct in Textile Industry” well known to our member organizations for further dissemination, with recognizing the importance that a work environment should be

created and improved in view of human rights of workers. Furthermore, we have formed the Secretariat of the Japanese Audit Standard for Textile Industry (JASTI) in the JTF to properly operate the audit system under the JASTI that is essential for the “Specified Skilled Workers Program” in our industry, working together with the Human Rights Due Diligence Consortium established by textile products inspection organizations as well as the Japan Federation of Labor and Social Security Attorney's Associations in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Also, we put more efforts into collecting and making known the information on the “Employment for Skill Development Program” that will go into effect in April 2027.

Additionally, as reported in the Textile Industry Subcommittee of the Manufacturing Industry Committee under the Industrial Structure Council, we work on activities for strengthening of supply chain robustness with our member organizations, including various collaborations in the respective fiber and textile production areas, collaborations between the production areas for business continuation and product value improvement.

3. Response to Circular Economy

For the purpose of taking appropriate measures against global environmental issues including carbon neutral and circular economy, it is considered important to follow up the “Roadmap for Resource Recycling of Textile Products”, collect and provide the related information for realization of circular economy, and create necessary systems.

Particularly, in terms of effective systems for achieving carbon neutrality and circular economy, we consider the information from European countries important that are ahead in this area and put our efforts into collecting and providing such information timely and efficiently. At the same time, in order to have productive discussions on creating proper systems in Japan, we will make every effort with our member organizations to provide places and opportunities for

discussions and examinations on challenges of circular economy.

4. Active Approaches to Cope with Trade Issues

We will further take advantage of the existing economic partnership agreements, and put together our opinions and requests to make proposal to the government for negotiations on economic partnership agreements with Turkey, UAE, GCC nations, and China and Korea.

Also, the JTF plans to host the Japan-China-Korea Textile & Clothing Conference next year. We continue to cooperate with the China National Textile and Apparel Council and the Korea Federation of Textile Industries to exchange the information broadly.

5. Strengthening of Information Transmission Capability and Brand Power

The JTF will aim its efforts at conducting information transmission activities including appeal of high-quality, high-sensitivity and high-functional materials that incorporate sophisticated technology and sensibility of the Japanese textile industry. Furthermore, we will work on the related organizations in order to allow textile products ranging from fashion goods to functional goods to be promoted widely both at home and abroad.

6. Response to Taxation Issues

We will give the requests on taxation revision from our member organizations to major political parties and the relevant ministries, in order to build a tax system that would be favorable for the whole textile industry.