

**Fragmentation and agglomeration matter:  
Japanese multinationals in Latin America and East Asia**

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**Abstract**

This paper analyzes micro data of Japanese multinational enterprises to investigate differences between Latin America and East Asia from various viewpoints of their corporate activities. One of the crucial factors to make a sharp contrast is the development of international production/distribution networks utilizing the benefit of fragmentation and agglomeration. Japanese firms have played an important role in developing international production/distribution networks in East Asia while they have not yet either constructed a critical mass of industrial clusters or formulated efficient vertical chains of production in Latin America, where proper international commercial policies are the key for success.

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## 1. Introduction

Since the 1980s, Latin American countries have carried out substantial policy reform and have successfully constructed cleaner and more transparent policy environments often more so than in East Asia. However, the growth performance of East Asia has still dominated Latin America; average annual growth rates of gross domestic product (GDP) in 1990-2000 were 7.2% in East Asia and 3.3% in Latin America and Caribbean (World Bank (2002, Table 3)).

The UNIDO's competitive industrial performance (CIP) indices also present a sharp contrast between Latin America and East Asia (Table 1). The CIP index, which measures the ability of countries to competitively produce and export manufactured goods, is constructed from four indicators: manufacturing value added per capita, manufactured exports per capita, and the shares of medium- and high-tech products in manufacturing value added and in manufactured exports. The rankings of the East Asian countries except Japan and Hong Kong went up in the period of 1985-1998, while those of the most Latin American countries stagnated. During this period, Malaysia moved to a higher position than Mexico, and the Philippines and Thailand surpassed Brazil.

Table 1

One of the key elements for East Asia's performance is the effective development and utilization of international production/distribution networks. As Fig. 1 clearly presents, intra-regional trade of machinery parts and components among the East Asian countries increased explosively throughout the 1990s. New theories in international trade, particularly the literature on fragmentation and agglomeration, provide new insights to understand what is going on in East Asia.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> As for the literature of fragmentation theory, see Jones and Kierzkowski (1990), Arndt and

Fig. 1

In the globalization era, firms try to build up efficient intra-firm structure and inter-firm relationship. Instead of their conducting too many activities by themselves, they attempt to let other firms do through various types of contracts in order to make decisions of optimal internalization. In addition, advantages of fragmentation and agglomeration are exploited. When parts and components are considerably standardized and the delivery timing is not too delicate, they try to find suppliers of the cheapest products in the world. On the other hand, when parts and components are highly customized and closer communication with suppliers is important, they would like to form industrial clusters.

Fragmentation and agglomeration may seem to work in the polar opposite directions but are not necessarily in fact. The key for fragmentation is the reduction of service link costs such as transport cost, telecommunication cost, and more abstract coordination cost that connect remote production blocks with each other. We must here recognize that service link costs often have very strong economies of scale. Hence, fragmented production blocks are not evenly distributed across countries or regions but rather concentrate on focal points where service link costs are particularly low. Such accumulation of fragmented production blocks results in helping the formation of industrial clusters.

As a background, it should be noted that the East Asian countries have accomplished crucial changes in foreign direct investment (FDI)-related policies since the latter half of the 1980s. That is, they have reduced the weight of selective FDI acceptance policies such as restrictions on the capital share of foreigners or entry restrictions for foreigners and have instead

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Kierzkowski (2001), Deardorff (2001), and Cheng and Kierzkowski (2001). For the literature of agglomeration theory, see Krugman (1991, 1995) and Fujita, Krugman, and Venables (1999).

applied aggressive FDI hosting policies, which allow foreign firms to form industrial agglomeration and international production/distribution networks.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, various types of trade and FDI facilitation measures are implemented, which help reduce service link costs. Some directed policies such as providing infrastructure and human capital additionally work in formulating agglomeration.

Japanese firms have played a crucial role in developing international production/distribution networks in East Asia. Their strength resides not only in production technologies per se but also in their proficiency in organizing effective intra-firm and inter-firm relationships. That is why Japanese firms have their international competitiveness in machinery industries where production management taking care of a massive number of parts and components is crucially important. Japanese firms indeed possess substantial significance in East Asia. Table 2 presents the activities of affiliates of Japanese and U.S. firms in East Asian economies in terms of value added, employment, export, and imports. These are rough estimates based on Japanese and U.S. statistics.

Table 2

In contrast with the East Asian economies, Latin American countries have not yet experienced the development of international production/distribution networks. Although they embarked upon industrialization much earlier, they have for many reasons been slow to fully utilize the advantages of globalization. This is due in part to the import-substitution regimes that dominated Latin American trade policies for so long. Although international policy arrangements such as free trade agreements (FTAs) are more developed than in East Asia, most

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<sup>2</sup> See Kimura (2002, Table 4) for major changes in FDI-related policies in the ASEAN countries in the period of the later half of the 1990s.

of the FDI coming into Latin America is still of the import-substitution-type and does not take advantage of global production sharing.

This paper focuses on the behavior of Japanese firms and compares FDI in Latin America and East Asia. In East Asia, Japanese firms play an important role in developing international production/distribution networks. Latin America is, of course, far from Japan in both geography and psychology, but even taking these elements into account, Japanese FDI in Latin America remains minimal. High service link costs as well as lack of agglomeration are important explanations. Latin America has not yet utilized positive spillovers that Japanese or other multinational enterprises (MNEs) would provide.<sup>3</sup> Aggressive FDI hosting policy seems to be crucial in forming a critical mass of agglomeration. At the same time, fragmented production blocks must be invited by reducing service link costs. The role of government clearly exists though the approach is quite different from the traditional MITI-type industrial policy.

The paper plan is as follows: the next section provides an overview of Japanese trade and outward FDI with Latin America and East Asia. Section 3 analyzes the micro data of Japanese MNEs to investigate FDI patterns in Latin America and East Asia from various points of view. Section 4 presents how Japanese MNEs feel about Latin America and tries to extract some policy implications. Section 5 provides concluding remarks.

## **2. Japanese firms in Latin America and East Asia: Overview**

According to the World Bank (2002, Table 3), Latin America and East Asia (except Japan) are of roughly equal economic size: U.S. \$1,995 billion for Latin America & Caribbean

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<sup>3</sup> See Moran (2001) for the survey of many case studies on the affiliates of Japanese and other

and U.S. \$2,059 billion for East Asia & Pacific in 2000. The upper half of Table 3 presents shares of Japanese trade by region.<sup>4</sup> Export and import shares of East Asia increased over time and reached around 40% in 1999-2000. A large portion of trade with East Asia is back-and-forth transactions of parts and components of manufactured products as would be suggested by Fig.1. On the other hand, the shares of Latin America are minimal; only 4 to 5% for exports and around 3% for imports.

Table 3

The lower half of Table 3 shows destination shares of Japanese outward FDI on the reporting basis in terms of the values and cases. FDI figures are on a flow basis and thus fluctuate over time. However, we can confirm that East Asia steadily attracts a certain percentage of Japanese FDI. Most of the FDI going to East Asia is in the manufacturing sector, and many of the cases suggest that small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are actively involved. FDI to Latin America, on the other hand, has a peculiar pattern. A large but declining portion of the FDI in this region is observed in the Cayman Islands and Panama and is dominated by non-manufacturing affiliates. FDI in the manufacturing sector is obviously very small.

The distance between Latin America and Japan in terms of geography, culture, and historical background could partially explain such a low level of Japanese firms' commitment to Latin America. Although Latin America is the region that has the largest population of Japanese emigrants, Japanese regard the Latin American economy as a sort of backyard of the United States. In contrast, East Asia has been close to Japan through various channels such as trade, FDI, and economic cooperation. In addition, the rapid economic growth of the East

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MNEs.

<sup>4</sup> Strictly speaking, "East Asia" in Table 3 includes all Asian countries east of Pakistan. However, trade with and FDI to South Asia are small.

Asian countries itself encourages Japan to make deeper commitment to East Asia.

At present, Japanese firms do not treat most of the Latin American countries as an important link in international production/distribution networks. The reason is the high costs of service links and the lack of proper development of industrial clusters in Latin America. Japanese affiliates located in Latin America do not form sophisticated inter-firm relationship and typically sell their products in local markets. Of course, East Asia did not originally have any industrial clusters and supporting industries, either. However, in the case of East Asia, Japanese firms tried to form agglomeration by themselves. The active FDI by SMEs was an indication of constructing a critical mass of industrial clusters. We have not yet observed such an active commitment to Latin America by Japanese firms.

### **3. Observations from micro data**

This section investigates micro data of Japanese investment abroad from various points of view. Our paper uses two sets of micro data conducted by Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Government of Japan (GOJ): 1) *the F/Y 1996 Basic Survey of Business Structure and Activity* and 2) *the F/Y 1999 Survey (the 27<sup>th</sup> Basic Survey) of Overseas Business Activities of Japanese Companies*. The first firm-level database provides detailed information on parent firms located in Japan and also the number, industry, and regional location of their foreign affiliates. Tables 4 to 11 and Table A1 are constructed from this database, where foreign affiliates are defined as those with no less than 20% Japanese ownership, except Table 5 covering only those with no less than 50% Japanese ownership. The second database presents information on the performance of foreign affiliates. Tables 12 to 14 are obtained from this database, where foreign affiliates include both “affiliates abroad” with no less than 10% ownership by Japanese parent firms and “affiliates of affiliates abroad”



with no less than 50% ownership by such “affiliates abroad” (call both of them “Japanese affiliates abroad” hereinafter).<sup>5</sup> A more detailed explanation of these databases is given in the Appendix.

Now, let us check the number of Japanese firms with affiliates in Latin America and East Asia<sup>6</sup> and the sectoral composition of Japanese parent firms and their affiliates. Tables 4 and 5 present (a) the number of parent firms with foreign affiliates and the number of foreign affiliates; (b) the number of parent firms with affiliates in Latin America and the number of affiliates in Latin America; (c) the number of parent firms with affiliates in East Asia and the number of affiliates in East Asia, by the industry of parent firms and by the industry of affiliates; and (d) the number of parent firms with affiliates in both Latin America and East Asia by the industry of parent firms.<sup>7</sup>

The data clearly show the small number of Japanese firms with FDI in Latin America, compared with firms investing in East Asia. In 1995, 3,486 out of 26,353 firms located in Japan have 18,113 foreign affiliates with no less than 20% ownership (2,770 firms and 12,367 affiliates with no less than 50% ownership). Among them, 288 firms have 1,110 affiliates in Latin America, and 2,753 firms have 9,132 affiliates in East Asia. In other words, the number of parent firms investing in Latin America is only one-tenth of the number of parent firms investing in East Asia. Moreover, 237 firms have affiliate(s) in both Latin America and East Asia. Thus, over 80% of the firms with FDI in Latin America invest in East Asia as well.

Table4

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<sup>5</sup> “Affiliates abroad” of parent firms in finance, insurance, or real estates are not included.

<sup>6</sup> Strictly speaking, “East Asia” in section 3 includes all Asian countries east of Pakistan. However, FDI to South Asia is pretty small.

<sup>7</sup> For industry classification, see Table A-2.

Table5

Tables 4 and 5 also reveal that almost all of the Japanese parent firms in the data set are manufacturing (Industries 120 to 340) or wholesale/retail trade (480 and 540). Approximately 70% of the parent firms are in the manufacturing sector and half of them are in the machinery sector (290 to 320), when parent firms have foreign affiliates, affiliates in Latin America, or affiliates in East Asia.

However, the two regions differ when we look at the sectoral composition of parent firms in terms of the number of affiliates or the sectoral composition of affiliates. In East Asia, about 60% of the affiliates in the region are owned by manufacturing firms. Also, about 60% of the affiliates in the region are in manufacturing, regardless of the industries of their parent firms, which is a higher ratio than that for all foreign affiliates (47%). Thus, manufacturing is dominant in East Asia for both Japanese parent firms and their affiliates.<sup>8</sup>

In Latin America, in contrast, the share of affiliates with manufacturing parent firms is much lower, and the share of affiliates with wholesale/retail parent firms is higher; 35% and 64%, respectively. In addition, the share of manufacturing affiliates is only a quarter, while the share of affiliates in the “other” sector is extremely high. As many as 485 out of 1110 affiliates, i.e., 43.7% of the affiliates in the region are in the “other” sector.<sup>9,10</sup> These indicate

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<sup>8</sup> 958 out of 9,131 affiliates in East Asia (10.5%) are in the “other” sector; they include other services (253 affiliates), real estates (99), construction (89), finance and insurance (75), other transportation business (69), engineering services (69), machinery and furniture repairing services (43), software business (36), and goods rental services (29).

<sup>9</sup> In Latin America, sectors with more than 10% of the affiliates in the “other” sector are other transportation business (174 affiliates), finance and insurance (110), goods rental services (53), and other services (48).

<sup>10</sup> Although many affiliates in Latin America are in the “other” sector, there are few parent firms that belong to the “other” sector. The share of parent firms in the “other” sector is merely 3.1% and the share of affiliates with parent firms in the “other” sector is 0.9%.

that manufacturing activities in Latin America by Japanese firms are small relative to East Asia.

As suggested by Tables 4 and 5, Japanese parent firms do not necessarily establish affiliates in their own industries. Tables 6 and 7 provide the detailed information on sector switching between parent firms and their affiliates in Latin America and East Asia. Rows denote the industry of parent firms, columns the industry of affiliates. Thus, diagonal cells of the tables indicate the number of non-sector-switching affiliates, while non-diagonal cells denote the number of sector-switching affiliates.

Table 6

Table 7

In East Asia, 77% of the affiliates owned by manufacturing parent firms are in manufacturing. Among them, we find many sector-switching manufacturing affiliates with manufacturing parent firms (in non-diagonal cells for industries 120 to 340 in both rows and columns), in particular sector-switching machinery affiliates with manufacturing parent firms (in non-diagonal cells for industries 120 to 340 in rows and industries 290 to 320 in columns). Such behavior is typical of manufacturing activities aimed at supplying intermediate goods for other firms or for firms' own affiliates. In the process, Japanese firms have played an important role in developing vertical production networks in the region.

Moreover, manufacturing parent firms also have non-manufacturing affiliates, in particular wholesale trade affiliates. Sector-switching non-manufacturing affiliates with manufacturing parent firms (in cells for industries 120 to 340 in rows and industries 050, 480, and others in columns) make up 23% of the affiliates owned by manufacturing parent firms. This suggests that another strategy in East Asia is to establish global production/distribution networks by internalizing wholesale trade activities.

The picture in Latin America is quite different. First, as discussed above, the share of affiliates with manufacturing parent firms is a low 35%, while the share of affiliates with wholesale trade parent firms is 63%. Second, the percentage of manufacturing affiliates is a low 26%. More than 70% of affiliates in Latin America are in either the wholesale trade sector or the “other” sector.<sup>11</sup> Third, it is difficult to find sector-switching manufacturing affiliates with manufacturing parent firms (in non-diagonal cells for industries 120 to 340 in both rows and columns). In other words, sector switching within manufacturing is rare. Instead, almost all of the sector-switching affiliates owned by manufacturing parent firms are found in the wholesale trade sector and in the “other” sector. This suggests that Japanese manufacturing parents have affiliates in Latin America not as much to build dense production networks as to sell products in local markets, sometimes with simple local processing.

Next, let us focus on the characteristics of Japanese parent firms. Because the number of firms investing in Latin America is small and most of them also invest in other region(s) such as East Asia, parent firms with affiliates in Latin America are expected to be large in size. Tables 8 and 9 present the number of Japanese parent firms with affiliates in Latin America and East Asia, respectively, by the size of parent firms (the number of regular workers) and by the number of affiliates of each firm. This is done for all industries, as well as parent firms in manufacturing and in the machinery sector. Most of the Japanese firms investing in Latin America are large in size. Firms with at least 1,000 workers represent 63.5% overall, 72.1% in manufacturing, and 78.5% in the machinery sector. In contrast, Japanese firms investing in East Asia vary in size: 12.3% of firms have 50 to 99 workers, 18.6% have 100 to 199 workers, 10.8% 200 to 299 workers, 15.2% 300 to 499 workers, 16.7% 500 to 999 workers,

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<sup>11</sup> See footnote 9 for the major sectors among those categorized into the “other” sector.

and 26.5% at least 1,000 workers. Foreign direct investment by Japanese small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in East Asia contributes to a critical mass of industrial clusters.

Table 8

Table 9

In addition to the size of parent firms, the number of affiliates per parent firm also differs between the two regions. Most of the firms investing in Latin America have only one or two affiliates in the region. Virtually all parent firms with more than three affiliates in this region have more than 1,000 workers at home. On the other hand, a considerable number of firms, including SMEs, have more than three affiliates in East Asia.

To formally analyze the characteristics of Japanese parent firms in Latin America and East Asia, we conduct logit regression analysis. Table 10 reports the results for Japanese parent firms in all sectors, and Table 11 presents the results for Japanese manufacturing parent firms. The dependent variable for the first regression (No.1) in both tables is whether a firm has foreign affiliate(s) or not. The dependent variable for the second regression (No.2) is whether a firm has affiliate(s) in Latin America, and the dependent variable for the third regression (No.3) is whether a firm has affiliate(s) in East Asia. The independent variables are the number of regular workers (in logs), tangible assets per regular worker, foreign sales, R&D expenditure, and advertisement expenditure. Foreign sales, R&D expenditure, and advertisement expenditure are measured as ratios to total sales.<sup>12</sup>

Table 10

Table 11

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<sup>12</sup> The basic statistics of the data for Japanese parent firms, including those not included in our regression, is summarized in Table A-1. Estimations with dummy variables for foreign sales and R&D expenditure instead of the ratios were also conducted. They provide similar results.

The results show that firms with foreign affiliates are likely to have large employment size, capital-intensive technology, large foreign sales, and large R&D expenditures. The coefficient for R&D expenditures is not statistically significant in the case of affiliates in Latin America. Taking into account that the coefficient for firm size is much larger in Latin America than for foreign affiliates as a whole, suggests that firms going to Latin America are not necessarily technology-intensive, but simply large in size. For manufacturing parent firms investing in East Asia, the coefficient for tangible assets per regular worker is not statistically significant, suggesting that the Japanese SMEs conducting FDI in East Asia have low capital intensity.

Considering the fact that a large portion of the affiliates in Latin America belong to the “other” sector, we ran regressions 1a, 2a, and 3a, in which parent firms with affiliates only in the “other” sector are classified as without affiliates, to see if the results are sensitive to the existence of affiliates in the “other” sector.<sup>13</sup> They indicate that the results above still hold, except that the coefficient for tangible assets per regular worker is positive but not statistically significant in the case of manufacturing parent firms as a whole.

The following focuses on the performance of Japanese affiliates abroad. Table 12 provides some basic statistics for the performance of Japanese affiliates (a) as a whole, (b) in Latin America, and (c) in East Asia, respectively.<sup>14</sup> Compared with all Japanese affiliates abroad, Japanese affiliates in Latin America have larger tangible assets and smaller numbers of

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<sup>13</sup> The number of parent firms with affiliates only in the “other” sector is 201 (5.8% of parent firms) for foreign affiliates as a whole, 42 (14.6%) for affiliates in Latin America, and 105 (3.8%) for affiliates in East Asia.

<sup>14</sup> Note that Tables 12 to 14 are constructed from the 1999 F/Y Survey, where the definition of “Japanese affiliates abroad” is different and where the ratio of effective questionnaire returns is as low as 56% (see the detailed explanation in the Appendix).

regular workers. Small production values per affiliate in Latin America suggest that many Japanese affiliates in Latin America are involved in non-production activities such as local sales of goods and services. On the other hand, Japanese affiliates in East Asia have smaller tangible assets and large numbers of regular workers. This suggests labor-intensive manufacturing affiliates in East Asia.

Table 12

Tables 13 and 14 present the destination of sales and origin of purchases by Japanese affiliates in Latin America and East Asia, respectively. Most of the goods and services produced by Japanese affiliates in East Asia go to the local market, to Japan, or to other East Asian countries (expressed as “E. Asia” in the table): 49.6% local, 21.9% for Japan, and 21.3% for countries within the region. Contrary to popular opinion, sales to North America by Japanese affiliates in East Asia (expressed as “North A.” in the table) are small (3.5%), except in the leather and leather products sector (Industry 240), where the share is 44%. Japanese affiliates in East Asia purchase most goods and services in the local market (41.0%), or import them from Japan (33.5%) or other East Asian countries (20.8%). Japan’s share is slightly higher than in sales, probably due to the supply of complicated machinery parts and components produced in Japan. The share of purchases from North America is quite small. This underscores the presence of a strong intra-regional production network in East Asia.

Table 13

Table 14

By contrast, sales and purchases by Japanese affiliates in Latin America show that the share of countries within the region is small. The share of sales to Latin American countries other than the local market (expressed as “Latin A.” in the table) is 11.2%, and the share of

purchases from them is only 3.1%. In particular, shares for manufacturing (Industries 120-340) are close to zero in both sales and purchases involving Latin American countries other than the local market. The main destination of sales is the local market, where more than 60% of the goods and services produced by Japanese affiliates in Latin America is sold. The main origins for purchases are the local market and Japan, with 38.8% and 40.3%, respectively. North America is also a relatively important origin for purchases compared to East Asia, though the percentage of North America is still not very large (11.9%). This evidence suggests that Japanese firms have not yet succeeded in constructing effective international production/distribution networks in Latin America, particularly in the manufacturing sector in which Japanese firms have international competitiveness.

The main findings of this section may be summarized as follows. First, Japanese investment in Latin America involves only a small portion of firms located in Japan; participation is one-tenth of the number of firms with FDI in East Asia. The sunk cost of getting into Latin America seems to be large. Second, the manufacturing sector, and particularly the machinery sector, where Japanese firms have international competitiveness, is not a dominant force in Latin American investment. Most of the affiliates in Latin America are in the non-manufacturing sector, compared with manufacturing activities in East Asia by Japanese firms. Third, firms going to Latin America are large in size, while firms going to East Asia vary from small to large in size. Japanese SMEs are active investors in East Asia and contribute to creation of a critical mass of industrial clusters, while FDI by Japanese SMEs is minimal in Latin America. Fourth, Japanese firms with foreign affiliates, in general, have large employment size, capital-intensive technology, large foreign sales, and large R&D expenditures. However, once firm size is controlled for, Japanese firms in Latin America are



not necessarily technology-intensive, but are simply large in size. Fifth, patterns of sector switching and destination and origin of sales and purchases involving Japanese affiliates confirm that Japanese firms play an important role in developing vertical production networks in East Asia. On the other hand, Japanese firms have not yet succeeded in constructing effective international production/distribution networks in Latin America.

#### **4. Latin America from the viewpoint of Japanese firms**

This section focuses on the voices of Japanese firms on how they assess Latin America as a potential destination of their FDI in order to extract some policy implications for this region. The Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) annually conducts a questionnaire survey for Japanese MNEs. One of the key questions of the survey is to list countries which they think are prospective destinations of their FDI in the short run and the long run. The short-run choices reflect their immediate strategies for globalizing corporate activities. China is by far the most important possible destination for their FDI. The United States and other East Asian countries follow with quite a distance. Brazil and Mexico are only at the 13<sup>th</sup> place; merely 4% of the firms that returned effective answers list these countries. Other Latin American countries do not even appear in the top-20. As for the long-run choices, Brazil climbs up to the 7<sup>th</sup> place due to its market potentials. Mexico stagnates at the 15<sup>th</sup> place. Japanese firms seem to suffer from a pretty high psychological barrier to investing in Latin America.

Table 15

A business association in Japan called the Business Council on Facilitation of Trade and Investment (BCFTI) annually compiles Japanese firms' complaints and requests on trade and FDI-related policies abroad. BCFTI (2002) lists a number of claims as shown in Table 16.

A number of claims and complaints for the Latin American countries are those related to regional trade agreements and their implementation, which are not observed for the East Asian countries. Some claims are not obviously headed for host countries but should be for the Japanese Government; for example, the lack of FTAs, tax treaties, or investment treaties is largely the responsibility on the Japanese side. However, at the same time, it is serious that some policies accompanied with FTAs seem to unduly hurt activities of affiliates of Japanese firms. In addition, various uncertainty and instability in implementing commercial policies irritate Japanese firms to a large extent.

Table 16

Tariff reduction per se does not automatically bring benefits of globalization. The experience in East Asia convinces us that proper FDI hosting policies are indispensable to invite a critical mass of foreign companies in order to formulate stable industrial clusters. Such policy package may include tax incentives and other preferential treatments for foreign investors, but more importantly, it must go with various types of trade/FDI facilitating arrangements to reduce service link costs. In addition, we have to realize that segregated treatment between FTA member countries and non-member countries do not bring much benefit if we think much of quick formulation of competitive agglomeration.

In the case of Mexico, the transition from the Maquiladora scheme to a new system with NAFTA has forced Japanese firms to have a hard time. Moreover, the Mexican Government raised tariffs for about 85% commodity items in January 1999, which expanded tariff gaps between countries with FTAs and those without and aggravated negative effects of trade diversion. While the Mexican Government explained this move as a policy for taking care of fiscal deficit, Japanese investors took it as a threat to force the Japanese Government to

seriously consider the conclusion of Mexico-Japan FTA. The conclusion of Mexico-EU FTA strengthened the belief of Japanese investors. In fact, the tariff elevation worked quite effectively, and now the Japanese Government is seriously negotiating over a FTA with Mexico. However, it was unfortunate that Japanese remember the Mexican policy change as an unfriendly move.

## **5. Concluding remarks**

This paper has investigated differences between Latin America and East Asia from the viewpoint of corporate activities of Japanese firms, using micro data on Japanese MNEs. We find that one of the key factors to make a sharp contrast between the two regions is the development of international production/distribution networks utilizing the benefit of fragmentation and agglomeration. Latin America has not yet formulated efficient vertical chains of production to take advantage of globalization.

Emergence of international production/distribution networks is not automatic. ASEAN countries and China implemented drastic reforms of their international commercial policies in the latter half of the 1980s and the early 1990s. Although they retained some import-substituting industries, they adopted aggressive FDI-promotion packages which enabled MNEs to organize international production/distribution networks and to establish industrial clusters. Tariff arrangements, in particular the tariff pay-back system for imported parts and components used in exported products, played an important role. Trade and investment facilitation was important, as well as policies facilitating agglomeration. Reduction of service link costs and formation of agglomeration were the key for their success.

Regional trade arrangements can help upgrade industrial structure in member countries. However, if such arrangements are limited to tariff removal, the results tend to be

limited. Simple tariff reduction provides a competitive environment and encourages restructuring in import-substituting industries, but it is not sufficient for the promotion of international production/distribution networks. Fragmentation and agglomeration must be seriously taken into account when setting the basic structure of international commercial policies and the scope of regional trade arrangements.

#### **Appendix: Data sources**

*The Basic Survey of Business Structure and Activity* (*Kigyō Katsudō Kihon Chōsa* in Japanese) is the MITI survey, first conducted in F/Y 1991, then in F/Y 1994, and annually since then. The prime purpose of the survey is to capture the overall structure of Japanese corporate firms in light of their diversification, internationalization, inter-firm linkages, and strategies on R&D and information technology.

*The Basic Survey* has several attractive features. First, the samples in the survey are comprehensive, covering firms with more than 50 workers, capital of more than 30 million yen, and establishments in mining, manufacturing, wholesale/retail trade, and restaurants. Foreign affiliates covered in the survey are those with no less than 20% Japanese ownership. Whether the affiliate is wholly-owned, majority-owned, or 20-50%-owned can be identified if necessary. Second, the ratios of questionnaire returns are high; the actual ratios are not disclosed, but are about 90% to 95%.<sup>15</sup> Statistics collected by the Government of Japan are legally classified into two categories: designated statistics (*shitei toukei*) and approved statistics (*shounin toukei*). *The Basic Survey* is the first type, and thus firms in the survey must return the questionnaires under the Statistics Law. Third, it provides firm-level data rather than on an establishment

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<sup>15</sup> More importantly, the firm list is precise and frequently updated.

basis.<sup>16</sup> Although establishment-level data are useful in analyzing production activities, firm-level data are much more appropriate to examine corporate activities as a whole.

The latest available survey is the *F/Y 2001 Basic Survey*. In using the *Basic Survey*, however, we should note that some of the detailed contents of the questionnaire have changed. A critical change for our research is that the questionnaires from the *F/Y 1995 Basic Survey* do not include information on the performance of foreign affiliates, except the number, industry, and regional location of foreign affiliates. Moreover, the questionnaires from the *F/Y 1997 Basic Survey* include only East Asia (Asia), Europe, and North America as regional categories. Therefore, this paper uses the *F/Y 1996 Basic Survey*, which is the latest one with enough information to identify the number and industry of affiliates in Latin America and East Asia.

With regards to industry classification, this paper categorizes all sectors other than manufacturing, mining, wholesale trade, and retail trade as “other” sector, because most Japanese firms investing abroad are in the manufacturing and wholesale/retail trade sectors (see Table A2 for industry classification).

*The Survey of Overseas Business Activities of Japanese Companies* is also conducted by MITI. The survey has been conducted annually since F/Y 1970 to capture overseas business activities of Japanese companies. In particular, the extensive surveys conducted every three years since F/Y 1980 include more detailed information on overseas business activities.<sup>17</sup> To investigate intra-regional production networks in Latin America and East Asia, two regions have to be identified as individual regional destinations of sales and purchases of

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<sup>16</sup> The establishment-level micro data in Japan are available on the basis of *Kougyou Toukei Hyou (Census of Manufactures)* and other censuses specializing in production activities.

<sup>17</sup> The detailed survey is called the *Basic Survey of Overseas Business Activities* and the standard survey is the *Trend Survey of Overseas Business Activities*.

Japanese affiliates. Thus, we use the *F/Y 1999 Survey*, which is the latest detailed survey that includes both regions as destinations.

Firms targeted by the survey are those with Japanese affiliates abroad, except firms in finance, insurance, or real estates. While the *Basic Survey* is a designated type with strong legal enforcement as discussed above, the *Survey of Overseas Business Activities* is of the approved type, so that the effective return ratios tend to be as low as 60%. In the case of the *F/Y 1999 Survey*, only 2,151 out of 3,841 parent firms returned the questionnaires (the returned ratio is 56.0%), and the number of Japanese affiliates abroad covered is 13,017. As explained in section 3, Japanese affiliates abroad include both “affiliates abroad” with more than 10% ownership by Japanese parent firms and “affiliates of affiliates abroad” with more than 50% ownership by such “affiliates abroad”, but the survey can distinguish the former and the latter if necessary.

The industry classification of the *Survey of Overseas Business Activities* is different from that of the *Basic Survey*. To make them comparable, this paper matches the former with the latter. Note that information on parent firms in finance, insurance, or real estate and their Japanese affiliates abroad is not included.

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Table 1 The Competitive Industrial Performance Index, 1985 and 1998

Latin America

	Rank			Index	
	1985	1998	Change	1985	1998
Mexico	28	23	5	0.125	0.246
Brazil	27	33	-6	0.140	0.149
Argentina	29	35	-6	0.122	0.140
Costa Rica	44	36	8	0.053	0.129
Uruguay	42	43	-1	0.062	0.087
Venezuela	35	46	-11	0.085	0.060
Chile	53	47	6	0.030	0.056
Guatemala	56	48	8	0.028	0.056
El Salvador	57	52	5	0.027	0.050
Colombia	49	55	-6	0.035	0.041
Peru	48	58	-10	0.037	0.035
Ecuador	58	61	-3	0.025	0.025
Honduras	66	64	2	0.012	0.023
Jamaica	52	65	-13	0.032	0.025
Panama	51	66	-15	0.032	0.022
Bolivia	69	67	2	0.009	0.021
Nicaragua	62	70	-8	0.020	0.017
Paraguay	63	71	-8	0.013	0.015

East Asia

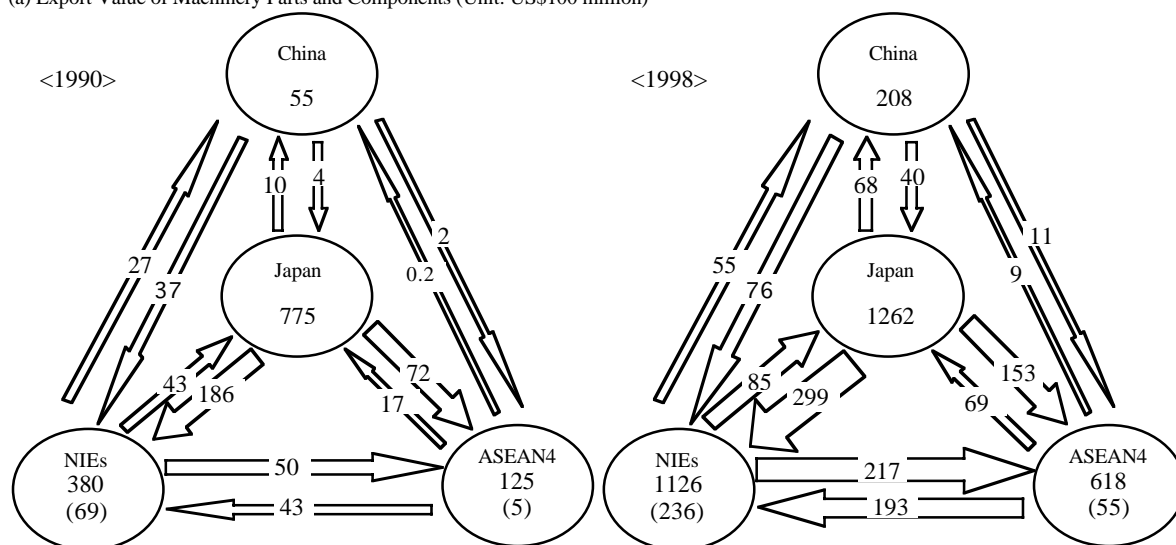
	Rank			Index	
	1985	1998	Change	1985	1998
Singapore	6	1	5	0.587	0.883
Japan	2	4	-2	0.725	0.696
Taiwan	19	15	4	0.292	0.412
Korea	22	18	4	0.247	0.370
Malaysia	30	22	8	0.116	0.278
Philippines	45	25	20	0.044	0.241
Hong Kong	18	30	-12	0.320	0.204
Thailand	43	32	11	0.058	0.172
China	61	37	24	0.021	0.126
Indonesia	65	49	16	0.012	0.054

Data source: UNIDO (2002, Table 2).

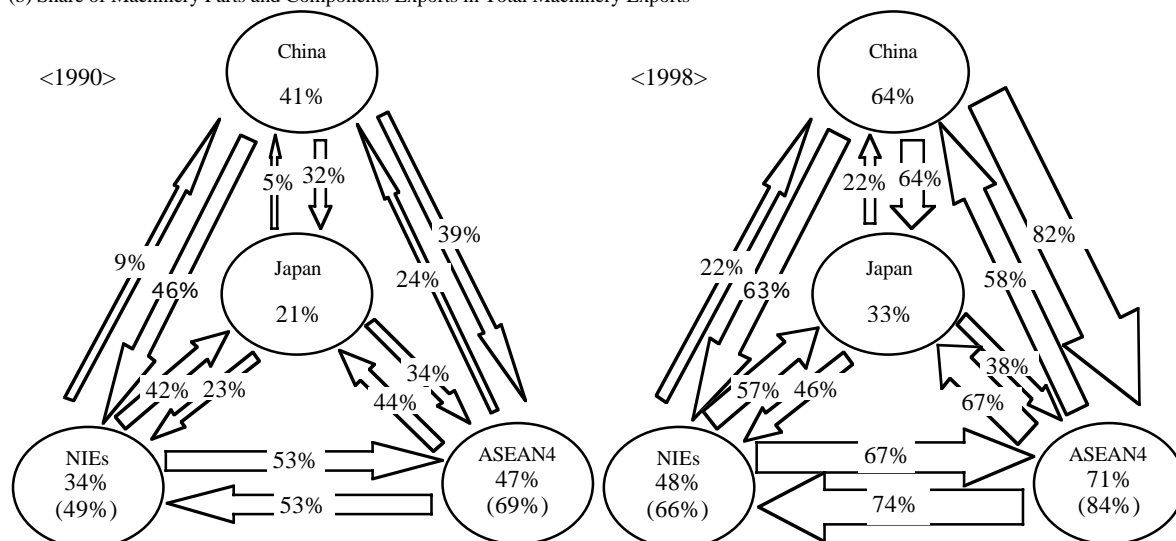
Note: Countries listed in this table are those with the ranking of more than 87th in 1998.

Figure 1 Expansion of Intra-Regional Trade of Intermediate Goods among the East Asian Countries in the 1990s: Machinery Parts and Components

(a) Export Value of Machinery Parts and Components (Unit: US\$100 million)



(b) Share of Machinery Parts and Components Exports in Total Machinery Exports



Data source: METI (2001).

Notes:

For figures in 1990, 1991 data are used for Philippines and 1992 data for China and Hong Kong. For figures in 1998, 1996 data are used for Taiwan and 1997 data for Thailand.

Numbers below the names of country/region are values of exports to the world (figures (a)) and shares for exports to the East Asian countries (figures (b)).

Numbers in parentheses for NIEs and ASEAN4 indicate values of inter-regional exports (figure (a)) and shares for inter-regional exports (figure(b)).

Table 2 The Presence of Affiliates of Japanese and U.S. Firms in the East Asian Economies, 1996  
(%)

	Value Added		Employment		Exports		Imports	
	Affiliates of Japanese firms	Affiliates of U.S. Firms	Affiliates of Japanese firms	Affiliates of U.S. Firms	Affiliates of Japanese firms	Affiliates of U.S. Firms	Affiliates of Japanese firms	Affiliates of U.S. Firms
Korea	0.46	0.49	0.33	0.17	6.95	n.a.	6.34	n.a.
Hong Kong	5.24	1.91	2.66	3.18	17.02	17.17	16.38	n.a.
Singapore	11.90	7.69	4.73	5.68	33.17	55.13	33.38	n.a.
Malaysia	4.61	4.68	2.67	1.62	13.11	18.47	15.19	n.a.
Thailand	4.54	1.89	0.89	0.26	33.28	n.a.	29.76	n.a.
Philippines	1.56	2.60	0.34	0.24	13.98	31.02	9.70	n.a.
Indonesia	1.12	2.61	0.26	0.06	11.33	18.93	15.26	n.a.
China	0.42	0.26	0.05	0.02	3.82	5.32	4.51	n.a.

Data source: Kimura (2002). (Original data sources: MITI (1998), U.S. Department of Commerce (1998), and IMF (2000).)

Notes:

Affiliates of Japanese firms: Affiliates abroad with no less than 10% Japanese ownership (except those whose parent firms are in finance, insurance, or real estates). Data for 1996 F/Y.

The ratio of effective questionnaire returns for the survey of Japanese firms is 59.1%.

Affiliates of U.S. firms: Affiliates abroad with more than 50% U.S. ownership (neither parents nor affiliates are banks). Data for 1996.

The definition of "value added": "sales minus purchases" for affiliates of Japanese firms, and "gross product" for affiliates of U.S. firms.

Value added and exports/imports for affiliates of Japanese firms are estimated by using the data for total NIEs and total ASEAN4.

Table 3 Trade and Outward FDI Patterns of Japan, 1999 and 2000

Trade (Share, %)

	Exports		Imports	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
North America	32.4	31.3	24.2	21.3
Latin America	4.7	4.4	3.1	2.9
Asia	37.2	41.1	39.6	41.7
Middle East	2.6	2.3	9.8	13.0
Europe	19.3	17.7	16.9	15.1
Africa	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.3
Pacific	2.5	2.1	5.0	4.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Outward FDI (Share, %)

	Cases		Value	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
North America	20.7	16.6	37.1	25.3
Latin America	14.0	11.9	11.2	10.8
Panama	6.5	2.1	6.4	2.7
Cayman Islands	3.0	3.4	3.2	5.6
Asia	30.8	26.6	10.7	12.2
Middle East	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0
Europe	29.7	42.5	38.7	50.2
Netherlands	13.2	15.5	18.1	5.7
U.K.	10.0	17.6	16.7	39.4
Africa	1.4	0.4	0.8	0.1
Pacific	3.3	1.6	1.3	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Data sources: METI (2001) for trade data and MOF (2002) for FDI data.

Note: Fiscal year for FDI.

Table 4 Japanese Parent Firms and Foreign Affiliates by Industry, 1995 F/Y : Affiliates with no less than 20% Japanese ownership

## (a) Parent Firms with Foreign Affiliates

Industry	By Industry of Parent Firm			By Industry of Affiliate		
	Number of Parent Firms	%	Number of Foreign Affiliates	%	Number of Foreign Affiliates	%
050	6	0.2	12	0.1	136	0.8
120	106	3.0	365	2.0	469	2.6
130	25	0.7	194	1.1	71	0.4
140	60	1.7	137	0.8	298	1.6
150	64	1.8	151	0.8	320	1.8
160	12	0.3	21	0.1	93	0.5
170	29	0.8	51	0.3	40	0.2
180	35	1.0	92	0.5	87	0.5
190	42	1.2	133	0.7	115	0.6
200	243	7.0	1266	7.0	890	4.9
210	16	0.5	97	0.5	23	0.1
220	128	3.7	321	1.8	406	2.2
230	41	1.2	193	1.1	151	0.8
240	2	0.1	3	0.0	29	0.2
250	71	2.0	250	1.4	251	1.4
260	55	1.6	259	1.4	217	1.2
270	86	2.5	366	2.0	265	1.5
280	131	3.8	385	2.1	414	2.3
290	351	10.1	1453	8.0	918	5.1
300	470	13.5	2672	14.8	1983	10.9
310	259	7.4	1304	7.2	971	5.4
320	83	2.4	330	1.8	276	1.5
340	84	2.4	282	1.6	286	1.6
480	849	24.4	6938	38.3	5667	31.3
540	136	3.9	426	2.4	540	3.0
Other	102	2.9	412	2.3	3197	17.7
Total	3486	100.0	18113	100.0	18113	100.0

## (b) Parent Firms with Affiliates in Latin America

Industry	By Industry of Parent Firm			By Industry of Affiliate		
	Number of Parent Firms	%	Number of Affiliates in Latin A.	%	Number of Affiliates in Latin A.	%
050	2	0.7	3	0.3	13	1.2
120	9	3.1	21	1.9	22	2.0
130	5	1.7	13	1.2	4	0.4
140	8	2.8	11	1.0	24	2.2
150	2	0.7	5	0.5	3	0.3
160	1	0.3	2	0.2	10	0.9
170	1	0.3	1	0.1	2	0.2
180	3	1.0	3	0.3	3	0.3
190	2	0.7	2	0.2	2	0.2
200	28	9.7	43	3.9	26	2.3
210	6	2.1	10	0.9	1	0.1
220	1	0.3	1	0.1	3	0.3
230	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1
240	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
250	3	1.0	3	0.3	1	0.1
260	4	1.4	13	1.2	9	0.8
270	4	1.4	6	0.5	7	0.6
280	8	2.8	18	1.6	15	1.4
290	32	11.1	58	5.2	36	3.2
300	35	12.2	94	8.5	68	6.1
310	31	10.8	65	5.9	40	3.6
320	9	3.1	11	1.0	6	0.5
340	5	1.7	5	0.5	3	0.3
480	73	25.3	700	63.1	308	27.7
540	7	2.4	12	1.1	18	1.6
Other	9	3.1	10	0.9	485	43.7
Total	288	100.0	1110	100.0	1110	100.0

## (c) Parent Firms with Affiliates in East Asia

Industry	By Industry of Parent Firm			By Industry of Affiliate		
	Number of Parent Firms	%	Number of Affiliates in East Asia	%	Number of Affiliates in East Asia	%
050	2	0.1	4	0.0	22	0.2
120	74	2.7	187	2.0	289	3.2
130	13	0.5	63	0.7	30	0.3
140	50	1.8	98	1.1	227	2.5
150	63	2.3	114	1.2	295	3.2
160	8	0.3	10	0.1	42	0.5
170	25	0.9	36	0.4	32	0.4
180	21	0.8	41	0.4	60	0.7
190	27	1.0	82	0.9	82	0.9
200	194	7.0	707	7.7	560	6.1
210	10	0.4	36	0.4	15	0.2
220	120	4.4	243	2.7	307	3.4
230	38	1.4	103	1.1	98	1.1
240	2	0.1	3	0.0	26	0.3
250	61	2.2	164	1.8	170	1.9
260	45	1.6	123	1.3	131	1.4
270	74	2.7	235	2.6	171	1.9
280	110	4.0	243	2.7	314	3.4
290	251	9.1	649	7.1	516	5.7
300	408	14.8	1513	16.6	1350	14.8
310	196	7.1	605	6.6	555	6.1
320	66	2.4	159	1.7	176	1.9
340	67	2.4	138	1.5	169	1.9
480	668	24.3	3183	34.9	2283	25.0
540	91	3.3	234	2.6	254	2.8
Other	69	2.5	159	1.7	958	10.5
Total	2753	100.0	9132	100.0	9132	100.0

## (d) Parent Firms with Affiliates in Both Latin America and East Asia

Industry	By Industry of Parent Firm		
	Number of Parent Firms	%	
050	0	0.0	
120	5	2.1	
130	4	1.7	
140	4	1.7	
150	2	0.8	
160	0	0.0	
170	1	0.4	
180	1	0.4	
190	1	0.4	
200	25	10.5	
210	2	0.8	
220	1	0.4	
230	0	0.0	
240	0	0.0	
250	2	0.8	
260	4	1.7	
270	4	1.7	
280	7	3.0	
290	30	12.7	
300	34	14.3	
310	28	11.8	
320	8	3.4	
340	4	1.7	
480	59	24.9	
540	5	2.1	
Other	6	2.5	
Total	237	100.0	

Data source: MITI database, the 1996 F/Y Basic Survey of Business Structure and Activity.

Note: "East Asia" include all Asian countries east of Pakistan but Japanese FDI to South Asia is minimal.

Table 5 Japanese Parent Firms and Foreign Affiliates by Industry, 1995 F/Y : Affiliates with no less than 50% Japanese ownership

## (a) Parent Firms with Foreign Affiliates

Industry	By Industry of Parent Firm			By Industry of Affiliate		
	Number of Parent Firms	%	Number of Foreign Affiliates	%	Number of Foreign Affiliates	%
050	5	0.2	7	0.1	95	0.8
120	79	2.9	235	1.9	247	2.0
130	23	0.8	161	1.3	53	0.4
140	43	1.6	82	0.7	142	1.1
150	40	1.4	89	0.7	138	1.1
160	7	0.3	14	0.1	48	0.4
170	19	0.7	33	0.3	19	0.2
180	26	0.9	52	0.4	45	0.4
190	37	1.3	106	0.9	82	0.7
200	181	6.5	858	6.9	493	4.0
210	14	0.5	84	0.7	14	0.1
220	97	3.5	194	1.6	232	1.9
230	32	1.2	123	1.0	90	0.7
240	1	0.0	1	0.0	9	0.1
250	47	1.7	132	1.1	120	1.0
260	39	1.4	164	1.3	104	0.8
270	68	2.5	216	1.7	139	1.1
280	102	3.7	252	2.0	235	1.9
290	277	10.0	1057	8.5	604	4.9
300	395	14.3	2101	17.0	1409	11.4
310	215	7.8	796	6.4	486	3.9
320	69	2.5	265	2.1	212	1.7
340	71	2.6	217	1.8	203	1.6
480	691	24.9	4507	36.4	4340	35.1
540	116	4.2	319	2.6	392	3.2
Other	76	2.7	302	2.4	2416	19.5
Total	2770	100.0	12367	100.0	12367	100.0

## (b) Parent Firms with Affiliates in Latin America

Industry	By Industry of Parent Firm			By Industry of Affiliate		
	Number of Parent Firms	%	Number of Affiliates in Latin A.	%	Number of Affiliates in Latin A.	%
050	2	0.9	2	0.2	6	0.7
120	8	3.4	19	2.2	15	1.7
130	4	1.7	12	1.4	4	0.5
140	8	3.4	11	1.3	19	2.2
150	2	0.9	5	0.6	3	0.3
160	1	0.4	1	0.1	5	0.6
170	1	0.4	1	0.1	2	0.2
180	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1
190	1	0.4	1	0.1	1	0.1
200	21	8.9	29	3.4	16	1.9
210	5	2.1	9	1.0	0	0.0
220	1	0.4	1	0.1	1	0.1
230	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
240	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
250	2	0.9	2	0.2	1	0.1
260	4	1.7	7	0.8	2	0.2
270	3	1.3	4	0.5	5	0.6
280	5	2.1	10	1.2	9	1.0
290	27	11.5	49	5.7	30	3.5
300	31	13.2	73	8.5	48	5.6
310	25	10.6	44	5.1	24	2.8
320	6	2.6	8	0.9	5	0.6
340	2	0.9	2	0.2	2	0.2
480	63	26.8	553	64.2	264	30.6
540	6	2.6	11	1.3	14	1.6
Other	7	3.0	8	0.9	385	44.7
Total	235	100.0	862	100.0	862	100.0

## (c) Parent Firms with Affiliates in East Asia

Industry	By Industry of Parent Firm			By Industry of Affiliate		
	Number of Parent Firms	%	Number of Affiliates in East Asia	%	Number of Affiliates in East Asia	%
050	1	0.0	1	0.0	7	0.1
120	51	2.5	87	1.7	111	2.2
130	11	0.5	40	0.8	15	0.3
140	33	1.6	51	1.0	93	1.8
150	37	1.8	55	1.1	120	2.4
160	4	0.2	6	0.1	17	0.3
170	15	0.7	21	0.4	15	0.3
180	15	0.7	20	0.4	31	0.6
190	24	1.2	62	1.2	54	1.1
200	129	6.4	387	7.6	245	4.8
210	9	0.4	25	0.5	7	0.1
220	82	4.1	129	2.5	163	3.2
230	27	1.3	59	1.2	53	1.0
240	1	0.0	1	0.0	9	0.2
250	36	1.8	68	1.3	65	1.3
260	29	1.4	63	1.2	53	1.0
270	58	2.9	122	2.4	83	1.6
280	82	4.1	145	2.8	164	3.2
290	181	9.0	386	7.6	281	5.5
300	333	16.6	1089	21.4	912	17.9
310	120	6.0	242	4.7	191	3.7
320	52	2.6	114	2.2	129	2.5
340	52	2.6	92	1.8	107	2.1
480	511	25.5	1593	31.3	1472	28.9
540	68	3.4	155	3.0	155	3.0
Other	45	2.2	83	1.6	544	10.7
Total	2006	100.0	5096	100.0	5096	100.0

## (d) Parent Firms with Affiliates in Both Latin America and East Asia

Industry	By Industry of Parent Firm	
	Number of Parent Firms	%
050	0	0.0
120	4	2.2
130	4	2.2
140	3	1.6
150	1	0.5
160	0	0.0
170	0	0.0
180	0	0.0
190	1	0.5
200	19	10.3
210	2	1.1
220	0	0.0
230	0	0.0
240	0	0.0
250	1	0.5
260	4	2.2
270	2	1.1
280	4	2.2
290	25	13.5
300	30	16.2
310	20	10.8
320	5	2.7
340	2	1.1
480	50	27.0
540	3	1.6
Other	5	2.7
Total	185	100.0

Data source: MITI database, the 1996 F/Y Basic Survey of Business Structure and Activity.

Note: "East Asia" include all Asian countries east of Pakistan but Japanese FDI to South Asia is minimal.

Table 6 Industries of Japanese Parent Firms and Affiliates in Latin America, 1995 F/Y (number of affiliates in Latin America)

Industry of Parent Firm	Industry of Affiliate in Latin America																							480	540	Other	Total
	050	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240	250	260	270	280	290	300	310	320	340				
050	3																										3
120		5	1																					5	2	8	21
130			2							1														1		9	13
140				9																				1		1	11
150				2	3																						5
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170							1																				1
180																										3	3
190									2																		2
200		4		6						18		2												5		8	43
210																								7		3	10
220																										1	1
230																											0
240																											0
250										1					1											1	3
260											1					5							1	1		5	13
270	2																3				1						6
280	1																	11						1		5	18
290																			26	1	2			17		12	58
300																		1	5	46		1		33		8	94
310																	1		1		33			11	1	18	65
320																						3		5	1	2	11
340																							2	3			5
480	7	13	1	7		6	1	3		6			1			4	3	3	2	21	4	1		217	10	390	700
540						3																			4	4	12
Other											1								2							7	10
Total	13	22	4	24	3	10	2	3	2	26	1	3	1	0	1	9	7	15	36	68	40	6	3	308	18	485	1110

Data source: MITI database, the 1996 F/Y Basic Survey of Business Structure and Activity.

Note: affiliates in Latin America are those with no less than 20% Japanese ownership.

Table 7 Industries of Japanese Parent Firms and Affiliates in East Asia, 1995 F/Y (number of affiliates in East Asia)

Industry of Parent Firm	Industry of Affiliate in East Asia																							480	540	Other	Total
	050	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240	250	260	270	280	290	300	310	320	340				
050	3																1										4
120		150	1							1														23	2	10	187
130		3	18							7												1		5	1	28	63
140				68	12							2							1				1	13			98
150				3	89									3									2	15	1	1	114
160						10																					10
170						1	23								1			1				1	2	3	2	2	36
180								36	1														1	3			41
190									69										2				1	3	1	6	82
200		9	2	30	5	1		4	4	410	2	23			5		4	8	5	2	2	2	6	137	12	34	707
210	1									2	7	2												8	7	9	36
220										7		198	2					1	6	5	3		3	15	2	1	243
230			1							1		2	72					1					1	22	2	1	103
240														3													3
250	4	1		6			1			4		2			93			9	2	4			1	18	10	9	164
260										4		1				47	3	14	4	10			3	6		27	123
270	5									1	1	1			2		126	13	2	26	10		1	23		24	235
280	1	1		1		1			1		1	1			1	1	2	166		21	5	1	1	26	3	9	243
290		3						1	2	2		1				6	4	8	325	29	18	8	5	188	7	42	649
300					2		1	1		4		11			6	1	6	7	61	997	3	26	2	244	7	134	1513
310				1		1						1			2	7	1	6	23	11	471	1		43	5	32	605
320										1									5	9				22	3	6	159
340					2	2			1		2				1	1		3	1	3			83	23	5	11	138
480	8	118	8	115	170	25	5	18	4	113	6	58	22	20	53	67	21	70	65	233	34	20	50	1406	57	417	3183
540		4		4	12	1	1			1		1			2		2				4	4	4	27	125	42	234
Other					2	1				2		1			4	1		2	15	2	3	1		10	2	113	159
Total	22	289	30	227	295	42	32	60	82	560	15	307	98	26	170	131	171	314	516	1350	555	176	169	2283	254	958	9132

Data source: MITI database, the 1996 F/Y Basic Survey of Business Structure and Activity.

Notes:

Affiliates in East Asia are those with no less than 20% Japanese ownership.

"East Asia" include all Asian countries east of Pakistan but Japanese FDI to South Asia is minimal.

Table 8 Foreign Affiliate Ownership Patterns of Japanese Parent Firms, 1995 F/Y (number of parent firms) : Affiliates in Latin America

Parent Firms: All Industries													
Number of Regular workers of Parent Firm	Number of Affiliates in Latin America										More than 10	Total	%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
50 to 99	15	1								1		17	5.9
100 to 199	15	2										17	5.9
200 to 299	6	3	1		1							11	3.8
300 to 499	22	5		2								29	10.1
500 to 999	27	2			2							31	10.8
1,000 and more	89	37	22	5	7	7	2	1	1	2	10	183	63.5
Total	174	50	23	7	10	7	2	1	1	3	10	288	100.0

Parent Firms: Manufacturing sector													
Number of Regular workers of Parent Firm	Number of Affiliates in Latin America										More than 10	Total	%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
50 to 99	7											7	3.6
100 to 199	8	2										10	5.1
200 to 299	3	2										5	2.5
300 to 499	10	4		1								15	7.6
500 to 999	16	1			1							18	9.1
1,000 and more	72	30	19	4	6	6	2		1	2	0	142	72.1
Total	116	39	19	5	7	6	2	0	1	2	0	197	100.0

Parent Firms: Machinery sector													
Number of Regular workers of Parent Firm	Number of Affiliates in Latin America										More than 10	Total	%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
50 to 99	3											3	2.8
100 to 199	3	2										5	4.7
200 to 299	2	2										4	3.7
300 to 499	1	2	1									4	3.7
500 to 999	6	1										7	6.5
1,000 and more	46	15	8	3	2	5	2		1	2		84	78.5
Total	61	22	9	3	2	5	2	0	1	2	0	107	100.0

Data source: MITI database, the 1996 F/Y Basic Survey of Business Structure and Activity.

Note: affiliates in Latin America are those with no less than 20% Japanese ownership.

Table 9 Foreign Affiliate Ownership Patterns of Japanese Parent Firms, 1995 F/Y (number of parent firms) : Affiliates in East Asia

Parent Firms: All Industries													
Number of Regular workers of Parent Firm	Number of Affiliates in East Asia										More than 10	Total	%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
50 to 99	249	59	21	5	1		1			1	2	339	12.3
100 to 199	363	93	32	11	4	2	3	1		1	1	511	18.6
200 to 299	182	67	20	13	7	5	2					296	10.8
300 to 499	227	102	35	18	16	4	3	2	2	2	7	418	15.2
500 to 999	215	111	57	33	11	10	7	6	2	3	4	459	16.7
1,000 and more	186	105	80	69	53	43	32	21	22	15	104	730	26.5
Total	1422	537	245	149	92	64	48	30	26	22	118	2753	100.0

Parent Firms: Manufacturing sector													
Number of Regular workers of Parent Firm	Number of Affiliates in East Asia										More than 10	Total	%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
50 to 99	146	29	7	1	1							184	9.6
100 to 199	256	52	17	4	2	1		1		1	1	335	17.4
200 to 299	138	45	12	9	2	3						209	10.9
300 to 499	171	77	22	14	11	2	2	2		2	3	306	15.9
500 to 999	174	87	39	23	6	6	5	4	1	1		346	18.0
1,000 and more	122	80	61	50	40	38	29	19	19	12	73	543	28.2
Total	1007	370	158	101	62	50	36	26	20	16	77	1923	100.0

Parent Firms: Machinery sector													
Number of Regular workers of Parent Firm	Number of Affiliates in East Asia										More than 10	Total	%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
50 to 99	55	17		4	1							77	8.4
100 to 199	95	23	11	2		1					1	133	14.4
200 to 299	65	19	6	7	2							99	10.7
300 to 499	82	40	12	6	5		2	1		1	1	150	16.3
500 to 999	91	45	21	9	4	2	1	2	1	1		177	19.2
1,000 and more	62	35	32	27	28	20	16	8	14	7	36	285	30.9
Total	450	179	82	55	40	23	19	11	15	9	38	921	100.0

Data source: MITI database, the 1996 F/Y Basic Survey of Business Structure and Activity.

Notes:

Affiliates in East Asia are those with no less than 20% Japanese ownership.

"East Asia" include all Asian countries east of Pakistan but Japanese FDI to South Asia is minimal.

Table 10 Logit Estimation: Japanese Parent Firms, 1995 F/Y

Variable	Dependent Variables					
	Having Foreign Affiliates = 1; Not Having Foreign Affiliates = 0		Having Affiliates in Latin America = 1; Not Having Affiliates in Latin America = 0		Having Affiliates in East Asia = 1; Not Having Affiliates in East Asia = 0	
	(1)	(1a)	(2)	(2a)	(3)	(3a)
Constant	-5.547 *** (-42.82)	-5.366 *** (-41.59)	-11.107 *** (-30.53)	-11.260 *** (-29.20)	-5.713 *** (-42.77)	-5.609 *** (-41.97)
Number of regular workers (log)	0.694 *** (31.00)	0.654 *** (29.29)	1.075 *** (20.90)	1.077 *** (19.96)	0.693 *** (30.22)	0.669 *** (29.15)
Tangible assets per regular workers	0.010 *** (6.55)	0.006 *** (3.94)	0.007 *** (2.81)	0.004 ** (2.40)	0.003 * (1.66)	0.001 (0.67)
Foreign sales: ratio to total sales	7.132 *** (25.06)	6.899 *** (25.08)	3.942 *** (12.86)	3.843 *** (11.84)	5.146 *** (22.84)	5.108 *** (22.91)
R&D expenditure: ratio to total sales	9.565 *** (8.50)	10.323 *** (9.15)	1.774 (0.93)	2.746 (1.44)	6.160 *** (6.02)	6.432 *** (6.24)
Advertisement expenditure: ratio to total sales	-0.122 (-0.14)	-0.247 (-0.27)	-1.837 (-0.45)	-3.826 (-0.78)	-1.546 (-1.19)	-1.541 (-1.17)
Log likelihood	-5948.385	-5837.231	-898.884	-799.482	-5425.176	-5342.816
Number of observations	13623	13623	13623	13623	13623	13623

Data source: MITI database, the 1996 F/Y Basic Survey of Business Structure and Activity.

Notes:

Numbers in parentheses are t-statistics.

Affiliates are those with no less than 20% Japanese ownership.

Equations (1a), (2a), and (3a): Affiliates in the "other" sector are excluded. Thus, firms that have affiliate(s) only in the "other" sector are regarded as those without having affiliates.

"East Asia" include all Asian countries east of Pakistan but Japanese FDI to South Asia is minimal.

\*\*\* Significant at the 1 percent level.

\*\* Significant at the 5 percent level.

\* Significant at the 10 percent level.

Table 11 Logit Estimation: Japanese Manufacturing Parent Firms, 1995 F/Y

Variable	Dependent Variables					
	Having Foreign Affiliates = 1; Not Having Foreign Affiliates = 0		Having Affiliates in Latin America = 1; Not Having Affiliates in Latin America = 0		Having Affiliates in East Asia = 1; Not Having Affiliates in East Asia = 0	
	(1)	(1a)	(2)	(2a)	(3)	(3a)
Constant	-5.769 *** (-35.19)	-5.714 *** (-34.94)	-11.798 *** (-25.48)	-11.967 *** (-24.54)	-5.924 *** (-35.63)	-5.915 *** (-35.50)
Number of regular workers (log)	0.775 *** (26.97)	0.763 *** (26.61)	1.170 *** (18.13)	1.178 *** (17.45)	0.770 *** (26.74)	0.768 *** (26.60)
Tangible assets per regular workers	0.006 *** (2.93)	0.001 (0.76)	0.013 *** (3.65)	0.010 ** (2.49)	0.000 (0.09)	-0.002 (-1.01)
Foreign sales: ratio to total sales	6.200 *** (20.10)	5.938 *** (19.92)	3.187 *** (8.18)	2.869 *** (6.80)	4.275 *** (17.61)	4.284 *** (17.69)
R&D expenditure: ratio to total sales	6.341 *** (5.51)	6.766 *** (5.82)	1.629 (0.77)	2.684 (1.29)	3.469 *** (3.39)	3.488 *** (3.41)
Advertisement expenditure: ratio to total sales	0.846 (0.79)	0.586 (0.58)	0.308 (0.10)	0.951 (0.39)	-0.030 (-0.03)	-0.116 (-0.10)
Log likelihood	-3994.629	-3955.001	-597.942	-540.501	-3715.727	-3686.371
Number of observations	8577	8577	8577	8577	8577	8577

Data source: MITI database, the 1996 F/Y Basic Survey of Business Structure and Activity.

Notes:

Numbers in parentheses are t-statistics.

Affiliates are those with no less than 20% Japanese ownership.

Equations (1a), (2a), and (3a): Affiliates in the "other" sector are excluded. Thus, firms that have affiliate(s) only in the "other" sector are regarded as those without having affiliates.

"East Asia" include all Asian countries east of Pakistan but Japanese FDI to South Asia is minimal.

\*\*\* Significant at the 1 percent level.

\*\* Significant at the 5 percent level.



Table 12 Performance of Japanese Affiliates Abroad

## (a) Japanese Affiliates Abroad

Variable	Number of observations	Mean	Standard deviation	Min	Max
Total assets (million yen)	12870	6982	50398	0	4137149
Tangible assets (million yen)	12759	1697	18500	0	1787838
Total sales (million yen)	9385	10856	69636	0	2924415
Total purchases (million yen)	8118	8051	54291	0	2535429
Number of regular workers	11863	232	910	0	45639
Production (million yen)	4788	5197	73574	0	4890000
Operating surplus (million yen)	12407	2805	37703	-365245	2256418
Value added (million yen)	12387	3049	37907	-365245	2256418

## (b) Japanese Affiliates in Latin America

Variable	Number of observations	Mean	Standard deviation	Min	Max
Total assets (million yen)	799	6300	31361	0	548366
Tangible assets (million yen)	787	1953	14252	0	231723
Total sales (million yen)	516	7714	25604	0	337905
Total purchases (million yen)	374	5090	15284	0	150975
Number of regular workers	717	180	556	0	8598
Production (million yen)	202	2969	7068	0	47101
Operating surplus (million yen)	779	1958	15500	-16996	337905
Value added (million yen)	779	2068	15525	-16996	337905

## (c) Japanese Affiliates in East Asia

Variable	Number of observations	Mean	Standard deviation	Min	Max
Total assets (million yen)	6145	3370	11634	0	312875
Tangible assets (million yen)	6083	1099	6087	0	329538
Total sales (million yen)	4824	4817	20937	0	547860
Total purchases (million yen)	4187	3636	17261	0	547772
Number of regular workers	5763	268	609	0	10211
Production (million yen)	2796	4467	92831	0	4890000
Operating surplus (million yen)	5922	1203	13246	-164761	468672
Value added (million yen)	5914	1291	13242	-164761	468672

Data source: MITI database, the 1999 F/Y Survey of Overseas Business Activities of Japanese Companies.

Notes:

Japanese affiliates are both "affiliates abroad" with no less than 10% ownership by Japanese parent firms and "affiliates of affiliates abroad" with no less than 50% ownership by such "affiliates abroad" (except those of parent firms in finance, insurance, or real estates).

The ratio of effective questionnaire returns for the 1999 F/Y Survey is only 56%.

"East Asia" include all Asian countries east of Pakistan but Japanese FDI to South Asia is minimal.

Table 13 Intra-Regional Production Networks: Sales and Purchases by Japanese Affiliates in Latin America, 1998 F/Y

## (a) Sales of Japanese Affiliates in Latin America

Industry	Number of Japanese Affiliates in Latin A.	%	Total Sales (million yen)	%	Share in Total Sales				
					Local	Japan	Third Countries (Total)		
							Latin A.	North A.	
050	22	2.8	210308	5.3	8.1	37.0	54.8	12.9	5.1
120+130	11	1.4	77160	1.9	78.6	9.1	12.3	0.9	1.6
140+150	30	3.8	60881	1.5	86.0	6.3	7.7	2.5	4.8
160	6	0.8	4280	0.1	27.8	22.8	49.4	4.3	31.1
170	0	0.0							
180	2	0.3	36815	0.9	9.5	37.9	52.6	4.5	13.4
190	0	0.0							
200	23	2.9	64816	1.6	88.1	0.4	11.5	8.1	2.8
210	2	0.3	1602	0.0	95.8	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
220	2	0.3	567	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
230	0	0.0							
240	0	0.0							
250	6	0.8	8830	0.2	23.7	1.7	74.6	0.0	74.6
260	9	1.1	23575	0.6	97.1	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
270	4	0.5	101311	2.5	23.6	28.7	47.7	0.0	17.0
280	4	0.5	8766	0.2	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
290	24	3.0	58976	1.5	74.7	2.5	22.8	1.0	17.3
300	64	8.0	406293	10.2	78.8	5.2	16.0	2.5	12.9
310	60	7.5	789548	19.8	83.1	0.4	16.5	2.9	13.2
320	6	0.8	12816	0.3	82.9	1.3	15.8	8.7	4.0
330+340	8	1.0	8945	0.2	50.5	45.0	4.6	0.0	4.6
480	157	19.7	1861388	46.8	69.7	6.7	23.7	21.0	2.0
540	15	1.9	49661	1.2	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	342	42.9	193722	4.9	41.1	35.2	23.7	0.7	1.9
Total	797	100.0	3980260	100.0	62.7	11.8	25.5	11.2	6.5

## (b) Purchases of Japanese Affiliates in Latin America

Industry	Number of Japanese Affiliates in Latin A.	%	Total Purchases (million yen)	%	Share in Total Purchases				
					Local	Japan	Third Countries (Total)		
							Latin A.	North A.	
050	22	2.8	23556	1.2	86.0	0.0	14.0	0.0	14.0
120+130	11	1.4	34822	1.8	99.6	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4
140+150	30	3.8	22201	1.2	67.6	2.6	29.8	8.9	13.6
160	6	0.8	1976	0.1	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
170	0	0.0							
180	2	0.3	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
190	0	0.0							
200	23	2.9	22683	1.2	72.0	5.9	22.1	0.9	20.7
210	2	0.3	723	0.0	86.6	1.7	11.8	0.0	11.8
220	2	0.3	87	0.0	95.4	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
230	0	0.0							
240	0	0.0							
250	6	0.8	5240	0.3	15.5	13.7	70.7	0.0	58.5
260	9	1.1	10420	0.5	37.9	42.5	19.6	0.0	17.7
270	4	0.5	54006	2.8	85.7	0.0	14.3	0.0	14.3
280	4	0.5	1104	0.1	52.4	26.7	20.9	0.0	20.9
290	24	3.0	22903	1.2	58.1	28.4	13.5	0.1	7.9
300	64	8.0	301944	15.9	46.3	33.1	20.6	0.1	2.1
310	60	7.5	328989	17.3	39.3	48.9	11.7	0.0	9.4
320	6	0.8	7086	0.4	44.7	38.9	16.5	0.0	0.1
330+340	8	1.0	3460	0.2	16.0	26.7	57.3	0.0	57.3
480	157	19.7	972718	51.2	23.6	51.1	25.3	5.2	15.2
540	15	1.9	15907	0.8	55.8	31.1	13.1	0.0	13.1
Other	342	42.9	71649	3.8	46.7	40.0	13.2	3.9	3.3
Total	797	100.0	1901474	100.0	38.8	40.3	20.9	3.1	11.9

Data source: MITI database, the 1999 F/Y Survey of Overseas Business Activities of Japanese Companies.

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The ratio of effective questionnaire returns for the 1999 F/Y Survey is only 56%.

Table 14 Intra-Regional Production Networks: Sales and Purchases by Japanese Affiliates in East Asia, 1998 F/Y

## (a) Sales of Japanese Affiliates in East Asia

Industry	Number of Japanese Affiliates in East Asia	%	Total Sales (million yen)	%	Share in Total Sales				
					Local	Japan	Third Countries (Total)		
							E.Asia	North A.	
050	11	0.2	22074	0.1	32.9	67.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
120+130	157	2.6	339508	1.5	69.1	16.0	14.8	6.5	3.3
140+150	396	6.5	500496	2.2	43.6	30.1	26.3	12.3	5.0
160	23	0.4	17204	0.1	15.3	56.3	28.3	24.0	0.9
170	14	0.2	7073	0.0	52.8	34.3	12.9	8.8	4.0
180	36	0.6	50256	0.2	74.2	12.5	13.3	9.0	3.5
190	27	0.4	27536	0.1	77.8	0.4	21.8	11.5	0.4
200	527	8.6	1414684	6.1	69.8	6.7	23.5	15.7	5.0
210	17	0.3	36418	0.2	21.2	65.7	13.1	2.9	0.0
220	107	1.7	91908	0.4	64.7	20.1	15.2	9.7	1.7
230	54	0.9	107614	0.5	41.4	34.3	24.3	13.2	4.9
240	14	0.2	7196	0.0	4.5	21.2	74.3	22.5	44.0
250	152	2.5	327616	1.4	69.7	17.3	13.0	8.5	3.6
260	165	2.7	423016	1.8	85.3	2.9	11.7	6.5	2.6
270	109	1.8	281041	1.2	55.9	15.6	28.6	26.3	0.9
280	121	2.0	97240	0.4	70.9	13.4	15.7	11.9	1.9
290	311	5.1	672044	2.9	32.8	39.5	27.7	15.2	5.6
300	903	14.7	5189106	22.4	32.2	33.0	34.8	24.9	5.4
310	464	7.6	2133362	9.2	81.0	11.0	7.9	2.2	3.5
320	97	1.6	463876	2.0	27.2	45.9	26.9	23.1	1.5
330+340	81	1.3	95941	0.4	22.3	63.6	14.1	2.8	7.5
480	949	15.5	8523039	36.8	41.3	19.4	39.3	33.0	2.2
540	169	2.8	731460	3.2	88.5	5.8	5.7	5.4	0.1
Other	1227	20.0	1631594	7.0	70.1	15.0	14.9	9.8	2.6
Total	6131	100.0	23191302	100.0	49.6	21.9	28.5	21.3	3.5

## (b) Purchases of Japanese Affiliates in East Asia

Industry	Number of Japanese Affiliates in East Asia	%	Total Purchases (million yen)	%	Share in Total Purchases				
					Local	Japan	Third Countries (Total)		
							E.Asia	North A.	
050	11	0.2	354	0.0	98.4	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
120+130	157	2.6	136232	0.9	79.2	6.7	14.2	7.5	0.4
140+150	396	6.5	253696	1.7	53.9	26.7	19.4	13.1	2.3
160	23	0.4	7818	0.1	94.0	2.7	3.3	0.0	0.0
170	14	0.2	4821	0.0	75.2	13.8	11.0	7.9	0.0
180	36	0.6	15328	0.1	62.5	20.5	17.0	14.1	1.8
190	27	0.4	2694	0.0	73.7	16.6	9.8	0.0	1.9
200	527	8.6	579333	3.8	53.6	19.4	27.0	13.3	6.8
210	17	0.3	32061	0.2	21.7	18.0	60.4	45.4	10.3
220	107	1.7	38584	0.3	68.0	25.7	6.3	5.1	0.2
230	54	0.9	24259	0.2	57.4	23.6	19.0	17.1	0.3
240	14	0.2	5282	0.0	10.0	6.8	83.2	41.2	9.8
250	152	2.5	137510	0.9	40.4	31.8	27.8	23.6	3.3
260	165	2.7	228718	1.5	19.2	69.9	10.8	10.4	0.0
270	109	1.8	155313	1.0	44.1	31.7	24.2	19.0	0.3
280	121	2.0	47014	0.3	67.8	29.0	3.2	1.7	0.3
290	311	5.1	387218	2.5	56.7	32.8	10.4	9.1	0.9
300	903	14.7	3709173	24.4	35.8	37.0	27.2	26.3	0.4
310	464	7.6	1373430	9.0	53.6	36.9	9.5	6.1	2.5
320	97	1.6	271192	1.8	40.3	41.1	18.6	14.5	2.6
330+340	81	1.3	63645	0.4	55.1	37.7	7.1	5.9	0.4
480	949	15.5	6333578	41.7	28.4	35.2	36.4	28.3	1.5
540	169	2.8	597570	3.9	75.0	21.4	3.6	1.1	2.3
Other	1227	20.0	789027	5.2	70.9	17.9	11.2	9.1	0.1
Total	6131	100.0	15193850	100.0	41.0	33.5	25.5	20.8	1.5

Data source: MITI database, the 1999 F/Y Survey of Overseas Business Activities of Japanese Companies.

Notes:

Japanese affiliates are both "affiliates abroad" with no less than 10% ownership by Japanese parent firms and "affiliates of affiliates abroad" with no less than 50% ownership by such "affiliates abroad" (except those of parent firms in fiance, insurance, or real estates).

The ratio of effective questionnaire returns for the 1999 F/Y Survey is only 56%.

"East Asia" include all Asian countries east of Pakistan but Japanese FDI to South Asia is minimal.

Table 15 Prospective Destination Countries for Japanese FDI

Short run (incoming 3 years)				Long run (incoming 10 years)			
		Number of firms	Percentage			Number of firms	Percentage
		401	100%			318	100%
1	China	327	82%	1	China	274	86%
2	United States	127	32%	2	India	88	28%
3	Thailand	99	25%	3	United States	80	25%
4	Indonesia	56	14%	4	Thailand	59	19%
5	India	52	13%	5	Vietnam	46	14%
6	Vietnam	48	12%	6	Indonesia	43	14%
7	Taiwan	44	11%	7	Brazil	25	8%
8	Korea	33	8%	8	Taiwan	22	7%
9	Malaysia	32	8%	9	Malaysia	20	6%
10	Singapore	24	6%	10	Korea	17	5%
11	The Philippines	22	5%	10	The Philippines	17	5%
12	Germany	19	5%	12	Russia	14	4%
13	Brazil	18	4%	13	Singapore	12	4%
13	Mexico	18	4%	14	United Kingdom	11	3%
15	France	17	4%	15	Mexico	10	3%
16	Czech	15	4%	15	Germany	10	3%
17	United Kingdom	14	3%	17	Hungary	9	3%
18	Hungary	12	3%	18	Myanmar	7	2%
19	Poland	11	3%	18	France	7	2%
20	Hong Kong	8	2%	20	Australia	6	2%

Data source: Kaburagi, et al. (2002, p. 72).

Notes:

This JBIC questionnaire survey was conducted for Japanese firms with at least one manufacturing foreign affiliate and three or more foreign affiliates at the end of October 2000, in which 501 firms out of 792 returned effective answers.

"Prospective destination country" means that the firm would consider FDI to the country in the short or long run. Multiple listings of destination countries are allowed.

Table 16 Trade and FDI-related Problems and Requests Raised by Japanese Firms in the Selected Latin American Countries

Mexico	
1	Restriction on foreign ownership ratios, industries with foreign entry ban.
2	Leftover of local contents requirements, trade balance requirements.
3	Sudden changes and instability in PROSEC-applied products as a substitution of Maquiladora system.
4	Uncertainty of policies on transitions from Maquiladora related to permanent establishments, value added taxes, and others.
5	Continual tariff increases, high tariffs.
6	Expansion of tariff differences between countries with RTAs and those without.
7	Excessive preferential arrangements for labor such as profit sharing and wage/retirement payment system, cost elevation due to wage increases, difficulty in meeting labor demand.
8	Delay and complexity due to peculiar NOMS standard system.
9	Not enough capability of supporting industry, lack of supporting industry promotion policy.
10	Worsening security problem.
Chile	
1	Expansion of tariff differences between countries with RTAs and those without.
2	Lack of tax treaty and investment treaty with Japan.
3	High value added tax and delay in tax rebate.
4	Insufficient infrastructure and high cost in port services.
MERCOSUR	
1	Losing competitiveness of Japanese products due to high common tariffs for nonmember countries.
2	Existence of both intra-regional and individual countries' contents requirements, non-transparency in local contents requirements.
3	Large risk due to intra-regional exchange rate fluctuation.
Brazil	
1	Domestic contents requirements, export requirements.
2	Large tariff differentials between intra-MERCOSUR and other trade.
3	Sudden changes in tariffs, import regulations and customs procedure, inefficiency in customs procedure, complexity, delays, and high cost.
4	Heavy taxes, complicated and frequently changed tax system.
5	Regulations on foreign remittances, restrictions on dividend payments, restrictions on credit amount.
6	Wage determination preferential to labor, employment customs, social security system, difficulty and delay in obtaining visa.
7	Residence requirement for board members.
8	Insufficient infrastructure, lack of human capital, lack of supporting industry.
9	Large fluctuation in currency valuation and the existence of exchange rate risk.
10	Pervasive illegal imports and smuggling.

Data source: BCFTI (2002).

Table A-1 Basic Statistics of the data for Japanese Parent Firms

## (a) Firms located in Japan

Variable	Number of observations	Mean	Standard deviation	Min	Max
Number of regular workers	16773	512.19	1941.83	50	72837
Tangible assets per regular worker (million yen)	16761	9.88	17.00	0	915.89
Total sales (million yen)	16773	33628.44	279201.20	70	14200000
Foreign sales (1:positive, 0:zero)	16773	0.27	0.45	0	1
Foreign sales (ratio to total sales)	16773	0.03	0.10	0	1
Total purchase (million yen)	16773	22674.51	252775.00	0	14000000
Purchase from abroad (1:positive, 0:zero)	16773	0.27	0.44	0	1
Purchase from abroad (ratio to total purchase)	16561	0.05	0.15	0	1
Gross value added (ratio to total sales)	16773	0.41	0.27	-7.07	1
Operating surplus (ratio to total sales)	16773	0.02	0.30	-33.09	0.74
R&D expenditure (1:positive, 0:zero)	13632	0.45	0.50	0	1
R&D expenditure (ratio to total sales)	13632	0.01	0.02	0	0.73
Advertisement expenditure (ratio to total sales)	16773	0.01	0.02	0	1.60
Commissioning production (1:yes, 0:no)	13632	0.66	0.47	0	1
Number of foreign affiliates	16773	1.08	11.53	0	827
Number of affiliates in Latin America	16773	0.07	1.87	0	161
Number of affiliates in East Asia	16773	0.54	4.20	0	253

## (b) Japanese Parent Firms with Foreign Affiliates

Variable	Number of observations	Mean	Standard deviation	Min	Max
Number of regular workers	3486	1271.43	3869.17	50	72837
Tangible assets per regular worker (million yen)	3486	12.89	22.84	0.00	915.89
Total sales (million yen)	3486	104309.90	601269.10	178	14200000
Foreign sales (1:positive, 0:zero)	3486	0.75	0.43	0	1
Foreign sales (ratio to total sales)	3486	0.10	0.16	0	1
Total purchase (million yen)	3486	69449.01	548688.40	0	14000000
Purchase from abroad (1:positive, 0:zero)	3486	0.67	0.47	0	1
Purchase from abroad (ratio to total purchase)	3478	0.10	0.19	0	1
Gross value added (ratio to total sales)	3486	0.44	0.30	-7.07	1
Operating surplus (ratio to total sales)	3486	0.02	0.60	-33.09	0.41
R&D expenditure (1:positive, 0:zero)	3192	0.70	0.46	0	1
R&D expenditure (ratio to total sales)	3192	0.02	0.03	0	0.63
Advertisement expenditure (ratio to total sales)	3486	0.01	0.02	0	0.33
Commissioning production (1:yes, 0:no)	3192	0.79	0.41	0	1
Number of foreign affiliates	3486	5.20	24.86	1	827
Number of affiliates in Latin America	3486	0.32	4.08	0	161
Number of affiliates in East Asia	3486	2.62	8.91	0	253

## (c) Japanese Parent Firms with Affiliates in Latin America

Variable	Number of observations	Mean	Standard deviation	Min	Max
Number of regular workers	288	5161.38	10165.79	68	72837
Tangible assets per regular worker (million yen)	288	19.80	26.93	0.37	219.09
Total sales (million yen)	288	639762.40	1819151.00	1586	14200000
Foreign sales (1:positive, 0:zero)	288	0.88	0.32	0	1
Foreign sales (ratio to total sales)	288	0.19	0.21	0	0.98
Total purchase (million yen)	288	464794.60	1694631.00	218	14000000
Purchase from abroad (1:positive, 0:zero)	288	0.78	0.42	218	1
Purchase from abroad (ratio to total purchase)	288	0.13	0.21	218	1
Gross value added (ratio to total sales)	288	0.42	0.25	0.02	1.00
Operating surplus (ratio to total sales)	288	0.04	0.05	-0.17	0.31
R&D expenditure (1:positive, 0:zero)	267	0.84	0.37	0	1
R&D expenditure (ratio to total sales)	267	0.03	0.03	0	0.13
Advertisement expenditure (ratio to total sales)	288	0.01	0.01	0	0.12
Commissioning production (1:yes, 0:no)	267	0.81	0.40	0	1
Number of foreign affiliates	288	28.49	77.08	1	827
Number of affiliates in Latin America	288	3.85	13.74	1	161
Number of affiliates in East Asia	288	11.18	26.22	0	253

## (d) Japanese Parent Firms with Affiliates in East Asia

Variable	Number of observations	Mean	Standard deviation	Min	Max
Number of regular workers	2753	1417.63	4133.67	50	72837
Tangible assets per regular worker (million yen)	2753	12.08	15.81	0.01	268.84
Total sales (million yen)	2753	120973.20	671687.20	178	14200000
Foreign sales (1:positive, 0:zero)	2753	0.77	0.42	0	1
Foreign sales (ratio to total sales)	2753	0.10	0.16	0	1
Total purchase (million yen)	2753	81840.01	615774.80	0	14000000
Purchase from abroad (1:positive, 0:zero)	2753	0.69	0.46	0	1
Purchase from abroad (ratio to total purchase)	2747	0.10	0.18	0	1
Gross value added (ratio to total sales)	2753	0.43	0.31	-7.07	1
Operating surplus (ratio to total sales)	2753	0.02	0.68	-33.09	0.32
R&D expenditure (1:positive, 0:zero)	2535	0.70	0.46	0	1
R&D expenditure (ratio to total sales)	2535	0.02	0.03	0	0.60
Advertisement expenditure (ratio to total sales)	2753	0.01	0.02	0	0.25
Commissioning production (1:yes, 0:no)	2535	0.81	0.40	0	1
Number of foreign affiliates	2753	6.18	27.89	1	827
Number of affiliates in Latin America	2753	0.38	4.59	0	161
Number of affiliates in East Asia	2753	3.32	9.91	1	253

Data source: MITI database, the 1996 F/Y Basic Survey of Business Structure and Activity.

Notes:

Number of Japanese firms in the 1996 F/Y Basic Survey is 26353.

Foreign affiliates are those with no less than 20% Japanese ownership.

Gross value added is calculated as follows: total sales-total purchase.

"East Asia" include all Asian countries east of Pakistan but Japanese FDI to South Asia is minimal.

Tables A-2 Industry Classification

Manufacturing sector

120	Food processing
130	Beverages, tobacco, and animal feed
140	Textiles
150	Apparel
160	Wood and wood products
170	Furniture and fixtures
180	Pulp, paper, and paper products
190	Publishing and printing
200	Chemicals
210	Petroleum and coal products
220	Plastic products
230	Pubber products
240	Leather and leather products
250	Ceramics, clay, and stone products
260	Iron and steel
270	Nonferrous metal
280	Metal products
290	General machinery
300	Electric machinery
310	Transport equipment
320	Precision machinery
330	Arms
340	Other manufacturing

290+300+310+320 Machinery sector

Non-manufacturing sector

050	Mining
480	Wholesale trade
540	Retail trade
Other	Services and other