



Japanese Fastener Companies

with Subsidiaries or Factories in ASEAN

Introduction

Exchanges between Japan and ASEAN started in 1973 with the establishment of the ASEAN–Japan forum on synthetic rubber. Thus 2013 marks the 40th anniversary since the exchanges. Through diplomatic routes, Japan and ASEAN have come to an agreement to conduct

commemorative events throughout 2013. The ASEAN countries are located in a strategically important area for maritime traffic connecting Japan with the Middle East and Europe. They have long been traditional partners, having close economic relations with Japan.

Japanese Companies That Have Factories in ASEAN

There are more than 80 major Japanese companies that work in the fastener industry, and the geographical locations are: East of Japan (31 fastener factories), Central

of Japan (10 fastener factories), West of Japan (40 fastener factories). 13 factories on this list have factories in ASEAN countries; it is 16% of the total factories.

Japan - Thailand

The business partnership between Thailand and Japan is strong. In fact, Japan remains the largest foreign investor in Thailand. Investment by Japanese enterprises continues to benefit the Thai economy in many ways. It is creating new jobs for Thai people, boosting the local export sector, and transferring technological know-how to enhance the competitiveness of local businesses. Japan is the top foreign investor in Thailand, pouring 720 billion bahts (2,660 billion JPY) into local projects ranging from automotive to consumer electronics in 2010.

Negotiations for Japan - Thailand Economic Partnership Agreement - (JTEPA) began in February 2004, and the Agreement was signed by government leaders in Tokyo, Japan, on April 3, 2007. The Agreement, which came into force on November 1, 2007, consists of trade in goods, rules of origin of products, trade in services, investment, and the movement of natural persons, as

well as cooperation in 9 areas and 7 joint projects. In the investment sector parties have following commitment:

Thailand has committed to allow Japan and Japanese citizens to hold up to 50% equity in industrial production firms (with Thais holding the remaining equity), and the company established is not required to seek permission to operate the business.

Japan has committed to liberalize all areas of investment for Thai investors, with the exception of industries involved in pharmaceutical production, space and aeronautics, petroleum, energy, broadcasting, mining, fisheries, agriculture, forestry, and related basic industries.

List of Japanese Fastener Companies with Factories in Thailand

Japanese Headquarters	Location	Turnover	Employees	Capital
Asakawa Seisakusho Co., Ltd.	East Japan	10.50B JPY	380	96M JPY
Okawa Screw Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	East Japan	5.86B JPY		100M JPY
Kato Screw Co., Ltd.	East Japan	14.5B JPY	220	92M JPY
Sannohashi Corporation	East Japan		250	310M JPY
Fukui Byora Co., Ltd.	East Japan		553	545M JPY
The AnSCO Co., Ltd.	Central Japan		90	96M JPY
Fujita Rashi Kougyou Co., Ltd.	Central Japan	21.6B JPY	573	89M JPY
Nitto Seiko Co., Ltd.	West Japan		1949	3500M JPN
Hardlock Industry Co., Ltd.	West Japan			
Morishita Takuzou Co.	West Japan			

Japan - Indonesia

Indonesia has become an increasingly important investment hub for foreign companies, especially for Japan, although various issues in the fields of bureaucracy, legal uncertainty and corruption remain a major concern, an international investment consultancy has said. Kroll, the global leader in risk mitigation and response, said Japanese foreign direct investment (FDI), which accounted for 16.4 percent of market share in early 2014, had continued to grow from year to year. In 2013, Indonesia

overtook Thailand to become the second-highest recipient of Japanese FDI in ASEAN, Kroll said in a report on the potential and challenges in Indonesia on FDI and mergers and acquisitions (M&A) markets, released on Tuesday (23 October 2014). "In terms of M&A, Indonesia remains favorable in Southeast Asia," the report noted, adding that last year, Indonesia had achieved a new record for deal value, reaching a high of just over US\$2 billion.

List of Japanese Fastener Companies That Have Factories in Indonesia

Japanese Headquarters	Location	Turnover	Employees	Capital
Kato Screw Co., Ltd.	East Japan	14.5B JPY	220	92M JPY
Sannohashi Corporation	East Japan		250	310M JPY
Sugiura Seisakusho Co., Ltd.	Central Japan	22B JPY	550	48M JPY
Fujita Rashi Kougyou Co., Ltd.	Central Japan	21.6B JPY	573	89M JPY
Nitto Seiko Co., Ltd.	West Japan		1949	3500M JPN

Japan- Malaysia

Malaysia and Japan established the Malaysia-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (MJEPA) on 13 December 2005. MJEPA came into force on 13 July 2006. MJEPA is Malaysia's first comprehensive agreement covering: trade in industrial and agricultural goods, trade in services, investment, rules of origin, customs procedures, standards and conformance, intellectual property, competition policy,

enhancement of business environment, safeguard measures and dispute settlement. In the investment sector, MJEPA provides a framework for expansion & facilitation of freer cross-border investment between the two countries, through commitments on national treatment, MFN treatment & enhanced protection of investors & investment. However, MJEPA excludes investment in services.

List of Japanese Fastener Companies That Have Factories in Malaysia

Japanese Headquarters	Location	Turnover	Employees	Capital
Iwata Bolt Co., Ltd.	East Japan		750	308M JPY
Nitto Seiko Co., Ltd.	West Japan		1949	3500M JPN

Last Word

Observers say that the trend accelerated after the devastating earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan and awakened Japanese companies to the need to diversify their operations to reduce future risks. Therefore, a growing number of Japanese companies have moved some of their headquarters or key functions to Singapore, viewing the city-state as a strategic location where they can oversee a new wave of investment in Southeast Asia.

on their payrolls. But Japanese companies are actively diversifying away from China now, with foreign direct investment waning and Japan shifting to Southeast Asia in particular.

List of Japanese Fastener Companies That Have Factories in Singapore

Japanese Headquarters	Location	Turnover	Employees	Capital
Iwata Bolt Co., Ltd.	East Japan		750	308M JPY
Fukui Byora Co., Ltd.	East Japan		553	545M JPY

List of Japanese Fastener-related Companies That Have Factories in ASEAN (24 Factories)

Company Name	Main Business	Subsidiary Factory in	Capital	Employees
O&K Company Limited	Wire	Thailand	50M JPY	
Sugimura Chemical Industrial Co., Ltd.	Testing machine	Thailand		180
Toyo-Ro Industries Co., Ltd.	Heat treatment facilities	Thailand	30M JPY	60
NHK Precision Co., Ltd.	Screw tools, part of car	Thailand	480M JPY	217
NHK Precision Co., Ltd.	Gage, Punch	Thailand	147M JPY	265
Yamanaka Eng Co., Ltd.	Car Part	Thailand Singapore	85M JPY	225