Japan in Asia

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Japan in Asia: Comparative exercise I

Let's say we are Japanese looking to invest in a business in the US?

What city would you choose for your start up?



Possible candidates

Atlanta

Denver

San Francisco

New York City

Chicago

Indianapolis

Boston

Miami

Dallas

Seattle

Cleveland

Japan in Asia: Comparative exercise 2

Now you are an American looking to invest in a business in Asia?

What country would you choose for your start up?

China

Indonesia

South Korea

Philippines

Thailand

Hong Kong

Singapore

Australia

Japan



Japan in Asia: Market in Transition

The story in Japan is not about GDP

- Japan is politically more stable than other Asian countries
- Japan is a country with well developed legal system
- Japan is within the US security sphere
- Japan has good education and hard working people
- Japan is clean, has very good infrastructure

The story is about major transition and new opportunities.

- Demographic shifts
- Legacy industries moving abroad
- Fukushima
- China growth slowing, Japan has growth potential
- Abe government aggressively pursuing growth

TPP and the Trilateral FTA

Transpacific Partnership (TPP)

Centers around US and Japan, includes 9 other countries.

Trilateral FTA - Japan, China and Korea

Estimates - Japan's GDP: +0.74 / China: +2.27, South Korea: +4.53 %age points

Japan in Asia: A Regional Trend Toward Japan

The Japan brand

If made in Japan you can trust it.

The China brand

Chinese themselves tell the story

- Chinese tourists are coming to Japan to shop.
 - Pharmaceuticals
 - Cosmetics
 - Fashion goods
 - Electronics
 - Pop culture
 - Fresh air
- Asian consumers are a source of spending stimulus in Japan

	2006	2010
China	589,066	1,140,579
Hong Kong	314,749	477,876
Taiwan	1,282,641	1,235,310
South Korea	1,997,459	2,303,161

