

Opening of Godo-Kaisha(GK) (Limited Liability Company)/LLC in Japan

GK registration as a subsidiary of a foreign co. in Japan - Corporate Shareholding

The following procedure is to register a GK [a legal entity] as a subsidiary of a foreign co. in Japan.

Basic Flow of Procedures for Godo-Kaisha (GK) Registration in Japan - Approx. Time frame

Determination of Profile of GK to be established (see Note (1) below) [Time: Client responsibility]
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Advice re GK's Registered Office Address and information re Resident in Japan (if any) [Time: Client responsibility]
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Resident in Japan (Optional) - Personal Seal Certificates 2 originals (issued within three months) [Time: Client responsibility]
Non-Resident – Signature Certificate
[PS. In case of registration with "Resident in Japan"]
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Preparing drafts of "Affidavit" re GK registration, "Signature Certificates" of Representative Director (MD/CEO)
of Promoter Company, and Non-resident Shareholder(s)/Director(s) re GK
[Time: 5-10 days after receiving filled instruction form and soft copies of all relevant documents listed on instruction form]
(Soft copy of the draft affidavit and signature certificates are sent by email)
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Affidavit & Signature Certificates attestation at a notary public office in the home country [Time: Client responsibility]
[Please send soft copies by mail and hold the originals, and we will inform dispatch timing]
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Preparation of GK's Articles of Association [Time: 4-7 days]
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Signature of Rep. Director/Director(s) (promoter co) and Seal of Resident in Japan on company registration documents
[Endorsement of GK Registration Documents] [Time: Client responsibility]
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Paid-up Capital: Proof of Capital: Remittance of GK's paid-up capital amount to Japan Resident's Personal Bank Account. Soft copy of
Bank a/c Passbook front-page, inner front both side and page showing remittance of deposit made. Or paid-up capital amount deposited
in the bank account of a Japanese Bank's branch office/existing bank account in the home country of the "GK Promoter."
[Time: Client responsibility]
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Notarization of GK's Articles of Association by Licensed Company Incorporation Attorney.
(Japanese notary public notarization is not required.) [Time: 1-2 days]
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Application to Legal Affairs Bureau for GK Company and Company's seal(s)[stamp] Registration
[Time: 2-4 days]
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Obtaining GK's "Company Registration & Company Seal Registration Certificate(s)" from Legal Affairs Bureau
(Approx. within two weeks after application for registration)
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Completion of Incorporation of a GK Company in Japan.

Company Registration, Company Seal Certificate(s), Physical Seal(s) and Articles of Incorporation are ready.

* No of days refer to working days, plus time at the Registration office and time re Client's response at each level of the above flow-chart.

*Note (1): The company profile should contain trade name, location of head office, business objectives, business year, amount of capital, names of executives and Representative executives, names of equity participants /investors (members), and values of their investments and filling up the information on "Incorporation Instruction Form" etc. (All information should be supported vide soft copy official documents).

** For Individual shareholding: the procedure is almost similar except that the Affidavit etc., is not required.

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GK Post-Incorporation Mandatory Procedures in Japan

Mandatory Notification to the Bank of Japan for foreign Subsidiary Company

(Prior notification may be required for some sectors.)

[Time: 5-10 days]

Mandatory Notification to National and Local Tax authorities

National Tax Office:[1] Notification of Incorporation of a Company [2] Application for Blue Form Return [3] Notification of Establishment, Relocation, and Closure of an Office, Etc. Paying Salaries [4] Application for Approval in Relation to the Special Provision for Due Dates for Withholding Income Tax. Local Tax Office: (Prefectural and municipal tax authorities) [1] Notification of Incorporation/ Establishment of a Company [Time: 5-10 days]

Completion of GK Post-Registration Mandatory Procedures in Japan

All "Original docs, Co. seal, Notifications soft copy, etc." will be sent to the Client's Japan registered office.

* No of days refer to working days

Please note the followings:

As mentioned above, our task for the incorporation and the post-incorporation is completed at the above last step. All registration & post-registration notification documents will be provided in Japanese only, and English translation (optional) & charged separately. Hard copies/original documents are sent via courier to the client's registered office address in Japan.

Statutory Compliance: (Some General Information for Reference).

Re Japan's social security system:

Re Social Insurance: Generally, Health, Nursing Care, and Employees' Pension Insurances are referred to collectively as **"Social Insurance."**

Re Labor Insurance: Generally, Workers' Accident Compensation Insurance and Employment Insurance are known collectively as **"Labor Insurance."**

The Company must enter "Social Security" systems at the time of hiring first staff or paying salary to resident "Executive Officer(s)" by submitting labor and social insurance notification forms to the relevant authorities (mandatory requirement).

Re Individual/Personal Income Tax: The Company must deduct withholding income tax from the salary of staff and local "Director(s)/Executive Officer(s)" and follow the procedure as per local regulation, including making payments (mandatory requirement).

Corporate Annual Tax return and tax payment

The Company must file an annual tax return for corporate tax, corporate inhabitant tax, and enterprise tax on their income within two months from the day following each financial year's last day (mandatory requirement).

Consumption tax: Self-assessment and payment as per the local regulation. Tax-exempt enterprises: Corporations whose taxable sales in a fiscal year are less than 10 million yen. The current consumption tax rate is 10%.

New Japanese Invoice System - Qualified Invoice Issuers (VAT Registration): Registration number: Effective Oct-23, Taxable Business operator with a Corporate Number (Roman letter)"T" + Corporate number (13 digits). Registration is optional.

For ongoing support regarding administrative services, please check with us in advance and ask for an estimation of our charges for any post-incorporation administrative or legal matters.

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