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Strategy for Reinvigorating Economic Growth with Dual Engine: SME and Asia-Pacific

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SME in the Japanese economy

• Definition:

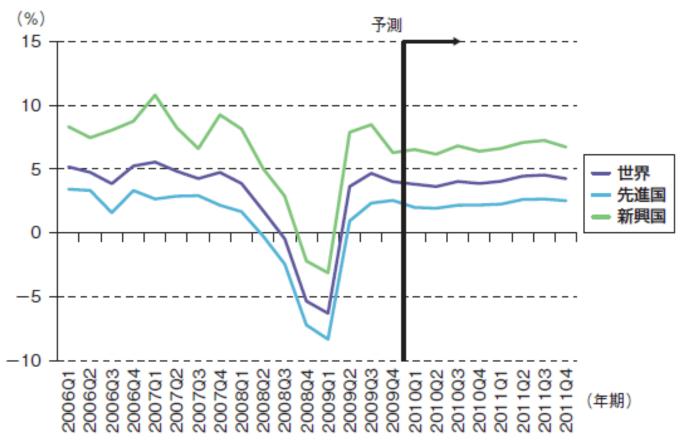
- Manufacturing: less than 300 employees
- Whole sales and services: less than 100 employees
- Retail: less than 50 employees
- Share of SMEs in the Japanese economy (2006) (%)

	# of firms	# of Employees *	Value added (2008) *
Manufacturing	99.6	74.2	54.4
Whole sales and Retail	99.6	79.0	

^{*} Small and medium business establishment basis

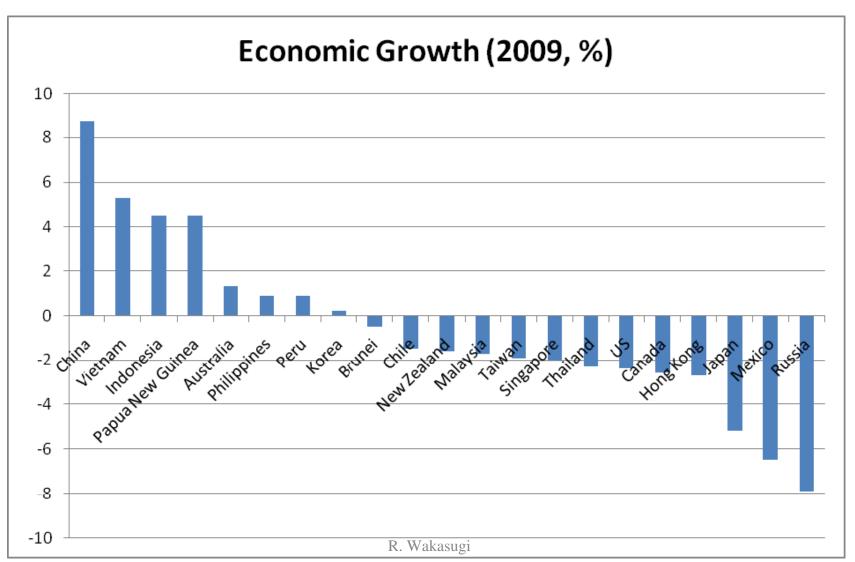
Global shock wave to SME's activities

Lehman Shock, Greek Crisis, and after: Low growth of OECD countries and High growth of emerging economies



資料: IMF「World Econommic Outlook Update, January 2010」から作成。

Heterogeneous growth rate in APEC member countries after the financial crisis



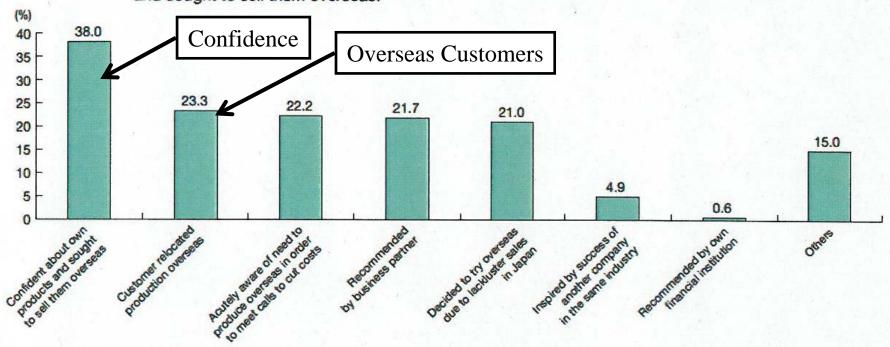
Internationalization of SME

Export ratio (Electric machinery, 2005)

	Direct export	Indirect export	Total
SME	36.7	16.3	53.0
Large firms	37.5	14.5	52.0

Motivations of SME's internationalization

The highest proportion of globalizing SMEs did so because they were "confident about own products and sought to sell them overseas."



Source: Mitsubishi UFJ Research & Consulting Co., Ltd., Questionnaire Survey of Globalization and Business Activities (November

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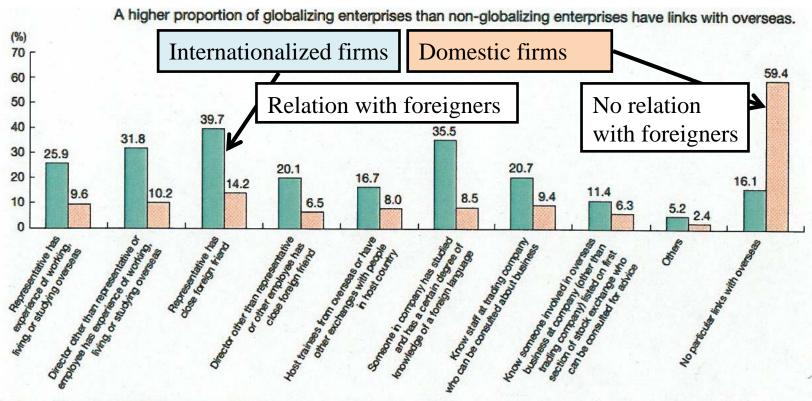
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Global network for SME's internationalization



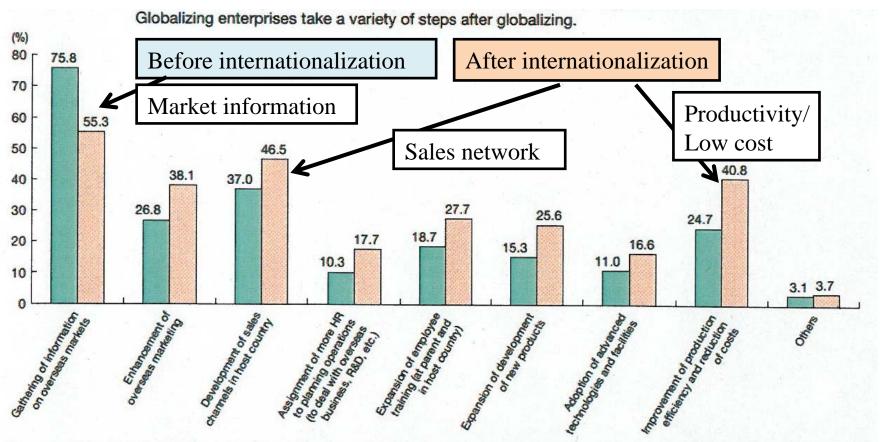
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Preparation for internationalization



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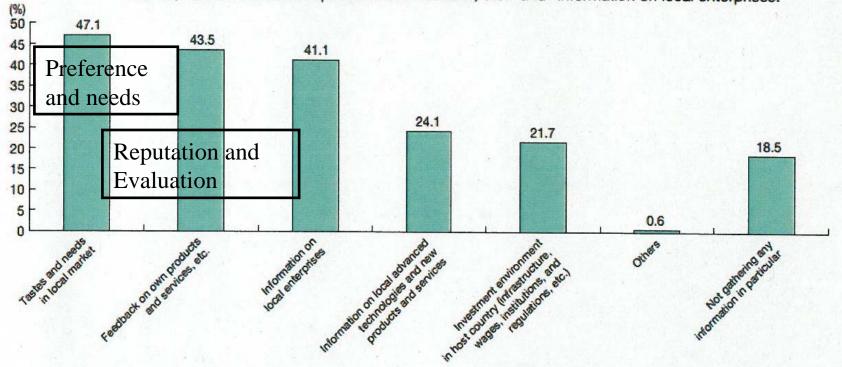
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Critical information for internationalization

Enterprises obtain various information from overseas, including information on "tastes and needs in local market," "feedback on own products and services, etc." and "information on local enterprises."



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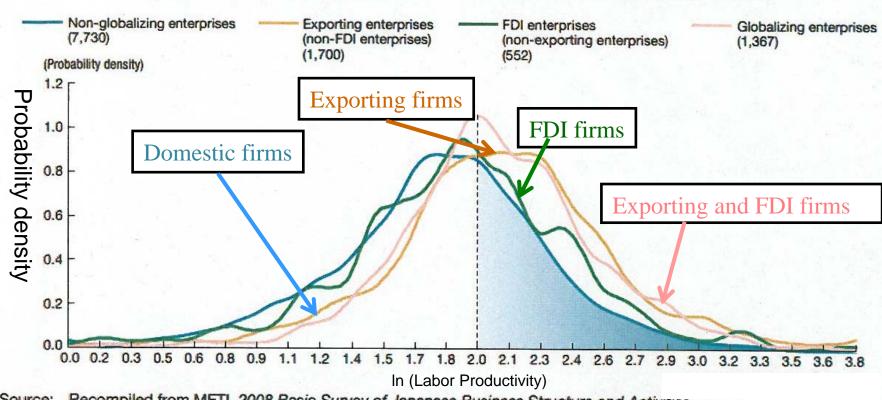
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Productivity of SME

SME with high productivity still non-internationalized

Some enterprises do not engage in globalization despite having high labor productivity.



Source: Recompiled from METI, 2008 Basic Survey of Japanese Business Structure and Activities.

Notes: 1. Compiled based on Wakasugi et al. (2008).

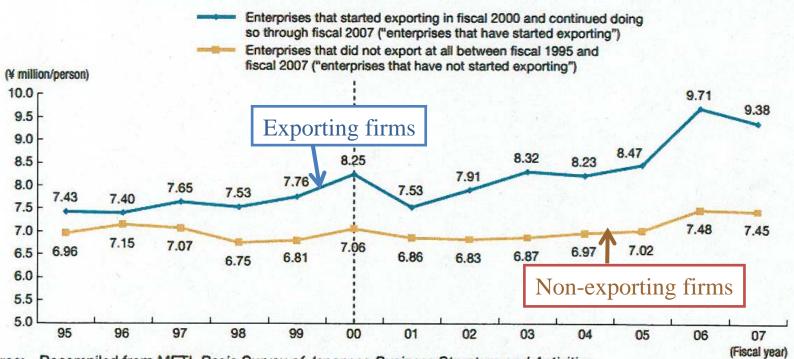
2. An increase of 1 in the natural log signifies a 2.7-fold increase in the actual number.

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SME's high productivity by exporting

Enterprises that have started exporting had higher labor productivity before doing so and have higher growth in labor productivity afterwards than other enterprises.



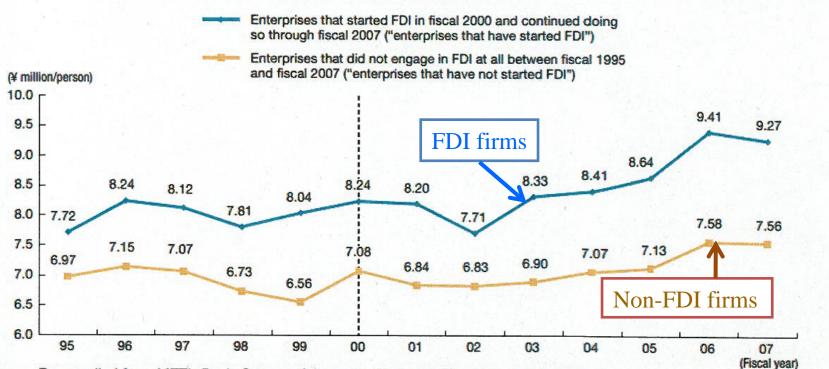
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SME's high productivity by conducting FDI and overseas production

Enterprises that have started FDI had higher labor productivity before doing so and have higher growth in labor productivity afterwards than other enterprises.



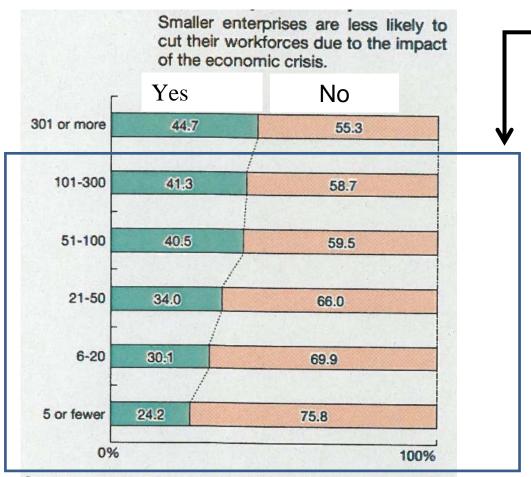
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Job creation by SME

Smaller layoff of SME after the financial crisis

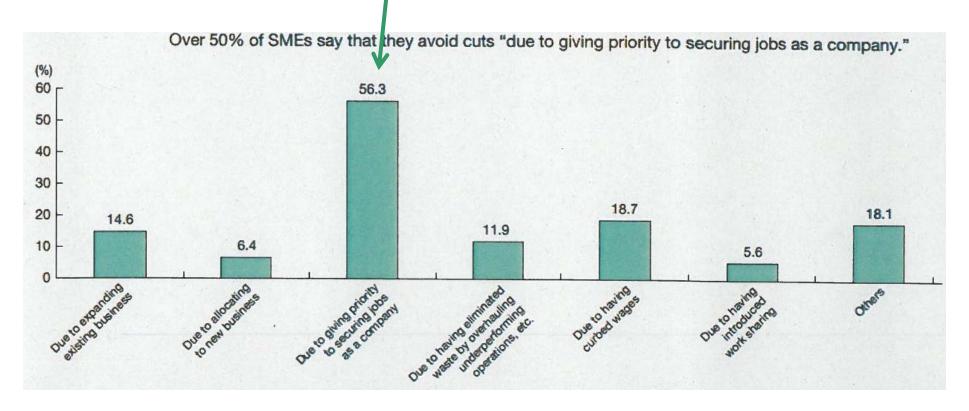


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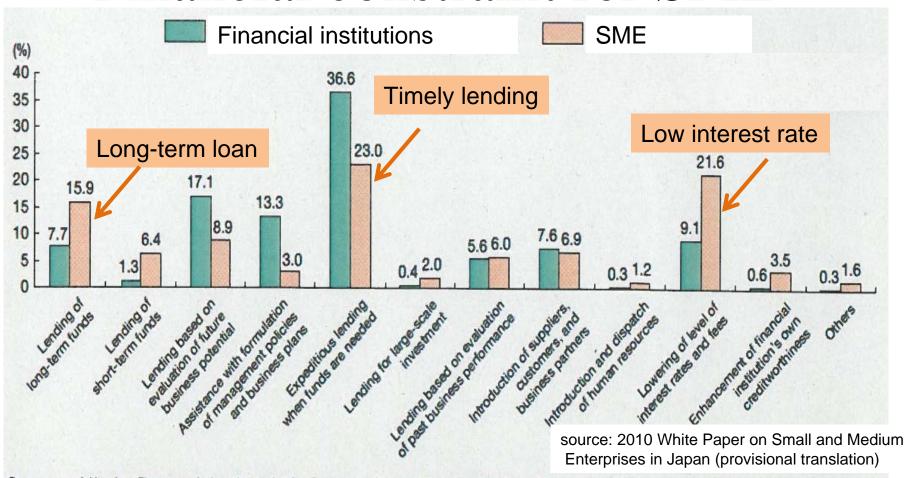
Higher priority of SME to the maintenance of job opportunity



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SME's encountering difficulties

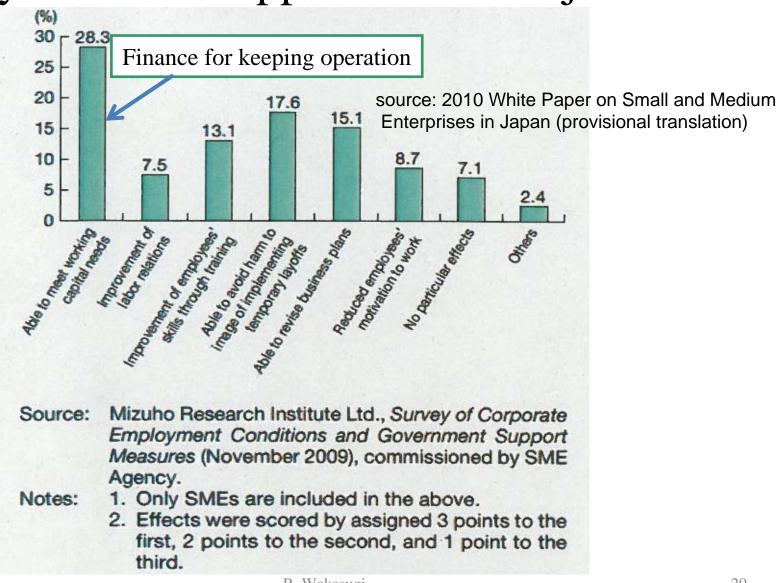
Financial constraint for SME



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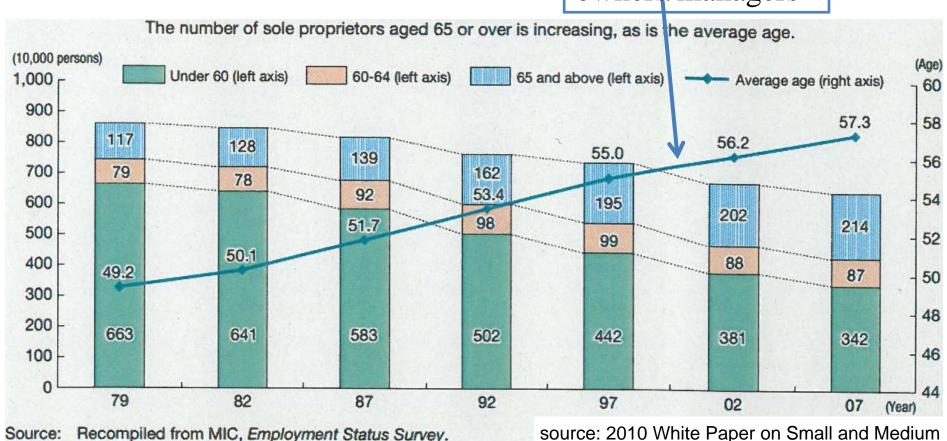
Note: Effects were scored by assigning 3 points to the first, 2 points to the second, and 1 point to the third.

Timely financial support to SME's job creation



Human resources for SME





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Enterprises in Japan (provisional translation)

SME in the global economy

- Participation in the division of labor and offshoring in the global economy
- Export and FDI of SME cause higher productivity, job creation, profitability and growth
- Entrepreneur to create innovation and new business
- Creation of job opportunity in the local market
- Suppliers of diversified goods and services to the wide rage of customers from high income level to BOP(Base of the economic pyramid)
- Driving force to the agglomeration and growth in the local economy as well as the global economy