

## Preface

As a finance professor of a US university, I have noticed not many books on Japan, especially books written by Japanese authors. I have 30 years of experience as an investment banker of Japan in Tokyo and New York. Over these years I have gained tremendous insight into both sides of Japan and the US issues of finance, law and business. My expertise in these three areas contributes to a very unique perspective as is shown in my book. Because I am from Japan, this book was written from an insider's perspective

Japanese corporate behavior and practice raise a number of issues for international businessmen, accountants and lawyers. In today's globally developed economy, it is important that Japan's current law, system and way of thinking are easily and accurately comprehended by those in any foreign country whose structures differ from those in Japan.

Japan's economy is the second largest in the world but there are many things that they find difficult to understand. Their interest in the current Japanese law, market and economy is significant and increasingly prominent. My book on Japan is sure to spark their interest.

This book includes a number of citations as footnotes that show the readers how they may begin to collect vital information from Japan. The data here are pertinent to understand the Tokyo markets but are difficult for people outside the Tokyo markets to obtain.

The book is based on ten articles on Japanese finance and law that have already been published in respected journals. For each chapter, I have included additional and introductory comments regarding Japan's banking and finance industry. I would like to thank the journals for permitting me to use my articles, copy rights of which are held by them.

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