

An aerial photograph of the Yokohama waterfront. In the foreground, a multi-lane road runs along a canal. To the right of the road is a large, flat, sandy area, possibly a beach or a construction site. In the middle ground, a large, multi-story red brick building with a dark roof is prominent. The background shows the city skyline of Yokohama, including several skyscrapers and a large body of water with ships. The sky is blue with a few white clouds.

Brief Outline on Yokohama Customs

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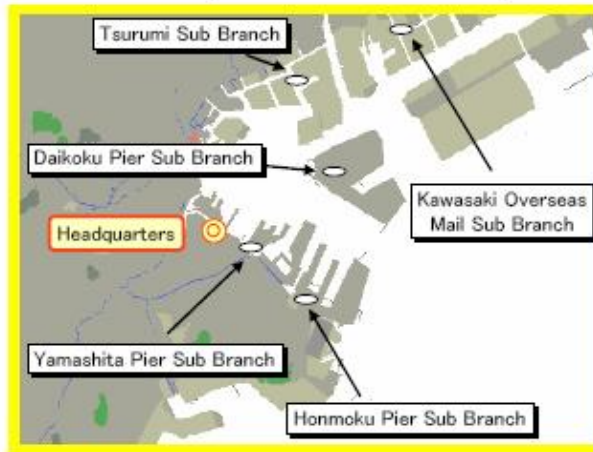
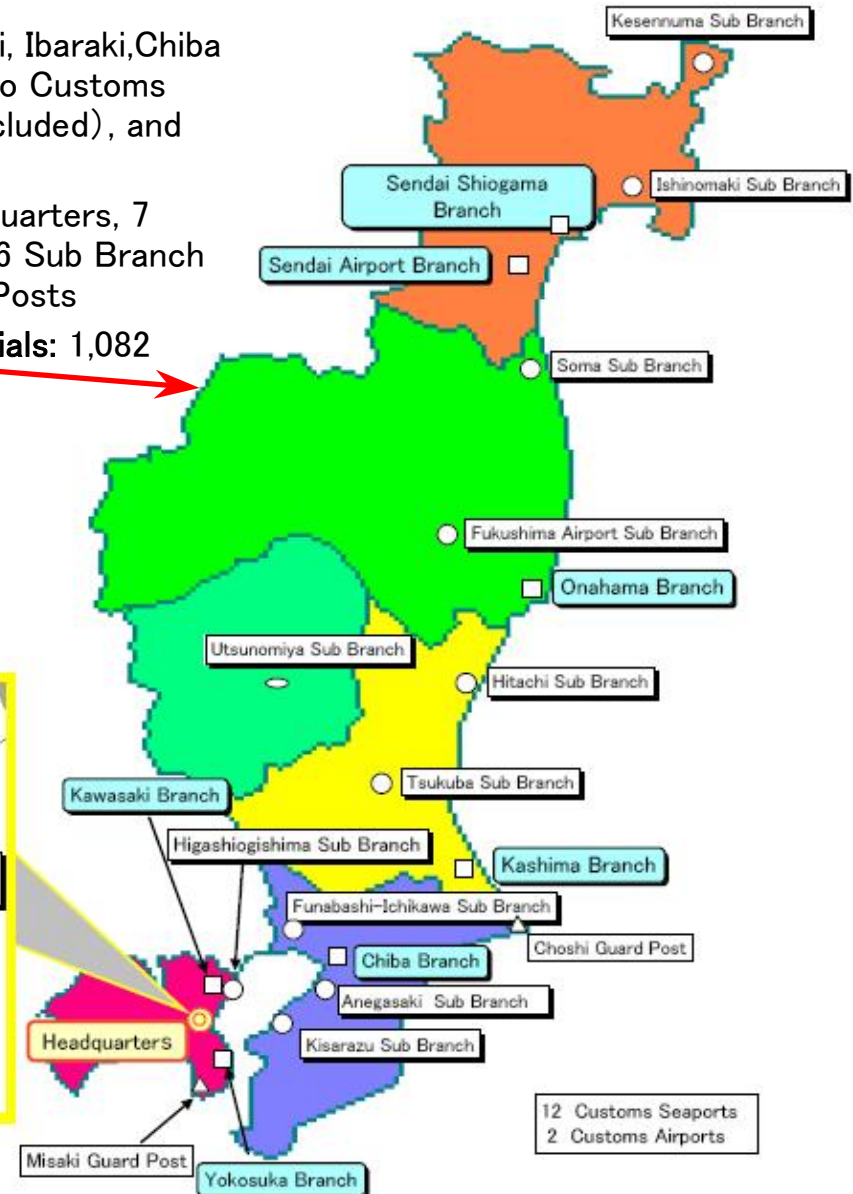
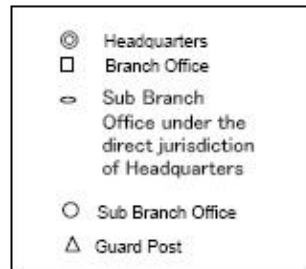
Jurisdiction and Organization



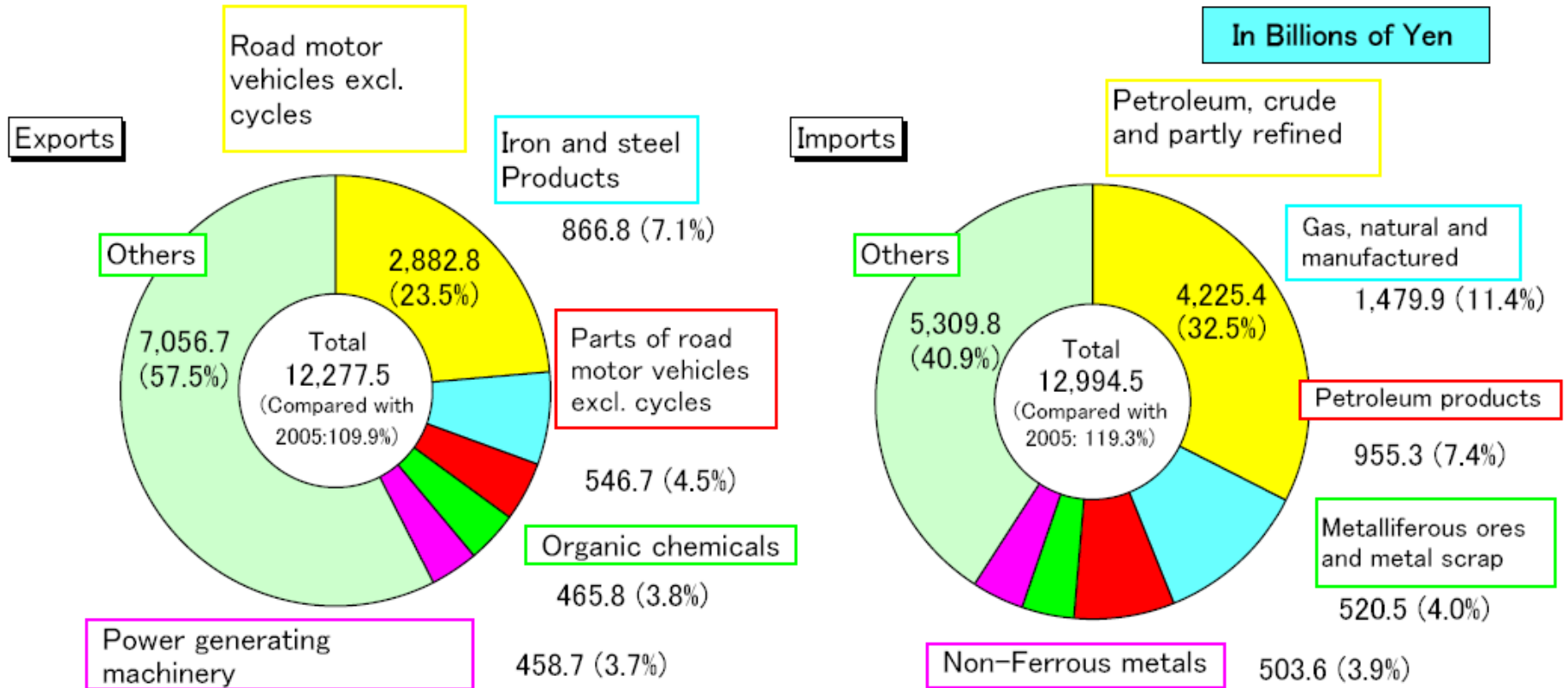
○Jurisdiction: Miyagi, Fukushima, Tochigi, Ibaraki, Chiba (the area of Tokyo Customs Jurisdiction is excluded), and Kanagawa

○Organization: Headquarters, 7 Branch Offices, 16 Sub Branch Offices, 2 Guard Posts

○The number of officials: 1,082



Trade Statistics in Yokohama Customs for 2006



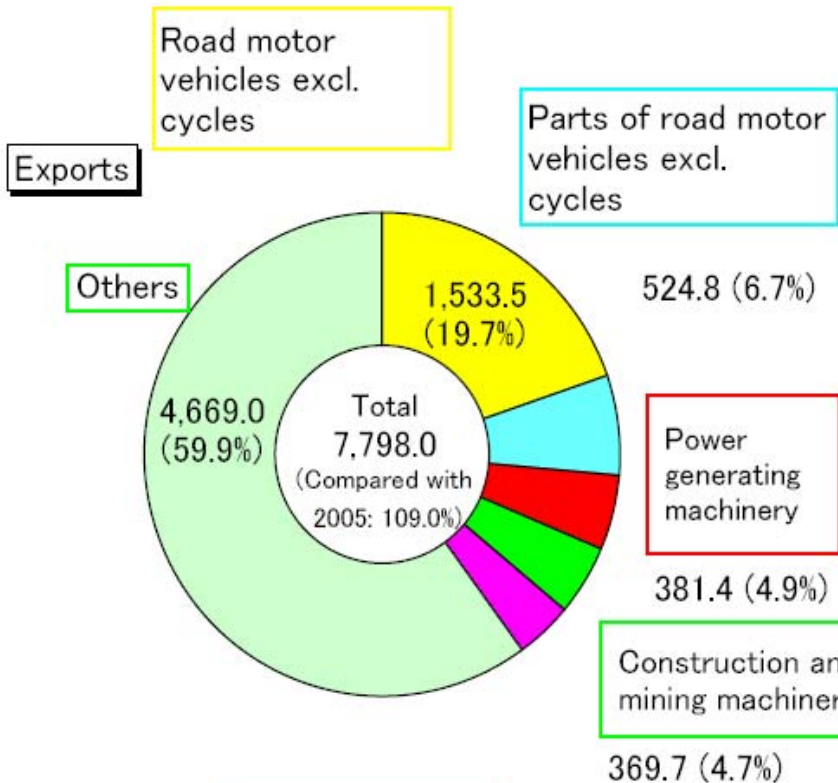
Destination:

1st	U.S.A.	2,836.6 (23.1%)
2nd	P.R.China	1,788.1 (14.6%)
3rd	Republic of Korea	875.1 (7.1%)

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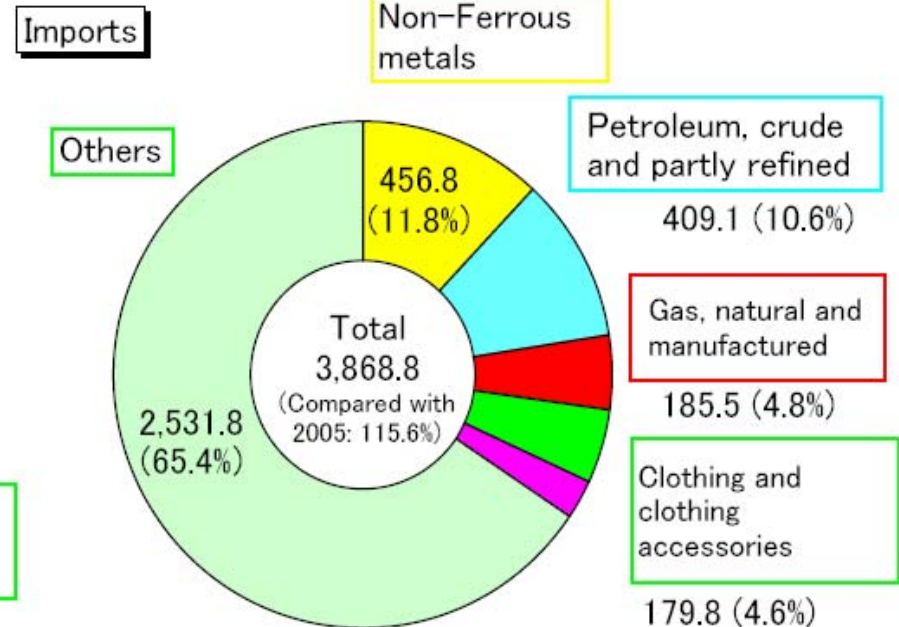
1st	Saudi Arabia	1,617.6 (12.4%)
2nd	U.A.E.	1,577.2 (12.1%)
3rd	P.R.China	1,438.7 (11.1%)

Trade Statistics in the Port of Yokohama for 2006



Destination:

1st	U.S.A.	1,443.8 (18.5%)
2nd	P.R.China	1,221.9 (15.7%)
3rd	Taiwan	546.3 (7.0%)



From:

1st	P.R.China	1,073.9 (27.8%)
2nd	U.S.A.	397.0 (10.3%)
3rd	Saudi Arabia	292.8 (7.6%)

Result of Post Clearance Audit for Administrative Year 2005

Customs plays important roles in collecting Customs duty and taxes on imported goods as the Authority in charge of revenue collection as well as conducting border controls against contraband such as smuggling drugs.

The following tables show the result of Post Clearance Audit conducted by Japan Customs to secure proper collection of duties for Administrative Year 2005(July 2005 to June 2006).

Annual achievement of Post Clearance Audit

	Year of 2005(July 2005–June 2006)		Year of 2004 (July 2004–June 2005)	
		Compared to 2004		
Numbers of audited importers ①	5,401	+3.4%	5,223	
Numbers of importers with deficiencies ②	3,640	+9.1%	3,337	
Ratio ②/①	67.4%	+3.5 points	63.9%	
Deficiencies (in millions of Yen)	¥161,555	+39.1%	¥116,167	
Recovery by PCA	Customs duty	¥2,163	–50.7%	¥4,384
	Consumption tax	¥8,587	+32.9%	¥6,459
	Total	¥10,750	–0.9%	¥10,843

Top 5 Items of high revenue recovery

	Year of 2005(July 2005–June 2006)			Year of 2004(July 2004–June 2005)		
	Chapter on HS	Item	Recovery by PCA (in millions of Yen)	Chapter on HS	Item	Recovery by PCA (in millions of Yen)
1	85	Electrical appliances	¥2,310	21	Prepared foodstuffs	¥2,287
2	84	Machineries	¥2,119	85	Electrical appliances	¥1,795
3	62	Woven clothes	¥728	84	Machineries	¥870
4	90	Optical instruments	¥639	62	Woven clothes	¥593
5	61	Knit Clothes	¥622	61	Knit Clothes	¥457

“Chapter on HS” follows in accordance with “International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System”

Location

Osanbashi Pier

Daikoku Pier

Yokohama Customs

Honmoku Pier

Yamashita Pier

Minami-Honmoku Pier



About Basel Convention

- Dubious items found are forwarded for the referral by the Ministry of the Environment or Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry.
- Customs makes no judgment, whether an exporting/importing items are violating the Basel Convention or not.

YOKOHAMA CUSTOMS CONTAINER EXAMINATION CENTER



Address : 1-1 Honmoku-futo, Naka-ku, Yokohama
Site Space : 14, 000 m²
Floor Space : 1, 600 m²
Established : March 2001

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Profile of the Large Scale X-ray Machine



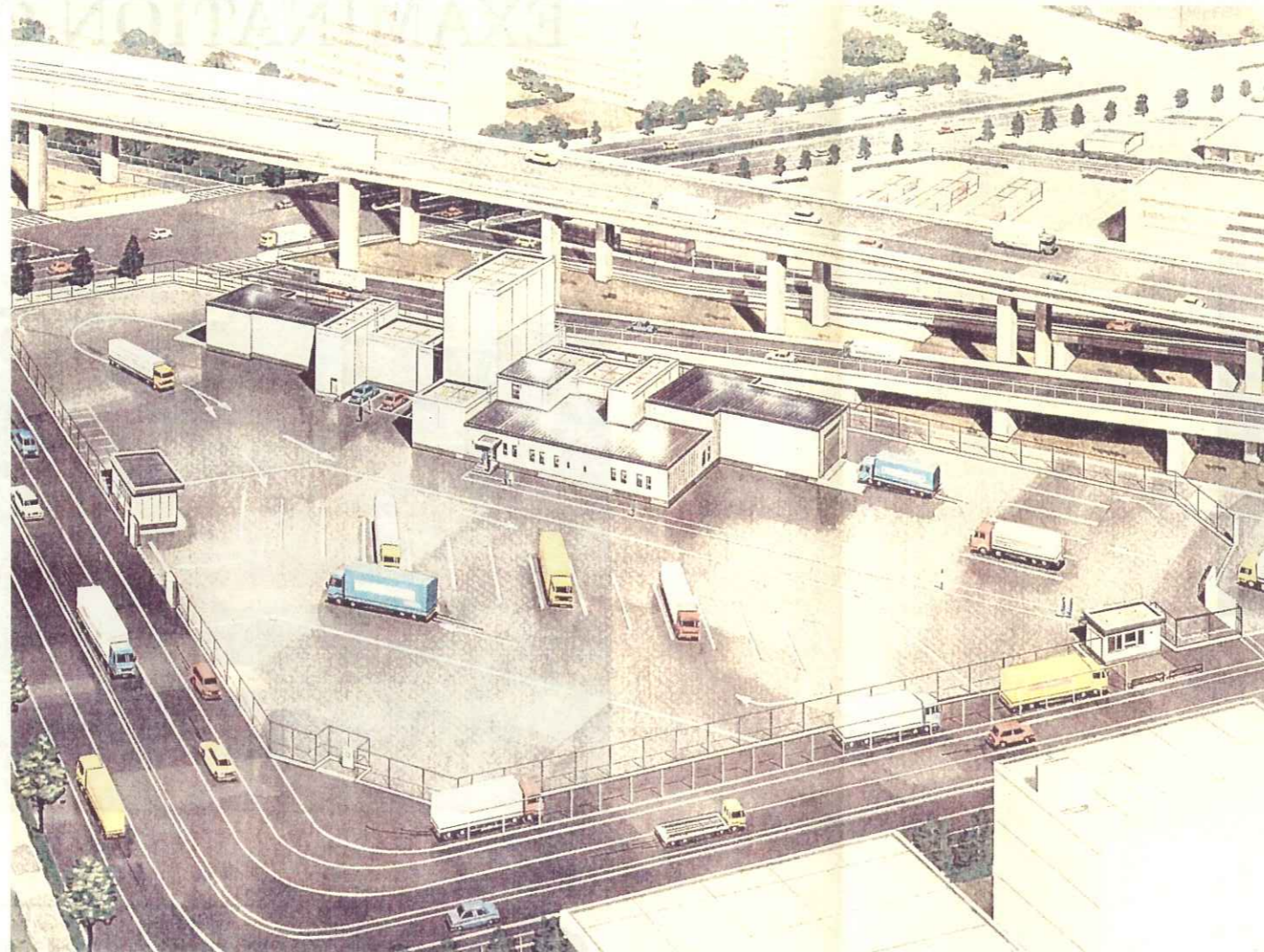
① A container arrives at the container examination center at the appointed time.



② The container enters into the X-ray machine following the instruction, and the front wheels are lifted up on the traction device.



③ In the central control room, the officials confirm the security and instruct the start of examination.



④ After the container is carried to the center of the X-ray machine, the shield door is closed and irradiation of X-ray is starts.



⑤ The contents described by X-ray is transmitted to the computer screen and analyzed by officials.



⑥ Containers waiting for the result of examination: in case of something suspicious found by analysis, the container is forwarded for physical examination. Otherwise the import clearance shall be granted by the declared Customhouse.

○ Efficiency

- (1) Enables examination of a whole container with a trailer without taking any contents out of the container.
- (2) Enables examination of a large scale cargoes such as vehicles, boats, hay, 45feets containers weighing ~~30~~⁵⁵ tons at a maximum.
- (3) Enables reduction of time to examine a container from 2 hours to 10 minutes.

○ Safety

A leak of X-ray is strictly controlled. Customs set its own standard that is much stricter than the level provided in relevant domestic law (less than 1/10). A radiological dosage to cargoes is lower than that of which we receive in a shuttle between Tokyo and New York.



Questions

- What would be the most interesting topic you wish to hear from the customs?
- What would you like to ask to the officials?

Please state your question and your name below