



GFSI Japan Local Group

-- FOUNDED IN 2012 --



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ABOUT THE LOCAL GROUP

The GFSI Japan Local Group was founded in 2012 as GFSI's first Local Group, with the mission to enhance awareness of GFSI locally and to promote the group as a local operations team.

Local Groups support GFSI's objective to share knowledge and promote a harmonised approach to managing and improving food safety across continents. The Local Group from Japan brings together local food safety experts to work collaboratively on local food safety issues. While sharing the same mission as the GFSI, the Local Group has three strategic priorities:

- **Increased awareness** of GFSI's focus on harmonisation and its recognised certification programmes.
- **Capability building** for small and medium enterprises through the Global Markets Programme.
- **Public-Private Partnerships** by working together with regulators and government entities to promote local food safety and harmonise local/international

standards with GFSI's benchmarking requirements.

The group aims to provide continuous improvement in food safety management systems to ensure confidence in the delivery of safe food in and from Japan, as well as to facilitate harmonisation of HACCP/GAP implemented locally through public-private partnerships and GFSI certification. The Japan Local Group consists of four Working Groups (WG) governed by the Steering Committee:

- The **Primary WG's** mission is to disseminate the Global Markets Programme for primary production.
- The **Japan Regulatory Affairs WG's** mission is to prevent conflict with other certification programmes and seek convergence and harmonisation by developing a connection with Japanese regulators and industry groups.
- The **Communication WG's** mission is to communicate pro-actively to enhance GFSI recognition for Japanese stakeholders through various media (exhibitions, magazines, industry specific journals etc).
- The **Global Markets Programme WG's** mission is to promote the use of the Global Markets Programme and to ensure the competency of assessors/consultants.



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