

Japanese Consumers' Co-operative Union

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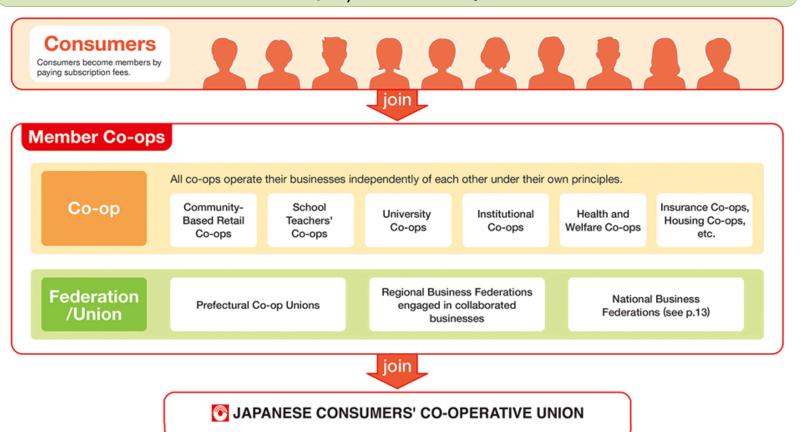
## (1) About Consumers Co-ops in Japan



## **Business of Consumers Co-ops in Japan (FY2016)**

**Membership** about **28.6** million (16/15 101.7%)

Total Business Turnover about 32.2 billion USD (16/15 100.8%) 1 USD ≒ 107 JPY



**Member Societies: 322** 

## (2) About CO · OP Brand Products





CO • OP Brand Products born from the desire of each individual member. "That's delicious!", "Good as I thought." We hope CO • OP Brand Products make you smile always. **CO-OP Brand Product** is a private brand of Japanese consumers' co-ops. JCCU develops the products and distribute them to its member co-ops. Each member co-ops supply the products to their individual members at stores or through home delivery services.

**CO • OP Brand Product was launched in 1960.** Celebrating the 60th anniversary *soon!* 

#### 5 commitments

- **1** Pursuing the development of better quality products by placing importance to safety and reliability
- **②**Pursuing the development of valuable products by listening to and incorporating the opinions of members
- **3** Fostering empathy by connecting thoughts
- 4 Bringing smiles and good health at dining table















## (3) CO-OP Brand Fair Trade Products



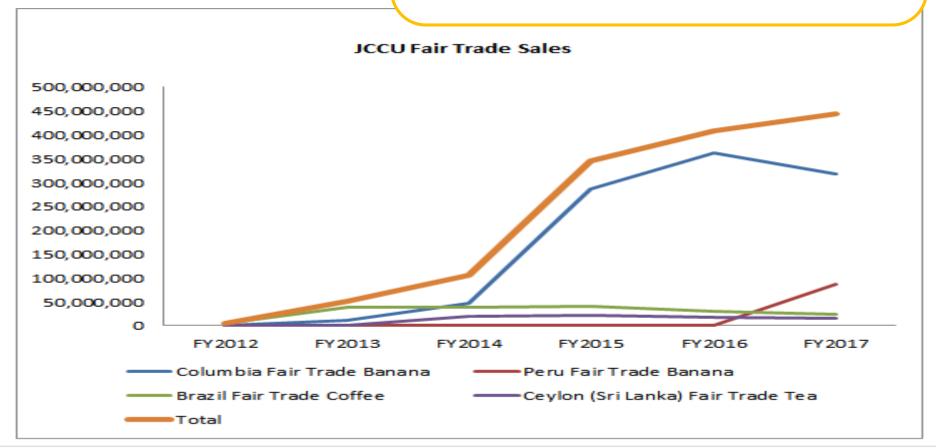
**Total Sales of FY2017** 

## 4.1million USD

1 USD ≒ 107 JPY

### **CO-OP Brand Fair Trade Products are:**

- **7 Fresh Banana** items
- **3 Coffee** items
- **2 Tea Leaf** items





## ③ CO·OP Fair Trade Banana - backgrounds



## Why choose Bananas from Columbia and Peru?

Since Fair Trade wasn't familiar to our members at the time of introduction, we thought it couldn't be the selling point of a product alone.

- Organic was already familiar to co-op members in Japan.
- South America area is well known in Japan as a production site of banana.

## **Organic**

Good for health





## **Fair Trade**

Producer-friendly

As the Added Value

Elderly co-op members tend to buy Fair Trade Bananas.

Blue Line : Organic Banana 298 JPY (≒ 2.78USD)

Red Line: Fair Trade Banana 398 JPY (≒ 3.71 USD)

Horizontal axis: age of the member



## ③ CO · OP Fair Trade Banana - outlines



### **Columbia:**

- Bio TROPICO Certified Fair Trade banana from C.I. La Samaria
- •Since 2009
- Part of the profits is utilized to improve farmers' living by FLOTRABAN (Fundacion de los Trabajadores de las Bananeras), a workers fund by banana producers.

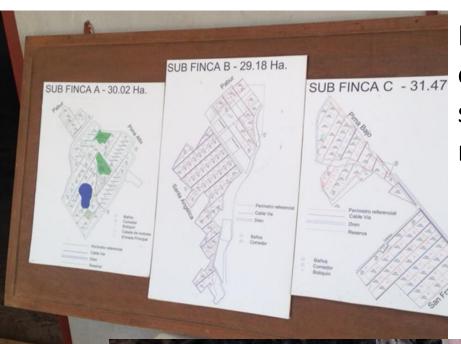
### Peru:

- FLO Certified Fair Trade banana from Agro Pacha S.A.
- •Since 2010
- Part of the profits is utilized to improve farmers' living by Asociacion Agro Pacha Pabur y Anexos, a workers' organization, with advisory from farm managers.



## 3 CO · OP Fair Trade Banana – production site





Each farmer is assigned with 0.5ha of farmlands. Better results will be shared and rewarded. This will motivate farmers.





## 3 CO · OP Fair Trade Banana – in-store promotion



## In-store promotion examples from one of our member co-ops



A pop display



The pop display and the leaflet explains:

What is Fair Trade?

Who you are buying from?

What contribution do you make to producers by purchasing?



## 3 CO · OP Fair Trade Banana – catalogs









Using various pictures, we provide detailed information about Fair Trade Bananas. Also, we often run feature articles.



The price range of "ordinary" bananas:

198 JPY to 248 JPY (≒ **1.85** USD to **2.31** USD)

The price range of Fair Trade Bananas:

298 JPY to 398 JPY (≒ **2.78** USD to **3.71** USD)

Fair Trade Bananas are even more expensive than high-graded "ordinary" bananas.



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## 3 CO · OP Fair Trade Banana – pops and catalogs



## Catalog examples







### In-store pop examples





## 3 CO · OP Fair Trade Banana – study programs for

#### members





コープながの版

コープながの版 通管M 565 発行/総合企画室

誰でも知っている「パナナ」という果物の 知られざる世界

バナナの学習会を開催しました

8月3日(木)、佐久市創錬センターにて、東信ブロック主催「バナナの学習会」を開催し、大人19人、子ども10人が参加しました。



様式会社ヒロインターナショナルの太田智久さんと漢子達也さん。そして日本生協連長座グループの高杉康僚さんが構御を務め、それぞれ①バナナの遅始と日本に匿くまで②パナナとフェアトレード③生協がフェアトレードの大力を扱う事について誘発していただきました。



【寒臭点から : 木田さん 後ろさん 裏封さん 】







寒真左から: 世間士士場の様子

**申入した任意の表しバーナ、レアミルカノアスタノオをむノフレビアをませる。** 

バナナ試食の菓子

#### コープのバナナ ここがイイネッ!!

ベルー産フェアトレード バナナの取り扱いを開始 しました。

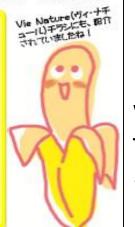
特売パナナに「安さ」では かないませんが、一生態 ホパナナを育てている生 産者に、きちんと報酬が 入る仕組みです。

生産者が有機報題で育て たパナナですが、輸入時のと 検疫で中央が付いていての が表示ができなくなりない にあった無難にしない ため、説明文をつけて、注 をかいたにきます。 バナナを栽培するに当たり、肥料に堆肥を使っ たり、 適宜に煩を休ませたりしています。

コープのバナナは、単極えから収穫まで、頭地で管理をしています。収穫したバナナは、丁寧 において洗浄され、箱詰めして船で日本に達る れます。ヒロインターナショナルが購入する バナナの90%以上が検疫で合格しています。

フェアトレードバナナは、生産者を応援します。生産労働に見らった語格でバナナを買う ことにより、生産者の住環境を整え、寄生的な トイレを作ることにより、資林保護・水質汚染 防止・感染症予防につながります。消費者がフェアトレード韓昂を買うことで産地が美額に

フィリピンパナナも農業低端に努め、日生協 で定期的に検査をしています。



Some of our member co-ops provide study programs for their members about Fair Trade.

Left: a report about a summer workshop for school kids about Fair Trade Bananas titled "The Unknown World of Banana"

## 3) CO · OP Fair Trade Banana – Benefits for

#### **Producers**









**Improvement of School Facilities:** (from the left) a new school building with big glass windows with aluminum frames that prevent rain and get more sunshine / improvement of water facilities / installation of music instruments







(from the left) **Home Garden Project** to let producers have their private vegetable garden to improve their eating habit / **Dressmaking Training Program** for women / a shirt made at the Dressmaking Training Program

## **CO · OP Fair Trade Banana – Benefits for**

#### **Producers**









## **Project to Improve Living Environment:**

Instead of traditional wooden houses, built new brick houses with sturdy and waterproofing roofs and ceramic tile floorings.

In the heavy rainy season 2017, this project helped tremendously.







## 3 CO · OP Fair Trade Banana – Benefits for

#### **Producers**





## Installation of Toilet Facilities

(Most traditional houses have no bathrooms.)





## **Installation of Gas Energy**

The aim of providing containers of gas to each houses are:

- To reduce CO2 emission
- To decrease the risk of health issues
- •To conserve the natural environment of the production site





## **3) CO · OP Fair Trade Banana – Future Tasks**



## 1) Education about improvement of living environment

- Importance of putting the lid on the water pot to prevent dengue fever
- Importance of using gas energy instead of firewood. Use of firewood fuel increases the risk for respiratory diseases.
- 2) Education Programs to Develop Community Leaders
- 3) Scholarship Program for Children
  - A project proposed by producers
- Four 6,500 USD scholarships for students with good academic results to cover one-year school fees, study materials including a laptop computer, commuting expenses and so on.



## (3) CO · OP Fair Trade Banana – Future Tasks



## 4) Woman Empowerment

- To make treatment of girls and boys equal.
  - Volume of chores
  - Amount of free time
  - Educational opportunity
- To educate girls that there are valuable goals to be achieved (schoolwork, for instance).
- Counseling sessions and private workshops for families with problems
- To encourage women to express their thoughts and feelings
- To support women to get a say on family decision making
- To stop domestic violence



## (3) CO · OP Fair Trade Banana – Future Tasks



We are very proud of the results and wish to tackle the future tasks. It's one of our missions as a co-op. But...

## Future tasks from the point of view of business

 The significance of Fair Trade alone cannot make members purchase the products continuously.

#### That means...

- Business continuity itself can be threatened in future.
- Stable and high quality and stable supply are needed. As a co-op, we cannot compromise quality and stable supply since those directly linked to profits for individual members.



軸の状況

軸は2本まで基準内。

## 4 Quality Standard Examples





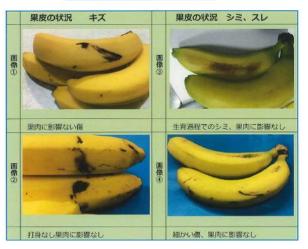






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<Damage on skin
that indicates damage to flesh>

軸変色も基準内

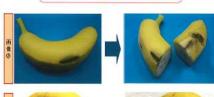


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果肉にダメージがあるもの 外傷:果皮の繊維が見られる⑦画像 オサレ:表面に凹凸と打身が見られる⑧画像

#### <Scars on Skin>









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## 4) Result of Member Survey about Fair Trade



## Do you know the certification mark?

Eco mark 70%

Organic 50%

Fair Trade 20%

## Do you buy products with the mark?

Eco mark 90%

Organic 50%

Fair Trade 20%

# Are you going to buy products with the mark in the future?

Eco mark 80%

Organic 65%

Fair Trade 55%

		意味を知っているか				購入経験				今後			
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	エコマーク	71.9%	15%	19.8%	8.3%	89.7%	11%	5.7%	4.6%	82.7%	10%	0.9%	16.5%
JAS 認定機関名	有機JASマーク	51.9%	26%	18.3%	29.9%	49.5%	10%	2.7%	47.8%	64.8%	7%	1.9%	33.3%
FAIRTRADE	フェアトレード認証 マーク	23.3%	3%	7.9%	<mark>68</mark> .8%	19.8%	4%	13.3%	66.9%	54.9%	5%	2.4%	42.7%
(3)	レインフォレストー アライアンス	8.7%	-3%	12.1%	79.2%	11.5%	-2%	13.8%	74.7%	49.5%	4%	2.7%	47.8%
Michigan Co.	MSCマーク	8.4%	1%	6.3%	85.3%	9.5%	2%	6.8%	83.7%	46.6%	-2%	2.0%	51.4%
FSC	FSCマーク	8.1%	-3%	9.1%	82.7%	12.0%	-5%	8.1%	79.9%	47.1%	-4%	1.9%	51.0%
123g CO <sub>2</sub>	カーボンフット プリントマーク	8.1%	_	5.1%	86.8%	7.6%	0%	7.2%	85.2%	43.7%	_	2.3%	54.1%
MOXED	RSPOマーク	5.0%	-2%	5.2%	89.9%	5.8%	-2%	6.3%	87.8%	43.1%	-3%	2.5%	54.4%



## 5 My Opinions



For

**Others** 

What our Members value when they choose ethical products (including Fair Trade ones):

Good for health

For Oneself

Reasonable



Feels good doing good

### **Business Potential**

Considering "Fair Trade" as one of the added values, choosing products that are highly demanded in Japanese market will be successful.

e.g. Grape, Kiwi Fruit, Avocado, etc.

**Deliciousness** 

**Popularity** 



As the Added Value

Fair Trade, Organic, etc.

with continuing educational activities for members





## Thank you for your attention