Supporting Start-ups by Credit Guarantee/Supplement System in Japan

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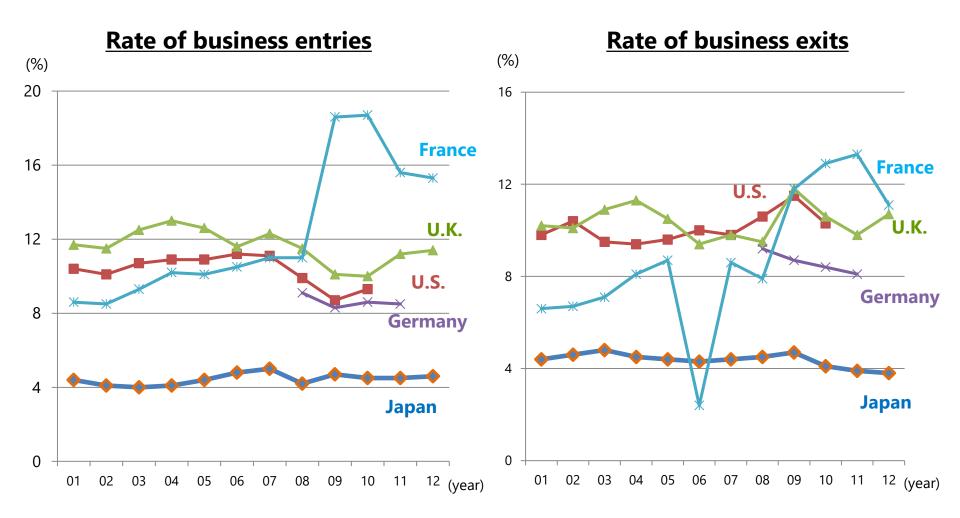
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1. Japan's Low Rates of Business Entry and Exit



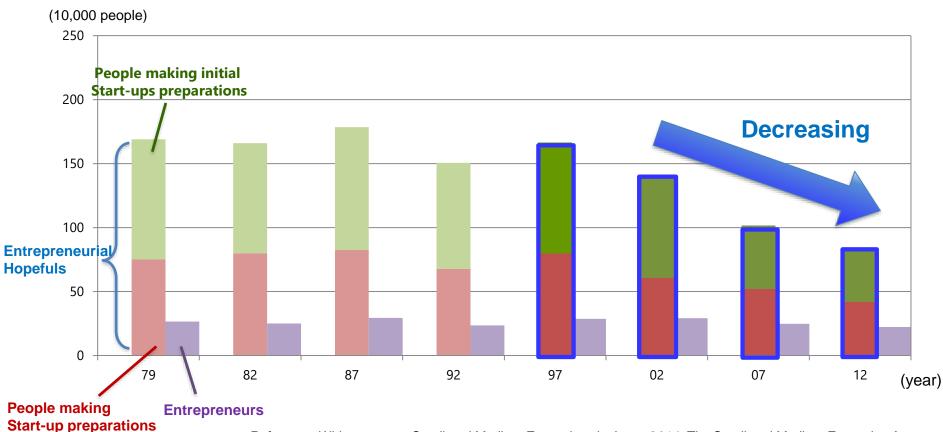
Japan's rates of business entries and exits are very low, compared to other developed countries.



2. Decreasing Entrepreneurial Hopefuls



Not only entrepreneurs are small, but those who considers start-ups are decreasing.



Reference; White paper on Small and Medium Enterprises in Japan 2014, The Small and Medium Enterprise Agency

To increase start-ups is one of the major Japanese policy objectives.

3.Scheme of Special Guarantee/Insurance for Start-ups



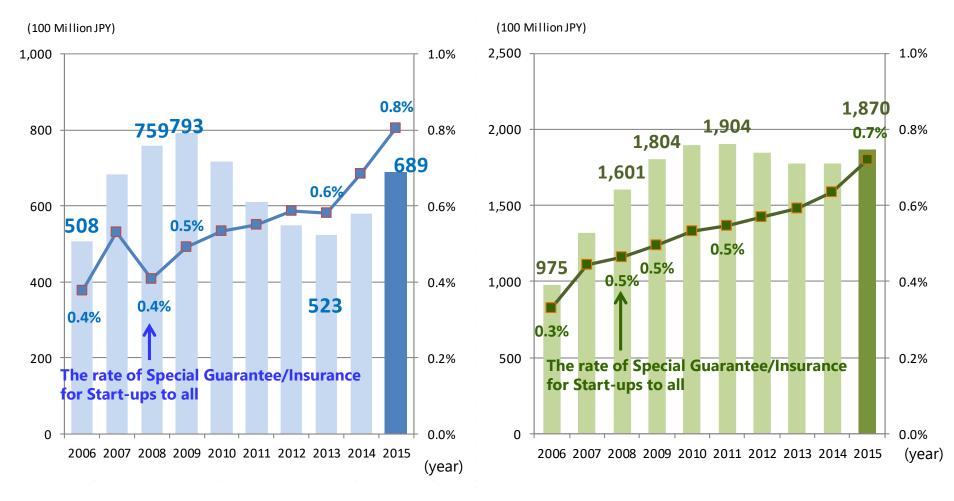
Target SMEs	 For SMEs which is <u>established</u> within 5 years For SMEs which is <u>planned to launch</u> (Enterprises; within 2 months, Individuals; within 1 month) For SMEs which <u>spin off</u> into a new company 	
Usage of Funds	for Start-ups	
Max Amount of Insurance	<u>10 million JPY (or 100K USD)</u> (*planned to increase to 20 mil JPY)	<u>15 million JPY (or 150K USD)</u>
Insurance Term	Up to 10 years	
Insurance Premium Rate (p.a.)	0.29% (*In contrast to normal guarantee 0.25% to 1.69% according to the associated risk)	0.4% (*In contrast to normal guarantee 0.25% to 1.69% according to the associated risk)
Guarantee Coverage Ratio	100% (*for normal guarantee 80%)	
Other requirements	 Detailed business plan No-collateral and No-Guarantor Confirmation of business license 	 Detailed business plan No-collateral and No-Guarantor Confirmation of business license <u>Max amount of loan is up to own funds</u>

In Japan, credit guarantee system is organized as i) CGC, credit guarantee corporations, guarantee the loans extended by private financial institutions and ii) what they guaranteed is reinsured by JFC. JFC reinsures 80% of the guaranteed for normal cases, including start-ups.

5. Development of Guarantee/Insurance for Business Start-ups

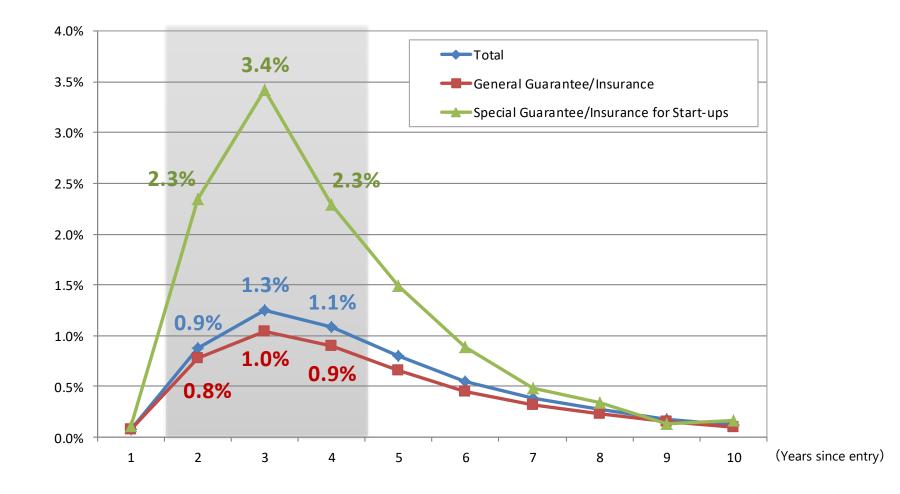


- Annual Acceptance of Special Guarantee/Insurance for Start-ups
- Outstanding Liabilities of Special Guarantee/Insurance for Start-ups



6. Default Rate of Special Guarantee/Insurance for Start-ups

Default rates by years from the start of guarantee/insurance



7. Importance of Non-Financial Measures



Entrepreneurs have special knowledge/experiences for the sector which they try to enter, but normally they are lack in business knowledge and expertise.

The key to success is to provide business information and advise.

According to the stages of start-ups,

Prior to Start-ups

Provide information to hopefuls (ex. holding seminars, editing and distributing "guidebook for start-ups")

 Intensive advise/ consultation by specialists to prepare the detailed start-up plan

Actual site visit with necessary • advise

At the time to Start-ups

 Ask other financial institutions for co-financing

After Start-ups

Regularly visits to the company (up to 3-5 years) and make necessary advise, after obtaining financial information





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https://www.jfc.go.jp/n/english/sme/op_credit.html

