

# **Administration and Competitive Strength of Container Ports :Focus on Container Ports in Japan**

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The dissertation researches into the changes of Container Ports in Japan during about 30 years, the period from 1990's to 2008. The dissertation concentrates on the main causes of insufficient international competitive strength of Japanese container ports. Focus on the main ports and the local ports, examines the issues and reproduction scheme.

This dissertation consists of five chapters.

Chapter 1: Nowadays, the world economic environment and marine transport system are changing dramatically, and these changing made significant impact on the Japanese container ports. Chapter 2: this chapter focus on the questions of management systems of Japanese container ports, this part expounded the reasons of insufficient international competitive strength of Japanese container ports. Chapter3: the chapter precented core competence of super-pivot port, joint operation between public ports and public corporation ports, to strengthen the connection with Asia's trade, concentration on domestic freight are proposed. Chapter4: the chapter analyze the necessity and the possibility to promote the Niigata port as a base port at the Sea of Japan by the competing factor analysis and the SWOT analysis. Chapter5: The chapter focus on TCR route, proposed the Tsuruga Port and Kitakyushu Port would be Japanese side base ports in the container transportation between Europe and Japan.

Conclusion: the mail ports assume the transportation to North America by daily container ship also to Europe. Tsuruga port and Kitakyushu port integrated TCR route, also, as a base port at the Sea of Japan, Niigata port assume the transportation to East Asia and Russia. Then each port at the Sea of Japan would play important part in these inshore route.