

## 10 Worst Corruption Cases of 2009 (JAPAN)

### 1. JR-West influence peddling

Privatized JR-West senior executives' covert influence-peddling in an attempt to tamper with a report of a probe committee for a 2005 derailment accident causing over 100 passenger deaths

### 2. SFCG scams

Scams of the president, once Forbes-listed billionaire, of industrial loan company SFCG over his treacherous scheme to drain massive amounts from assets placed under legal protection after the bankruptcy of the company

### 3. *Kanken* scandal

A breach of trust scandal over the Okubo father-son pair involving the Japan Kanji Aptitude Testing Foundation, *Kanken*, a public-interest corporation, with their engaging in shady deals with companies led by themselves causing a huge amount of damage to the foundation

### 4. Nishimatsu Kensetsu political donation scandals

Nishimatsu Kensetsu political contribution scam with the use of dummy companies through which the construction company allegedly tried to send secretaries of or aids to politicians including Ichiro Ozawa, secretary general of Democratic Party of Japan

### 5. Land ministry involved bid-rigging scandals

Third straight year revelation of public officials-led bid-rigging scams involving in public works project ordering by the ministry of land, infrastructure and transport

### 6. Scandals of local elected politicians

Scandals of locally elected politicians typically seen in bribery charges against a mayor and extortion charges against a city assembly chairman of Ciba city, one of the 14 biggest cities in Japan

### 7. Postage scam

Fraudulent use of discounting postage system designed for organizations of disabled people, leading arrests of advertizing company officials, officials of retailers, and privatized Japan Post officials who connived such transactions

8. Unauthorized engagement of union activities of public officials

Nearly 200 Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries Ministry officials' unauthorized engagement in union activities during official working hours

9. Transborder cartels cracked down for the first time

Transborder cartels among a Japanese subsidiary and two Korean subsidiaries of electronics makers of both countries cracked down for the first time by Japan's Fair Trade Commission

10. Illicit practices of local governments

Practices of making secret money deposits or unjust accounting practices revealed in several prefectural governments such as Chiba Prefectural government which secretly accumulated 3 billion yen in the past 5 years