Cross-Border Investing in Asia

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Global Catalyst Partners

- VC for Early Stage Start-up Companies in IT sector (Component, Software, System/Sub-System)
- \$158M under management
- Management Team
 - Kamran Elahian (Chairman & Co-Founder)
 (Co-Founder of Cirus Logic, NeoMagic, Centillium)
 - Koji Osawa (Managing Principal & Co-Founder)
 (Mitsubishi Corp.)
 - Vijay Parikh (Managing Principal)(VP & GM, CISCO Systems)
 - Art Schneiderman Principal & Co-Founder)
 (Senior Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati)
- Global Operation
 - US, Japan, Beijing, Singapore











Why Asia Now

Now is the Timing

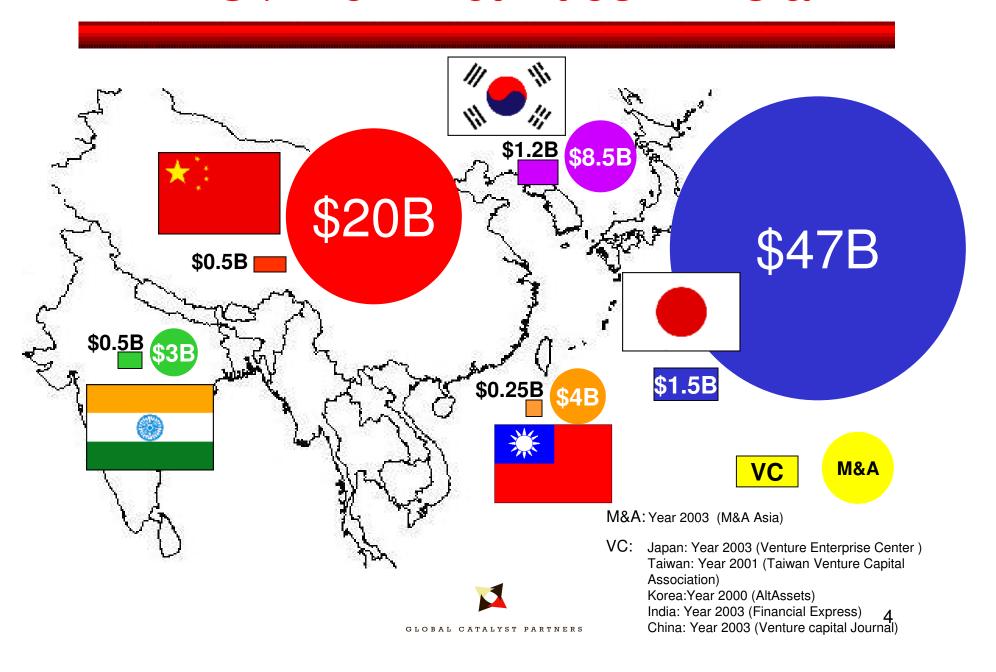
- Huge Market Opportunities
- Capital Efficiency
- Active VC / M&A in Asia

Network Development Takes Time...

- Local Presence is Important
- Importance of Relationship with Key People
- Differences of Business Culture & Practice



VC / M&A Activities in Asia



Asian Investment Pros/Cons

Pros

- Direct Access to Huge Asia Market (China, India)
- Capital Efficiency
 - Typical fabless semi- company in China takes \$25m to get to breakeven vs \$60m in US
- Proven Exit Route on Nasdaq or HK/Sing or M&A with US Companies
 - Nasdaq:SMIC, Shanda, Sina, Sohu, Linktone, Kongzhong, AsiaInfo, Tom Online, Ctrip, China Finance Online, 51Job, eLong
 - M&A: EachNet (eBay), Joyo (Amazon), 3721 (Yahoo)

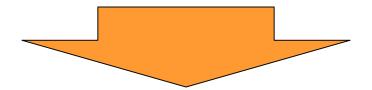
Cons

- Corporate Governance
- Relationship Driven Economy & Business Practice/Culture
- Transparency
- Lack or Limited Local Liquidation
- 'China Dream' syndrome; investor ignorance



Opportunities for Start-ups in Asia

- Capital Efficiency / Off Shoring
- Huge Domestic IT Markets



Next Global Enterprises are from Asia

First: Cost Reduction & Customization Approach Then: Global Enterprises with Innovative Technologies



International VCs in China

US VCs, US PE Funds

Newbridge, Carlyle, Intel Cap., Walden, Doll, NEA

Japan VCs

- JAFCO
 - 3721 bought by Yahoo
- Softbank Asia Infrastructure Fund
 - Shanda Networking IPO NASDAQ

Taiwan

Acer Ventures

Singapore

- TIF fund of funds
 - Chengwei Ventures
 - Venture TDF China

Intl. VC fund benefits to China start-ups

- Provide credibility for overseas listing
- Resources for overseas expansion and partnerships
- Bring international standards and best practices



Sources of Venture Capital in China

Country	VC firms	Investible Capital (US\$m)	Ave Fund Size (US\$m)
US	16	3,448	215.50
Singapore	4	1,013	253.25
Hong Kong	10	532	53.20
Japan	3	360	120.00
Europe	5	306	61.20
Taiwan	2	80	40.00
			Yr 2003 Data from Zero2IPO



Buy-out Activities in Japan

Ripplewood Holdings

Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan

Columbia Music Entertainment

Phoenix Seagaia Resort

Japan Telecom



\$1.1B('99)

\$103M('01)

\$171M('01)

\$2.5B('03)

IPO at TSE \$2.2B('04)





Acquired by Softbank BB \$3.2B('04)

SOFTBANK BR

THE CARLYLE GROUP



\$2.1B('04)



GE Capital

Toho Insurance Japan Lease \$685M('98) \$7.6B('99)



IRCJ (Industrial Revitalization Corp. of Japan)

Mission: Revitalize Japanese economy by acceleration of bad-debt cleanup

IRCJ

Duration: April 2003 - March 2008

CEO: Kazuhiko Toyama

(Stanford GSB '92)

Employees: 160 Capital: \$480M

Credit Line by Government: \$95B

Target: Exit within 3 years

Due Diligence: **VERY** extensive

Request for partial debt write-offs,

Main financing bank

Support (financial, management)

Companies with sound fundamentals but excessive debt & poor management



Daiei

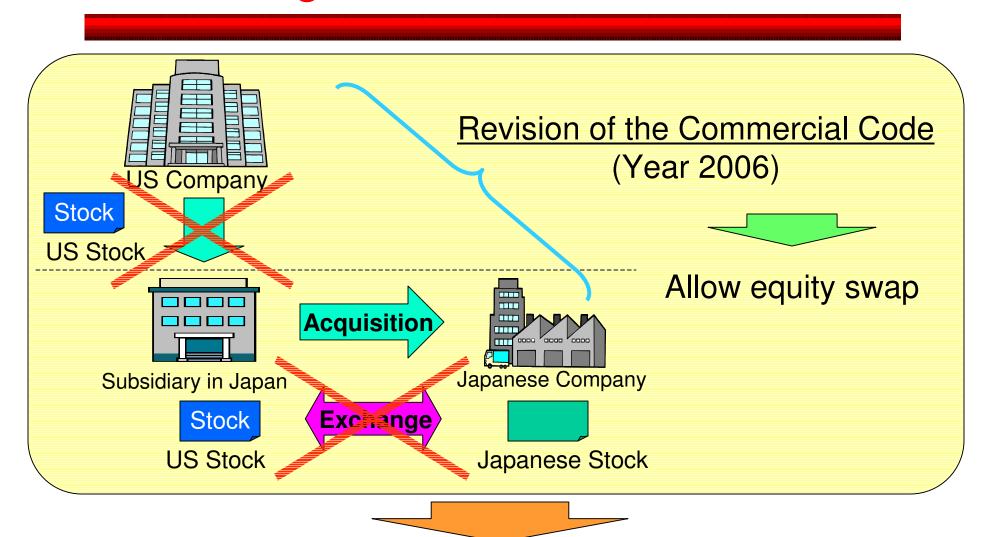
Clean up of Small Creditors (Non-main financing banks)

Support

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debt \$10B+

New Foreign Direct Investment Scheme



Expand M&A Activities by foreign companies in Japan