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Hello International Traders!

[John McDonnell](#) here with four more sites to help you achieve success in 2008!

[Japan](#)'s economy is back, and you don't want to miss an opportunity to do some business with this economic powerhouse. I have a site in this issue that will help you do just that. Also, it's the time of year to start thinking about [taxes](#), and I have a site that has links to tax information for dozens of countries. If you need a quick [online calculator](#) look below -- I have just the site for you. Finally, I found a site with thousands of free tutorials, to [teach you just about anything you want to learn!](#)

And don't forget -- if you'd like more information about international trade, go to [FITA's Really Useful Links](#) (<http://fita.org/webindex>), which has a link library of more than 8,000 sites related to international trade.

JAPAN

Our Featured Country

<http://jguide.stanford.edu>

For more than 20 years the Japanese economy made amazing gains in productivity and profits, until it ran into some problems in the 1990s. After some rocky years, it now appears to be back on track, with improved growth since 2002. It is the third largest economy in the world, after the U.S. and China, and it's particularly strong in technology. If you'd like to research prospects for trade with Japan, a good site to visit is [Stanford University's JGuide](#) (<http://jguide.stanford.edu>). This is a Web portal to information about Japan, and it's got a wide range of resources. You'll find hundreds of links to sites about Japan's culture, history, economy, government, news, language, health care, attractions, academics, and more. For trade information, click on "Business & Economics", then "Import & Export". Most of the links are available in English and Japanese.

You'll also find plenty of good research at the [Japan Mini Portal](#) (<http://fita.org/countries/japan.html>), a feature of the FITA Web site. The Japan Mini Portal has an overview of the country, with facts about the language, currency, climate, etc., plus more specific information about the economy, markets, taxes, labor market indicators, and tips on doing business in Japan.

Click on "Useful Links" and you'll find a variety of sources for market research, trade leads, business directories, logistics, government contacts, travel, financing, and lots more.

The Japan Mini Portal is one of many research gateways at the FITA site. To find Mini Portals for other regions or countries, just click on "Country Profiles" from within a Mini Portal, or at the FITA home page (<http://www.fita.org>).

FITA's [Global Trade Book Store](#) has some excellent books about doing business in Japan. Check out [Japan: Doing Business in a Unique Culture](#), [Doing Business with the New Japan: Succeeding in America's Richest International Market](#) and [Business Guide to Japan: A Quick Guide to Opening Doors and Closing Deals](#).



GET WORLDWIDE TAX INFORMATION HERE

Tax Laws of Most Countries

<http://www.law-library.info/page/tax-international.htm>

Many businesses and individuals start thinking about taxes this time of year, so it seems appropriate to feature [International Tax Laws By Country](#) (<http://www.law-library.info/page/tax-international.htm>). This no-frills site has a list of links to sites where you can get information about the tax laws in most countries of the world. Just scroll down the list and you'll see links to sites from Australia to the UK, and dozens of countries in between. Some countries have more information online than others, but there is a lot of information here at your fingertips.



NEW! ?SMART CHINA SOURCING? WEBSITE FROM GLOBAL SOURCES

<http://www.smartchinasourcing.com/?source=FITAEDM1001>

Global Sources' recently launched "Smart China Sourcing" website (<http://www.smartchinasourcing.com>) is designed to provide answers to all the how-to questions people ask when they are thinking about [importing from China](#).

It offers practical articles written by experienced importers on such subjects as managing quality control, competitiveness, legal and intellectual property issues, supplier selection and evaluation, negotiating techniques, attending trade shows, East-West cultural differences and more.

Articles on the site include:

1. [China Travel Tips for the First-timer](#)
2. [Five Legal Basics for Reducing Outsourcing Risk](#)

3. [Initial Supplier Due Diligence](#)
4. [China Payment Terms](#)
5. [Developing Business Relationships with Chinese Factories](#)

The range of topics covered will be valuable both for folks new to importing, as well as for more experienced importers who would like to compare their practices with others.

“Smart China Sourcing” also welcomes article submissions from experienced importers for possible publication. Go to www.smartschinasourcing.com for information on how to submit your article.

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Calculate Anything with Your Mouse

<http://easycalculation.com>

As a person who always struggled with math, I think calculators are one of the greatest inventions ever. And when I find a site like [EasyCalculation.com](http://easycalculation.com) (<http://easycalculation.com>), that has dozens of free calculators I can use, I'm in heaven. With just the click of a mouse at this site, you can get answers to everything from complex math problems to the amount of interest you'll save if you pay your mortgage off early. Scroll down the page and you'll even find free mathematics tutorials (Hmmm. . . I wonder if that would do me any good?).



THE BIG LIST OF SITES THAT TEACH YOU HOW TO DO STUFF!

How To Do Anything

http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/tutorial_sites.php

Whether you want to fix a leaky faucet, create your own jewelry, make an animated cartoon in ten minutes, bake a berry pie, or build an energy-efficient house, you can be sure there's a tutorial somewhere on the Internet to show you how. To find these tutorials, go to [A Big List Of Sites That Teach You How To Do Stuff](http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/tutorial_sites.php) (http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/tutorial_sites.php). This site has links to sites that have thousands of tutorials on almost every subject imaginable. Many of these tutorials are in video format, and the vast majority are free.



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Customs and International Trade Managers

<http://fita.org/jobs>

In the [FITA Career Headquarters](http://fita.org/jobs) job seekers can now apply for jobs online and post

their resume--free of charge--in an exclusive database that will be searched by hundreds of industry employers seeking employees with international degrees and/or related work experience. Featured job this week is for an **Customs and International Trade Managers** for Deloitte Tax LLP in Chicago and San Francisco. [Click here to browse more than 700 other positions!](#)

Employers - [Click here to advertise your job openings on FITA's Career HQ.](#)

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