

Intellectual Asset Report



DBJ's executives and regular employees continually take on new challenges, while remaining firmly committed to DBJ's four core values: a long-term perspective, neutrality, public-mindedness and reliability. The intellectual assets DBJ has built up over the years help form the financial platform and enable DBJ to provide services that extend beyond merely providing funds. Employing these assets, we endeavor to address the needs of the times and fulfill our role in enhancing socially responsible activities among companies.

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Corporate Value and Intellectual Asset Management

Intellectual Assets

Companies ensure ongoing prosperity and profit by consistently differentiating themselves from competitors. Differentiating the products and services they offer is a large part of the process. To enhance their operations, companies must identify their important management resources and sources of competitiveness. Specific technologies, expertise, human resources and business models are some factors that lead to differentiation but are invisible to the casual observer. Determining an entity's true corporate value requires the evaluation of these company-specific strengths. DBJ's activities related to intellectual assets are designed to foster the application of these intangible sources of corporate value that underpin a company's future economic performance.

Intellectual Asset Management Essential to Enhancing Corporate Value

Although intellectual assets are intangible in the sense that they are not recorded on a company's financial statements, they are a core component of corporate value. Managing intellectual assets effectively promotes clarity in terms of the corporation's key competencies and creates opportunities to increase corporate value.

Listed companies are finding that aggressively disclosing intellectual asset information helps markets value them more appropriately. For this reason, the introduction of regulatory frameworks to encourage or require listed companies to disclose non-financial information has grown into a global trend, beginning in Europe.

DBJ's View on Intellectual Assets

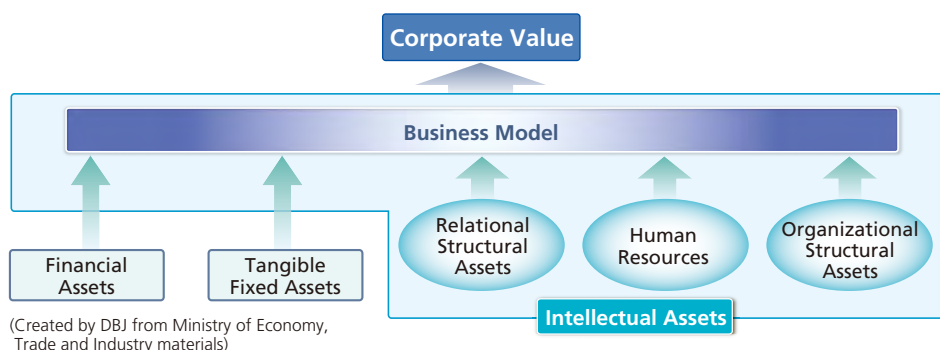
Dating back to the time of our predecessor, maintaining the trust of our clients and society at large has been our most important objective. From this standpoint, we have created a wide variety of networks spanning both the public and private sectors.

Based on our core values, our executives and regular employees have continued working to enhance their ability to evaluate companies and projects. We have accumulated a wealth of expertise in the screening and evaluation of long-term projects and a keen ability to identify and address issues that are unique in terms of the times or the local communities that face them. In the process, we have become a repository of intellectual assets, which

when combined represent an extraordinary DBJ asset: our expertise in resolving issues through the application of new financial methods, the widespread use of our financial platform and our economic and social contributions. This asset has led to our development of the financial methods described below. It enables us to respond quickly to changing policy requirements and plays a major role in our ability to continue adding economic and social value.

Since privatization, we have aimed to maintain our economic and social contributions. We believe that our ability to clearly identify and make use of intellectual assets will be an increasingly important factor in achieving this goal.

● Relationships among Intellectual Assets, Business Models and Corporate Value



DBJ's Utilization of Intellectual Assets

One school of thought defines intellectual assets as the understanding of and reporting on an entity's networks and client bases (related structural assets), management team and employees (human resources) and intellectual assets and business processes (organizational structural assets). Below, we introduce DBJ's intellectual assets and activities according to this segmentation.

DBJ's Utilization of Intellectual Assets

As our mission prior to privatization was to support projects that had policy significance, our system of planning and making investments and extending loans involved cooperation with central government agencies and regional government bodies. Now we take advantage of these networks to our interest rate subsidy programs for the promotion of environmental management, as well as other interest subsidy systems put in place by national and regional government bodies. Also, we continue to assist with crisis response operations. DBJ also works to create and develop financial platforms. To construct these platforms, we collaborate with public- and private-sector financial institutions in Japan and overseas and maximize our networks of professionals including university professors, attorneys, and certified public accountants. This multifaceted combination of networks consisting of professionals in a host of fields in industry, academia and the government constitutes DBJ's relational structural capital.

Human Resources

Appropriately judging medium- to long-term investments and loans requires all of DBJ's executives and regular employees to maintain a long-term perspective and make financial decisions from a neutral standpoint. In an era characterized by increasingly complex economic and social issues and more sophisticated business skills, this long-term perspective has a major impact on DBJ's ability to contribute to business formation and the financial structure. Our ability to provide solutions that are appropriate for companies, as well as for the economy and society in a broader sense, depends on the ability of our human resources—executives and regular employees who are professionals in

various fields—as they consider such issues. All DBJ executives and regular employees work to maintain a long-term and neutral perspective, approaching new business with a spirit of innovation and challenge.

To impart various financial skills, DBJ maintains training menus that include a 2.5-month corporate finance training program. This program, for all new employees, helps develop screening expertise. Our menus, combined with on-the-job training, raise the level of specialist expertise among DBJ executives and regular employees. We maintain a number of personnel exchange and dispatch programs with domestic and overseas universities and research institutions, as well as with other international institutions, that help form our networks. These programs help DBJ develop and introduce new financial methods, as well as strengthen network ties.

DBJ has also established the Research Institute of Capital Formation, which carries out financial research, as well as research on global warming countermeasures and other efforts to create a sustainable society. The research that the center produces from a neutral and long-term perspective is highly regarded by the community and other experts.

Organizational Structural Assets

Unlike manufacturing companies, DBJ has no explicit intellectual assets, such as patent rights. However, our introduction of new financial methods to Japan, our work with other financial institutions to create financial platforms and our many other contributions to the Japanese economy and society rely on our organizational adeptness, that is, our ability to quickly ascertain emerging issues and deploy appropriate personnel. This ability, combined with the long-term financial data we have accumulated over 50 years of investment and loan operations and a corporate culture of always considering projects in an economically rational manner, as well as in terms of their broader economic and social significance, constitute DBJ's organizational structural assets, as does the smooth and rapid communication process resulting from the common knowledge that has evolved through corporate financing training and other channels.

Advanced Initiatives Involving New Financial Methods That Utilize Intellectual Assets

We are a leader in leveraging our intellectual assets to introduce new financial methods to Japan. Our pioneering efforts come from maximization of our intellectual assets, cooperation with local communities and extensive cultivation of in-house human resources and expertise. Operating within complex financial markets, DBJ will maintain these activities while continuing to control and distribute risk as effectively as possible.

The United Kingdom introduced the private finance initiative (PFI) scheme in 1992 to encourage private companies to fund or manage projects that are typically operated by the public sector. As a leader in absorbing and accumulating such expertise, DBJ has participated in numerous PFI projects in Japan. By shifting to the private sector the responsibility for constructing, maintaining and operating public facilities, the country benefits from private-sector management expertise and technical capabilities. By appropriately allocating risks among the private and public sectors, PFI is an efficient and effective way to provide public services. With PFI, project financing is the method generally used to raise funds, as project roles are allocated appropriately and long-term business is assured.

DBJ provides a full range of financing options in the area of business revitalization. After filing applications according to Civil Rehabilitation Act or Corporate Reorganization Act procedures, companies typically require working capital

during the period when the viability of their plans is being reviewed. To meet this need, DBJ provides debtor-in-possession (DIP) financing as temporary working capital to enable such companies to continue operating and maintain value in the best portions of their businesses. In addition, DBJ creates business revitalization funds to help companies normalize their operations, through a process of operational selection and focus, and reduce their debt levels.

In recent years, we have become actively involved in mezzanine financing. (“Mezzanine” literally refers to the partial story between two main stories of a building.) In the repayment hierarchy, mezzanine financing is lower than the senior financing* typically provided by financial institutions, so it is a higher investment risk. In the United States and other markets with a broad range of investors, mezzanine financing plays an important role in diversifying the types of funding that are provided. Mezzanine financing can be used in a number of situations, such as business or capital restructuring. Taking a long-term perspective, DBJ provides mezzanine financing as one of its tailor-made financing solutions.

*Senior financing involves relatively low risk. In Japan, most corporate bond issues and funds provided by financial institutions are senior financing.

Relationship between Intellectual Assets and CSR at DBJ

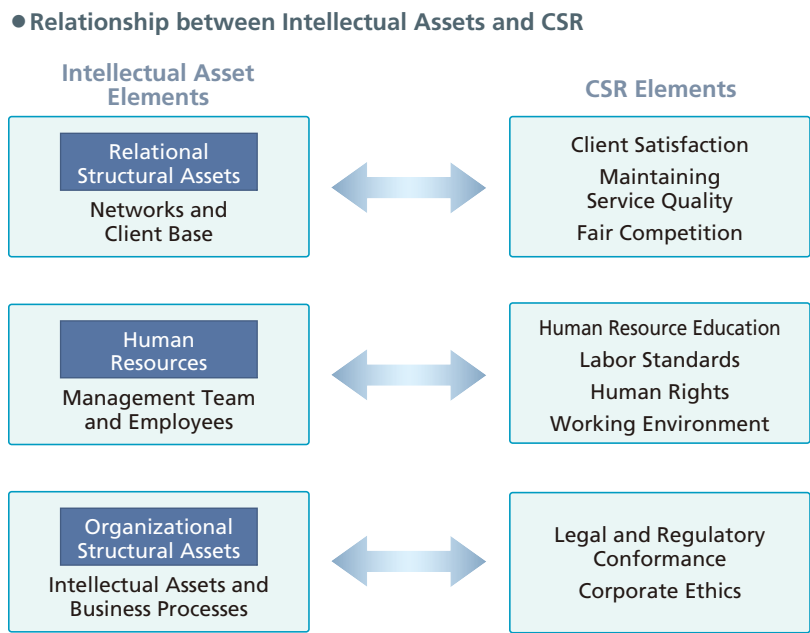
The nearby figure contrasts intellectual assets as viewed by DBJ and DBJ’s role as seen by society. Evaluated in this sense, intellectual assets and CSR are two sides of the same coin.

For example, the DBJ Environmentally Rated Loan Program, the DBJ Enterprise Disaster Resilience Rated Loan Program, DBJ Employee’s Health Management Rated Loan Program and DBJ Green Building Certification—fully mobilized through intellectual asset networks with central government bodies, regional government bodies, experts and clients—as well as our human resources comprising executives and regular employees and our accumulation of experience and expertise all serve a vital CSR role. At the same time, these same loan programs strongly support the CSR activities of our business partners: these companies

have cause to reconsider their conformance with various laws and regulations, ensure safe and secure workplace and surrounding environments and provide quality products and services through fair competition. These activities reinforce a company’s client base and raise corporate value by fulfilling social responsibilities.

By employing our intellectual assets in these ways, we go beyond merely providing financing: we also play a role in promoting increasingly sophisticated corporate CSR management.

As can be seen on pages 32 to 48, “Integrated Investment and Loan Services,” and on pages 68 to 89, “CSR through Investment, Loan and Other Businesses,” DBJ is taking advantage of its various accumulated intellectual assets.



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Defining “Financial Platform”

In DBJ’s definition, “financial platform” refers to the amount and quality of funds to which corporate and other clients have access, the systematic formulation of bases that affect the diversity of fund-raising methods, financial expertise and practices, market transparency and the degree of market participation.

The more complete the financial platforms, which are indispensable to financial system soundness and macro economic vigor, the greater is their effectiveness at promoting the revitalization of businesses and urban and local communities and the creation of new industries. However, financial platforms, which are an institutional, general-access capital good, are not formed overnight. Creating

the framework of systems and laws that support corporate economic activity involves the application of experienced and real-world expertise of financial institutions and businesses, as well as an accumulated body of results that can be used for future reference (transaction cases, precedents and the like). Furthermore, as financial platforms function inadequately if they are used by only a minority of participants, a catalyst is needed to encourage participation from a broad range of players. Owing to our neutral position and advanced-player status, we are perfectly suited to serve as the catalyst for developing and maintaining financial platforms in cooperation with other financial institutions.

Activities Involving Financial Platforms

DBJ fulfills a broad range of information functions. In addition to corporate monitoring, DBJ exchanges information with government agencies, local government bodies and private financial institutions and coordinates their interests. In the investment and loan department, DBJ promotes and helps develop financial platforms for structured financing, business restructuring support, financing related to environmental and disaster policies, M&A advisory services, safety nets and other functions. In the research department, DBJ established the Research Institute of Capital Formation in July 1964, with Dr. Osamu Shimomura as its

first executive director. This institute creates the foundation for creating intellectual assets through collaboration with outside experts, centered on university instructors. Taking an academic and liberal perspective, the institute promotes research activities targeting a sustainable socioeconomic structure. (For details, please refer to the Research Institute of Capital Formation website, at <http://www.dbj.jp/ricf/en/>.)

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