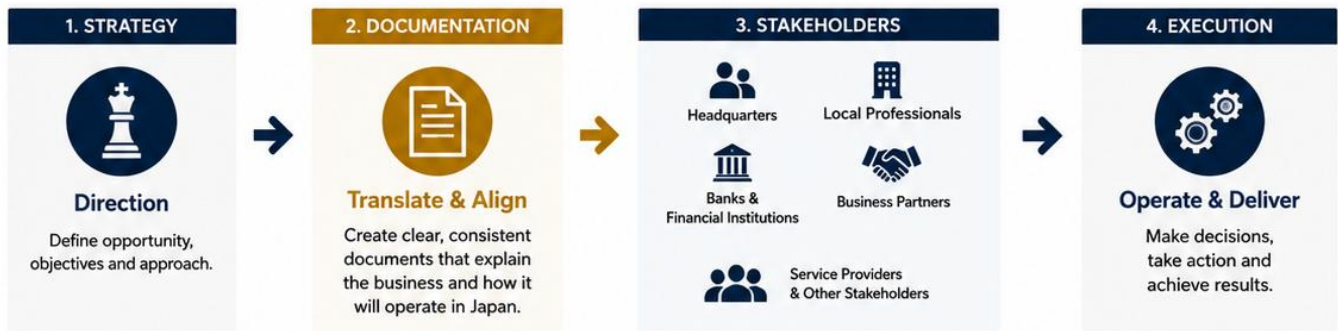


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In cross-border business, documentation connects strategy to execution.



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	What the company intends to do in Japan
	Who the target customers and partners are
	How revenue will be generated
	How operating funds and payment flows will be managed
	Who is responsible for key decisions
	Which activities remain with headquarters
	Which activities will be managed locally
	Which matters require licensed professional advice

EXAMPLES OF KEY DOCUMENTS	
	Japan-facing company profile
	Market-entry or project brief
	Business and operating plan
	Explanation of funding and payment flows
	Responsibility and decision-rights matrix
	Briefing materials for professional advisers
	Decision logs and action trackers
	Other documents as appropriate



WHEN DOCUMENTATION IS WEAK OR INCONSISTENT	
	Operating model and supporting materials do not match
	Payment flows do not align with commercial arrangements
	Roles and responsibilities remain unclear
	Advisers receive incomplete information
	Decisions are delayed, repeated or reversed
	Trust and credibility with stakeholders are damaged
	Execution stalls and costs increase

WHEN DOCUMENTATION IS STRONG AND CONSISTENT	
	Gaps are identified early and addressed
	Advisers can provide more effective support
	Communication across organizations improves
	Banks and partners gain clearer understanding
	Operational credibility and trust are strengthened
	Decisions are faster and execution is more reliable
	The business is positioned for sustainable growth



Good documentation does not replace judgement or execution. It makes **judgement usable** and **execution possible**.

Well-structured documentation is a practical foundation of operational credibility in cross-border business.



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EXECUTIVE TAKEAWAY

The objective is not more paperwork. It is consistent information that allows management, advisers, banks and partners to understand the same business and act on it.

Why documentation matters

- Documentation helps translate strategy into execution. For companies entering Japan, it supports incorporation, banking and regulatory procedures while creating a common understanding among headquarters, local professionals, financial institutions and business partners.
- When documents are incomplete or inconsistent, operating models, payment flows and responsibilities may be understood differently by different stakeholders. These are execution risks, not merely administrative issues.

Documentation should consistently explain

- What the company intends to do in Japan
- Who its target customers and partners are
- How revenue will be generated
- How operating funds and payment flows will be managed
- Who is responsible for key decisions
- Which activities remain with headquarters and which will be managed locally
- Which matters require licensed professional advice

What good documentation enables

- It identifies gaps before they become operational problems.
- It helps advisers work effectively and gives banks, partners and other stakeholders a clearer understanding of how the business will operate.
- For overseas SMEs without an established Japan management team, it provides continuity across multiple stakeholders.

Strategy creates direction. Business operations create capability.
Documentation creates alignment. Execution builds trust.

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