The international community has been experiencing the globalization of crime, including economic crime, where people, money, contraband and information are transferred across national borders. With a view to playing an active role in eradicating transnational crimes, Japan has taken various measures to strengthen international cooperation. This presentation will first explain Japanese legal framework and some of the important elements that contribute to overcoming the challenges in carrying out mutual legal assistance expeditiously and smoothly. The presentation will then go on to introduce our approach to combating problems of some economic crimes, showing specific examples of successful practices in international cooperation.