## 2004 CFA Centre for Financial Market Integrity Member and Candidate Survey of

## **Asia-Pacific Corporate and Financial Disclosure**

**Companion Report - January 2005** 

## Table 1

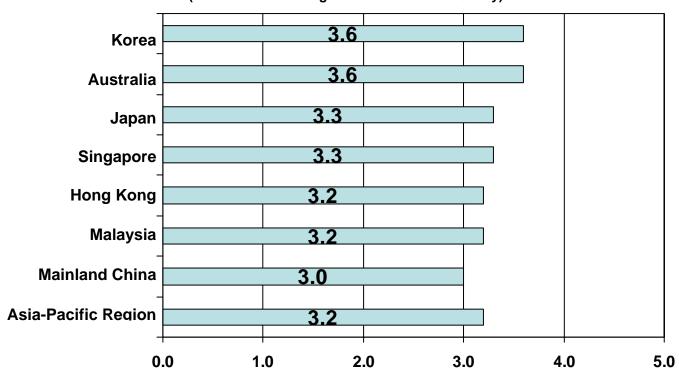
Q. "Rate the overall quality of financial or corporate information disclosed by the publicly traded companies that you follow."

	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	Poor
Australia (50 responses)	0%	64%	28%	8%	0%
Mainland China (190 responses)	2%	23%	51%	22%	2%
Hong Kong (139 responses)	2%	32%	53%	11%	3%
Japan (85 responses)	1%	41%	48%	9%	0%
Korea (62 responses)	3%	56%	34%	6%	0%
Malaysia (48 responses)	4%	23%	58%	15%	0%
Singapore (109 responses)	2%	36%	56%	6%	0%
Total Region (683 responses)	2%	35%	49%	13%	1%

Chart 1

Overall Quality of Corporate or Financial Information Disclosed

(Listed in Descending Order of Perceived Quality)

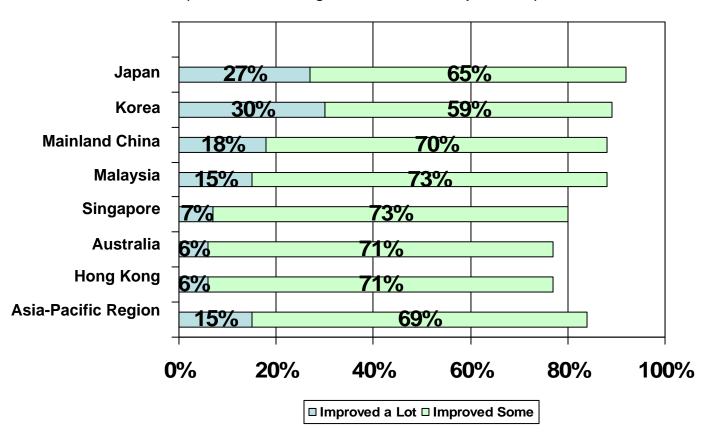


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<u>Chart 2</u>

Change in Overall Quality of Corporate Information Over Past Three Years

(Listed in Descending Order of Perceived Improvement)



Q. Agree or disagree: Corporate issuance of comprehensive <u>quarterly</u> financial reports is a global <u>best practice</u> that should be emulated by public companies in the Asia-Pacific Region.

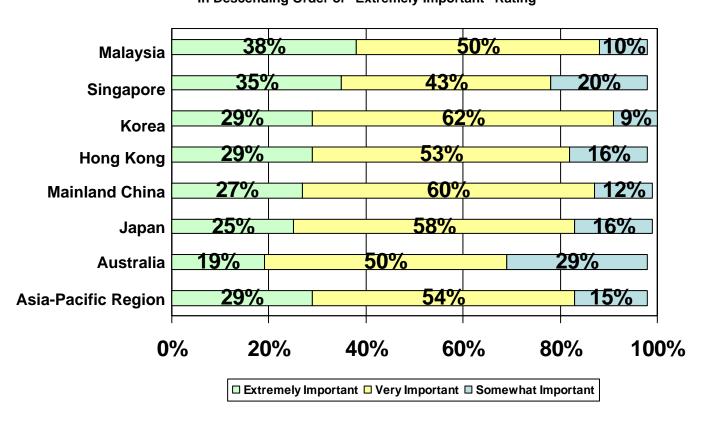
Table 2

	Agree Strongly	Agree Somewhat	Neither	Disagree Somewhat	Disagree Strongly
Australia (52 responses)	17%	37%	15%	23%	8%
Mainland China (191 responses)	54%	36%	6%	3%	1%
Hong Kong (140 responses)	39%	39%	13%	8%	1%
Japan (83 responses)	29%	41%	16%	13%	1%
Korea (63 responses)	37%	52%	10%	2%	0%
Malaysia (48 responses)	69%	29%	2%	0%	0%
Singapore (106 responses)	34%	44%	9%	8%	4%
<b>Total Region</b>	42%	40%	10%	<b>7%</b>	2%
(683 responses)					

Q. Agree or disagree: Regulators around the world should make it **mandatory** for public companies to issue comprehensive **quarterly** financial reports.

	Agree Strongly	Agree Somewhat	Neither	Disagree Somewhat	Disagree Strongly
Australia (52 responses)	15%	27%	17%	31%	10%
Mainland China (191 responses)	52%	37%	6%	4%	1%
Hong Kong (140 responses)	37%	34%	15%	11%	3%
Japan (83 responses)	22%	41%	18%	14%	5%
Korea (63 responses)	44%	46%	6%	3%	0%
Malaysia (48 responses)	65%	27%	8%	0%	0%
Singapore (106 responses)	25%	38%	20%	10%	7%
Total Region (683 responses)	39%	36%	12%	9%	3%

# "How Important Are Companies' Disclosure Practices and Financial Statement Quality to Your Investment Decisions?" In Descending Order of "Extremely Important" Rating



## "How Important Are Companies' Corporate Governance Practices to Your Investment Decisions?"

In Descending Order of "Extremely Important" rating

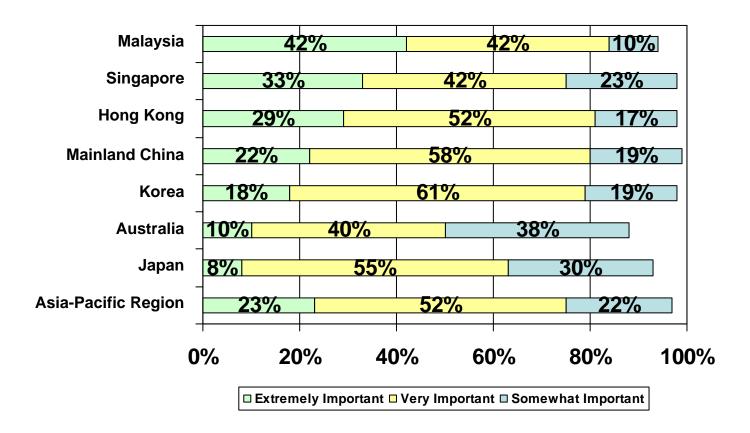
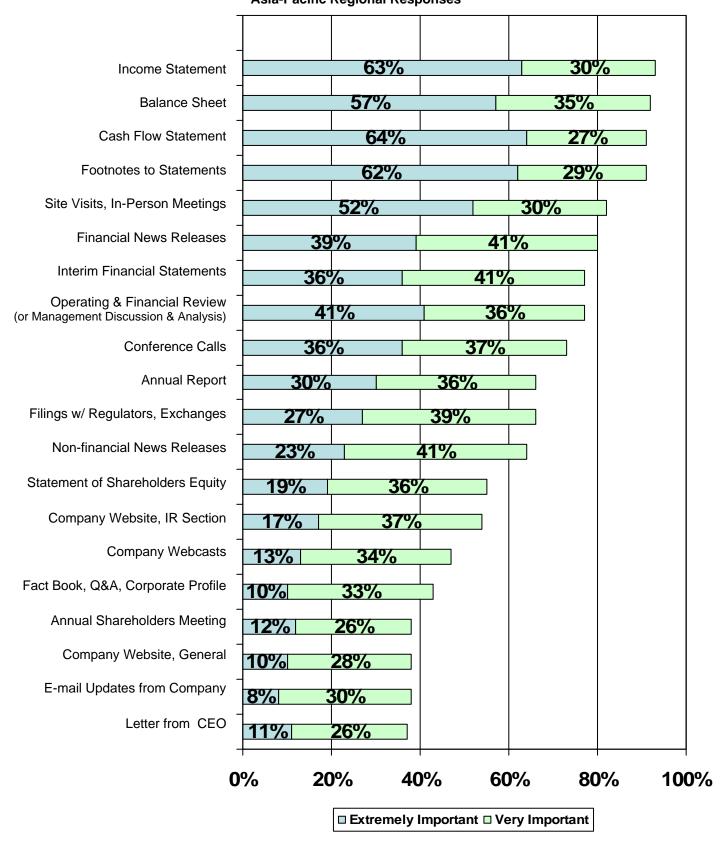
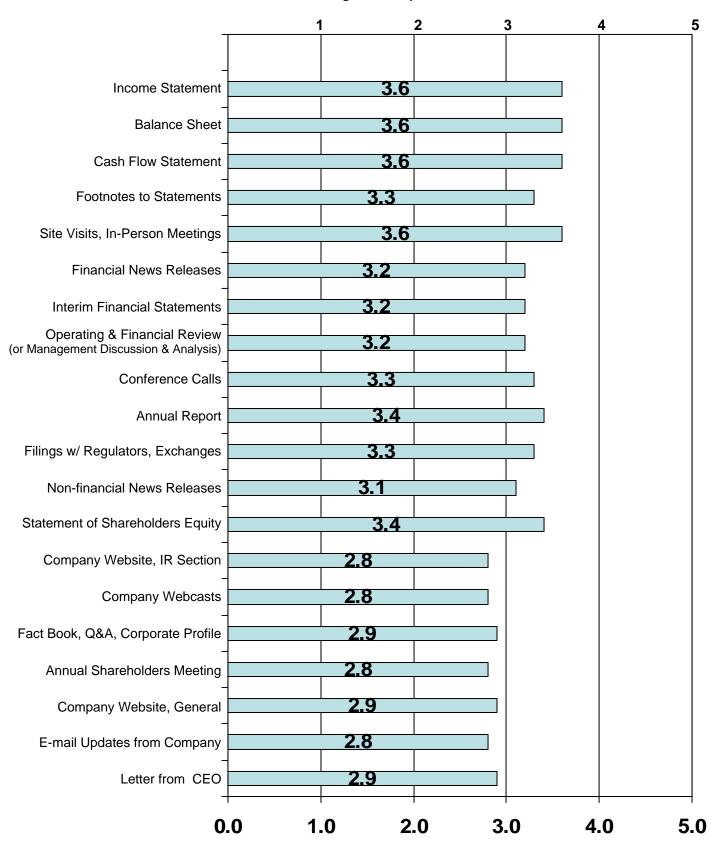


Chart 5
Importance Ranking of Corporate Information Sources
Asia-Pacific Regional Responses



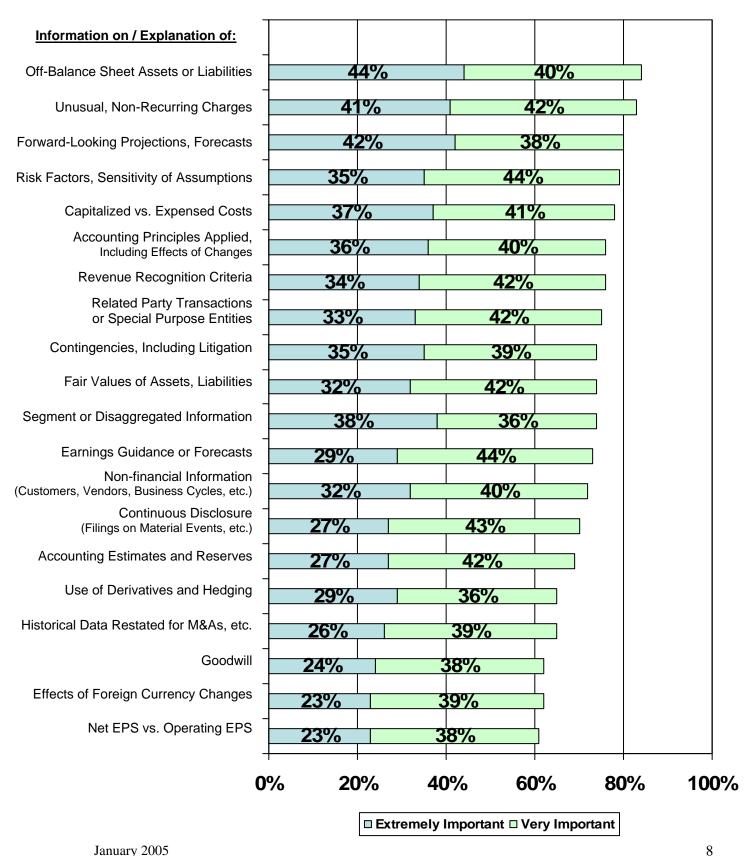
## **Quality Ranking of Corporate Information Sources**

**Asia-Pacific Regional Responses** 



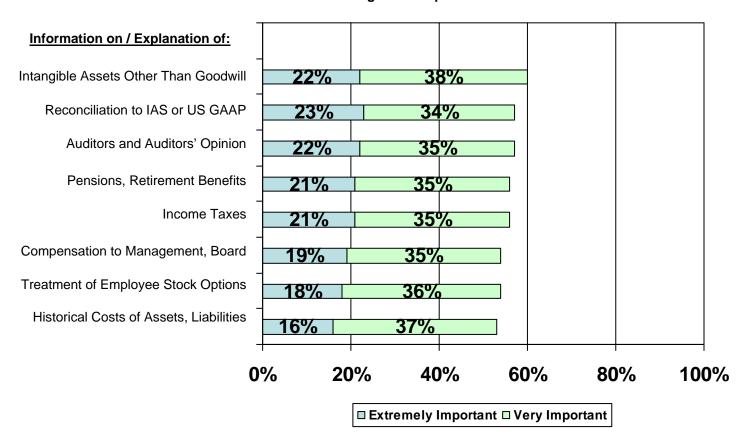
## **Importance Ranking of Certain Financial Information**

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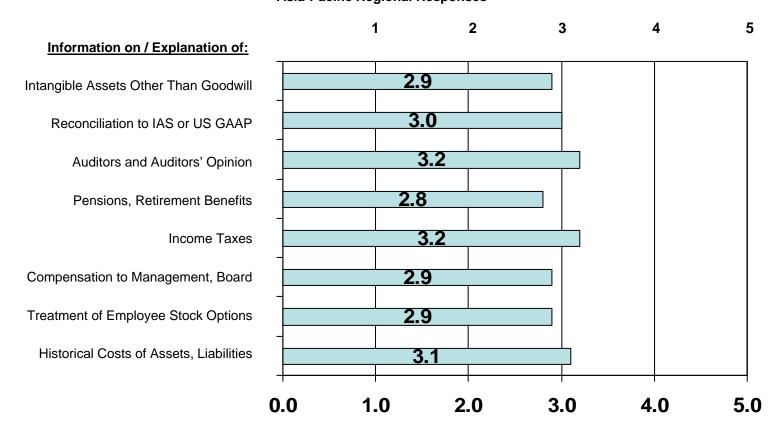


## **Quality Ranking of Certain Financial Information**

**Asia-Pacific Regional Responses** 



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## Table 3

Country respondents rated the importance of 20 sources of key financial information from listed companies and 28 specific types of information that may be found in the financial statements and related footnotes and disclosures. The following table lists out the top five sources rated by the respondents in each of the country being surveyed:

### Keys:

P/L - Income or Profit and Loss Statement

B/S - Balance Sheet or Statement of Financial Position

C/F - Cash Flow Statement

Footnotes - Footnote Disclosures to the Financial Statements

Non-recurring - Explanation of Extraordinary, Unusual, or Non-recurring Charges

Meetings - Site Visits, Analyst Meetings or other Face-to-face meetings with company

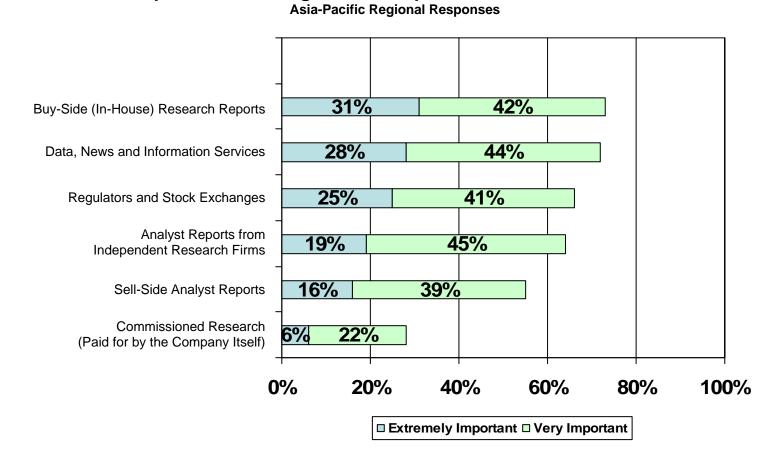
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Interim - Interim Financial Statements

News - News Releases about Earnings and Other Financial Information

	Australia	Mainland China	Hong Kong	Japan	Korea	Malaysia	Singapore
More Important	P/L (66%)	Footnotes (65%)	Footnotes (68%)	B/S (66%)	P/L (52%)	Footnotes (75%)	C/F (70%)
	C/F (65%)	P/L (62%)	C/F (64%)	P/L (62%)	C/F (51%)	P/L (71%)	P/L (64%)
	Footnotes (60%)	C/F (62%)	P/L (61%)	C/F (61%)	B/S (48%)	B/S (71%)	B/S (62%)
+	B/S (54%)	B/S (46%)	B/S (59%)	Meetings (55%)	Footnotes (41%)	C/F (65%)	Footnotes (59%)
Less Important	Non- recurring (54%)	Meetings (45%)	Non- recurring (46%)	Footnotes (49%)	Interim (35%)	Interim (61%)	News (48%)

<u>Chart 9</u> **Importance Ranking of Non-Corporate Information Sources** 



## Quality Ranking of Non-Corporate Information Source Asia-Pacific Regional Responses

