DESIGNING A GLOBAL ANTI-BRIBERY PROGRAM

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ONE COMPANY'S EXPERIENCES

Backdrop:

- Who we are
- U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
 - Publicly traded U.S. company
 - Act follows us everywhere
- Local regulations in each market
- Our markets include:
 - Japan, S. Korea, Vietnam, Europe, Philippines, India
 - Main focus is on Mainland China
 - Wide scope of activities
 - Unique challenges due to system there







POLICIES/PROCEDURES & EDUCATION

- Global Business Integrity Program
 - Over-arching rules
 - Prohibit bribery and illegal payments in any form
- Corporate Gifting Policy
 - All gifts must be pre-approved by Legal Dept.
 - All gifts must be recorded in our records upon approval
- Training and Education
 - Business Ethics Training Program everywhere
 - FCPA/Anti-Bribery stand-alone training in select markets
- 'Tone at the Top'
 - Corporate Leadership
 - Local Leadership
- Communication is Key!!







REAL-LIFE CHALLENGES

- What is a 'bribe' anyway?
 - Cash under the table rare
 - Product: Free or discounted, and how much?
 - Meetings and entertainment
 - Hiring a preferred consultant/facilitator
 - Sometimes where you least expect it...
- Role of a Government Relations Officer/Team
 - Relationships key
 - But how to maintain when bribes are not an option?
- Line between government and private entities
- Facilitation Payments exception: Real?







REAL-LIFE CHALLENGES

Biggest challenge of all:

- The culture of corruption
- Government as crime syndicate
- Officials paid based on fines/fees collected
- Competition may not be subject to FCPA-type rules at home

Finding where it's hiding

Coping with pressure from Management







REAL-LIFE CHALLENGES

Golden Rule:

You MUST be prepared to accept some business costs or competitive disadvantages to maintain a viable compliance program!!





