Insights into Depth and Breadth of Issues relating to the Globalization of Accounting Standards and Treatments of Tax Accounting

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In these years, the movement toward the convergence of accounting standards has been proceeding rapidly. On the other hand, the systems of taxation and of tax accounting are still at the discretion of each country, and thus we cannot see any action toward the unification of tax accounting.

The purpose of in this paper is to examine how to coordinate these two systems in Japan, where tax accounting and financial accounting have maintained close relationship with each other. To do so, I investigated the cases of European countries, especially of France, since those countries has already introduced IFRS as their standards of financial accounting but have maintained their own tax accounting system. The case study of France indicated that the French government dealt with the conflict between accounting system and tax system by introducing new tax accounting standards that are different from financial accounting standards, or establishing different treatments between consolidated statements and non-consolidated statements. Considering the surrounding environments, Japanese government will have to follow the similar way as the European countries, seeking insights into depth and breadth of issues relating to the globalization of accounting standards and treatments of tax accounting.