



Section 5 Postal Service

1. Postal service

As of the end of fiscal 2007, 24,540 post offices (down 0.1% from the previous fiscal year) offered mail-handling facilities. The breakdown of this figure shows that there are 20,243 directly-managed post offices and 4,297 summary post offices (**Figure 2-7**).

The total number of items of mail and others in FY 2007 is 24.52249 billion items of mail and parcels) [including 21.9129 billion ordinary items of mail, 2.527870 billion parcels (including small packages), and 72.72 million international items of mail]

Net income of the first half of 2007 was -125 billion yen and that of the second half was 69.4 billion yen.

2. Correspondence delivery business

Following the implementation of the Law Concerning Correspondence Delivery by Private-Sector Operators (Act No. 99 of 2002) in April 2003, although no entry has been made to the general correspondence delivery business, the number of new entrants to the special correspondence delivery business has seen a steady growth, with a total of 253 new entrants as of the end of FY2007 (**Graph 2-8**).

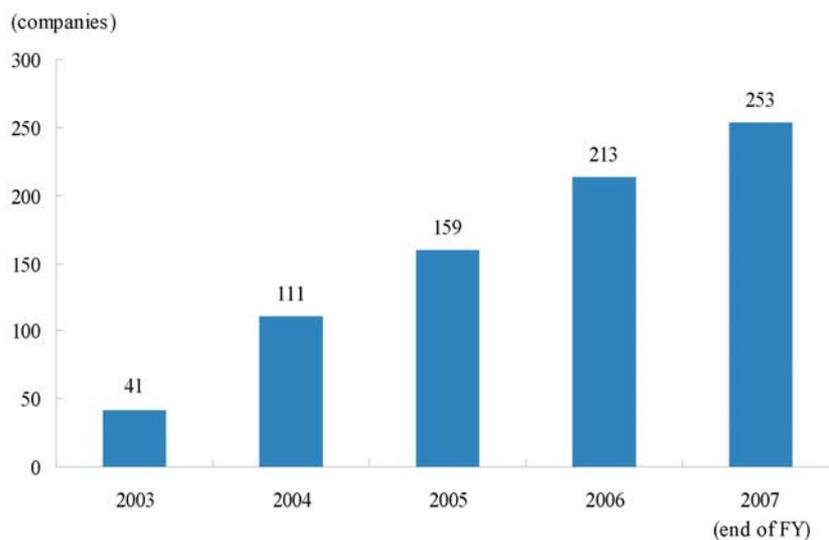
Sales of special correspondence delivery operators have been increasing steadily, marking 2.2 billion yen at the end of FY2006.

Fig. 2-7 Breakdown of the number of post offices (end of FY2007)

Post Office in Operation				Post Office Out of Operation				Total
Directly-managed Post Office		Summary Post Office	Subtotal	Directly-managed Post Office		Summary Post Office	Subtotal	
Post Office	Branch			Post Office	Branch			
20,202	32	3,859	24,093	9	0	438	447	24,540

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Fig. 2-8 Changes in the number of special correspondence delivery operators



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