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JAPAN SMALLER CAPITALIZATION FUND, INC.

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Date of reporting period: August 31, 2005

ITEM 1. REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

JAPAN SMALLER CAPITALIZATION FUND, INC.

October 25, 2005

To Our Shareholders:

We present the Semi-Annual Report of Japan Smaller Capitalization Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") for the six months ended August 31, 2005.

The Net Asset Value per share ("NAV") of the Fund increased by 6.4% during the six months. The closing market price of the Fund on August 31, 2005, on the New York Stock Exchange was \$13.50 representing a premium of 9.5% to the NAV of \$12.33. The net assets of the Fund amounted to \$195,334,803 on August 31, 2005.

The Fund's benchmark--the Russell/ Nomura Small Cap(TM) Index--increased by 3.8% in United States (U.S.) dollar terms*. The TOPIX, consisting of all companies listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (the "TSE"), increased by 1.6% and the Nikkei Average Index, a price-weighted index of the 225 leading stocks on the TSE, decreased by 0.5% in U.S. dollar terms for the six months ended August 31, 2005. The Japanese yen ("Yen") depreciated by 6.3% against the U.S. dollar during the period.

During the six months ended August 31, 2005, the Fund outperformed the Russell/Nomura Small Cap(TM) Index, by 2.6%. Stock attribution analysis shows that some holdings in the wholesale sector, such as Yamazen Corporation and

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Sumikin Bussan Corp. contributed to the relative performance. Stock holdings from other sectors, such as Mitsubishi Steel Manufacturing, Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd., and Cosmo Oil Company, Ltd. also had a positive influence on the relative performance.

*Effective August 31, 2004, the Russell/Nomura Small Cap(TM) Index, replaced the Nikkei JASDAQ Average Index as the Fund's benchmark because the manager believes the Russell/Nomura Small Cap(TM) Index is more representative of the securities in which the Fund invests and better represents the Fund's objectives. The Russell/Nomura Small Cap(TM) Index represents approximately 15% of the total market capitalization of the Russell/Nomura Total Market(TM) Index. It measures the performance of the smallest Japanese equity securities in the Russell/Nomura Total Market(TM) Index. Currently, there are approximately 1,300 securities in the Russell/Nomura Small Cap(TM) Index.

The Portfolio

Equity holdings represented 98.9% of the Funds net assets at August 31, 2005. The Fund was diversified into 120 issues, of which 81 were TSE First Section stocks, 13 were TSE Second Section stocks, 20 were JASDAQ stocks and six were other smaller capitalization stocks, comprising 67.9%,

9.5%, 17.0% and 4.5%, respectively, of net assets on August 31, 2005.

Market Review:

The Russell/Nomura Small Cap(TM) Index gained 10.2% in local currency terms for the six months ended August 31, 2005. The Russell/Nomura Small Cap(TM) Index outperformed the broad Japanese stock market TOPIX index, which appreciated by 8.0% in local currency terms during this time period.

The broad Japanese stock market posted a small gain in March. Strong U.S. February employment data and subsequent gains on Wall Street helped Japanese stocks to extend their rally into the early part of the month. Global financial markets later became nervous as the U.S. Federal Reserve hinted at a tightening bias in its monetary policy due to creeping inflationary pressure. This, together with profit taking pressure that intensified towards the financial year-end, sent Japanese stock prices lower.

Although most Japanese stocks extended their gains at the beginning of April, reflecting favorable machinery order results and lower oil prices, the market suffered a precipitous decline from the middle of the month onwards. Weak retail sales and housing investment data from the U.S. raised growth concerns, while continued monetary tightening exacerbated the U.S. stock market decline.

In May, Japanese small capitalization stocks lagged behind the large capitalization stock market. One reason was the increase in the number of shares outstanding caused by the trend towards stock-splits, which resulted in deteriorating demand-supply conditions. Across the broad Japanese stock market, this moderate return was supported by gains in the U.S. stock markets and helped by the U.S. dollar's recovery against the Japanese Yen.

Japanese stocks gradually extended their gains during June, assisted by a sense of relief among investors following the announcement of earnings results and renewed optimism towards the business outlook. Small

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capitalization stocks outperformed the large capitalization stock market in June even though individual investors, who had earlier driven demand for these stocks, became net sellers. However, the decline in U.S. Treasury bond and Japanese government bond yields possibly indicates increased global market liquidity and a possible increase in the risk taking capacity of individual investors.

The broad Japanese stock market climbed steadily throughout July as the TOPIX index recorded a new high for the year. Rising U.S. stock markets, followed by positive corporate earnings results and favorable macroeconomic announcements, also garnered support for Japanese stocks. The small capitalization stock market outperformed large capitalization stocks this month, partly due to interest from foreign investors who were also encouraged by gains in the U.S. stock markets. Domestic investment trusts also became net buyers this month, while individual investors became net sellers. The broad stock market environment was positive throughout July owing to increased global market liquidity and a possible increase in the risk taking capacity of individual investors.

In August, the Japanese stock market made strong and steady progress, while the TOPIX index reached its highest level since August 2001. A continuing succession of favorable domestic macroeconomics results helped to reinforce investor confidence in the economic recovery. The decision to call a general election had little impact on the market due to expectations of policy continuity, while the ongoing surge in oil prices was also neutral for equities because of Japan's relatively low oil dependency compared with the size of the local economy. Small capitalization stocks underperformed large capitalization stocks this month, partly because major banks, as the proxy for a domestic-demand driven recovery, achieved the best returns.

Outlook and Strategy

Encouraged by signs of improving economic fundamentals over recent months, the Fund has upgraded GDP forecasts for the Japanese economy to 2% and 1.7% for fiscal years 2005 and 2006. Previous forecasts were 1.7% and 1.6%, respectively. The substantial boost to the current fiscal year outlook owes much to indications that the Japanese domestic economy was on a reasonably solid footing while the recent slowdown in exports had turned out to be short-lived, as illustrated by the positive tone of the recent OECD leading indicators.

Given this broad economic improvement, the Fund can expect some eventual changes to monetary policy, perhaps by the middle of next year. Although deflation is still present in the latest CPI data, the trend is now firmly moving in the direction of price stability, with a possible return to positive CPI growth over the next few months. Observing this development, the BOJ is likely to modify its quantitative easing policy with a move to higher overnight interest rates, while long-term bond yields could also climb to a higher range of 1.5% to 2.0% amid an improving economic climate.

Meanwhile, fiscal policy will depend on the outcome of the forthcoming lower house general election. Support ratings for Prime Minister Koizumi's LDP coalition have been high recently, and this implies further policy continuity, which should at least be neutral for equities. However, if the election results in a hung parliament or a victory for the opposition Democratic Party of Japan, there should be some significant interim volatility due either to policy paralysis or the prospect of a more fiscally conservative policy.

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It is hard to ignore the consequences of record oil prices, but Japan is far less vulnerable than many other markets. In terms of the direct impact, Japan has a low oil dependency relative to the size of its economy despite its need to import most of its fossil fuel requirements. Retail petroleum prices have also increased by a relatively small percentage due to the high tax component, while U.S. gasoline prices have doubled. It is therefore the indirect impact on overseas demand that is likely to prove the main challenge in relation to high oil prices.

Meanwhile, corporate fundamentals continue to improve. Corporate earnings for the quarter ended June 30, 2005 were stronger than expected, although companies have maintained their full year forecasts. How-

ever, despite the somewhat conservative mood, the projections are likely to be upgraded eventually. Leading sectors, such as basic materials, machinery, and automobiles are likely to remain dominant for the time being. Meanwhile, companies within the electronics sector will continue to struggle amid an intensely competitive environment despite the prospect of a cyclical upturn in demand.

We appreciate your continuing support of your Fund.

Sincerely,

Hiroshi Terasaki
President

AVAILABILITY OF QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund's Forms N-Q are available on the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. The Fund's Forms N-Q may also be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

PROXY VOTING

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling toll-free 1-800-833-0018; and (2) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Information about how the Fund voted proxies relating to securities held in the Fund's portfolio during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling toll-free 1-800-833-0018; and (2) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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SHAREHOLDERS ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Shareholders whose accounts are held in their own name may contact the Fund's transfer agent, Equiserve Trust Company, N.A. at (800) 426-5523 for information concerning their accounts.

INTERNET WEBSITE

Nomura Asset Management U.S.A. Inc. has established an Internet website which highlights its history, investment philosophy and process and products, which includes the Fund. The Internet web address is www.nomura.com. We invite you to view the Internet website.

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FUND HIGHLIGHTS--AUGUST 31, 2005

KEY STATISTICS

Net Assets	\$195,334,803
Net Asset Value per Share	\$12.33
Closing NYSE Market Price	\$13.50
Percentage Change in Net Asset Value per Share*+	6.4%
Percentage Change in NYSEMarket Price**	10.7%

MARKET INDICES

Percentage change in market indices:*

	YEN	U.S.\$
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Russell/Nomura Small Cap(TM) Index	12.4%	3.8%
TOPIX	8.0%	1.6%
Nikkei Average	5.7%	(0.5%)

*From March 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005.

+Reflects the percentage change in share price.

ASSET ALLOCATION

Japanese Equities	
TSE First Section Stocks	67.9%
JASDAQ Stocks	17.0%
TSE Second Section Stocks	9.5%
Other Smaller Capitalization Stocks	4.5%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.9%

Total Investments	99.8%
Other Assets less Liabilities, Net	0.2%

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Net Assets 100.0%
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INDUSTRY DIVERSIFICATION

% of
 Net Assets

Miscellaneous Manufacturing	11.7	Banks and Finance
Machinery and Machine Tools	10.8	Information and Software
Wholesale	9.3	Iron and Steel
Electronics	9.1	Oil and Gas
Retail	8.3	Telecommunications
Services	7.5	Textiles and Apparel
Automotive Equipment and Parts	7.3	Electric
Food Manufacturing	5.5	Restaurants
Real Estate and Warehouse	5.3	Transportation
Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals	4.7	

TEN LARGEST EQUITY HOLDINGS BY MARKET VALUE

Security -----	Market Value -----
Meiko Electronics Co., Inc.	\$4,280,
Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.	4,015,
Dowa Mining Co., Ltd.	4,010,
Sumikin Bussan Corp.	3,428,
Musashi Seimitsu Industry Co., Ltd.	3,403,
Mani, Inc.	3,325,
Yuasa Trading Co., Ltd.	3,299,
Nittan Valve Co., Ltd.	3,127,
Sanyo Shinpan Finance Co., Ltd.	3,099,
Ryohin Keikaku Co., Inc.	3,049,

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS--Continued

AUGUST 31, 2005

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Shares Cost

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EQUITY SECURITIES	-----	----	
Automotive Equipment and Parts			
F.C.C. Co., Ltd.	47,000	\$ 1,809,003	\$ 1
Clutches and facings			
Musashi Seimitsu Industry Co., Ltd.	137,700	1,559,126	3
Ball joints, camshafts and gears			
Nippon Piston Ring Co., Ltd.	326,000	626,479	
Internal combustion engine parts			
Nissin Kogyo Co., Ltd.	29,200	644,363	1
Brake systems			
Nittan Valve Co., Ltd.	381,000	2,524,774	3
Engine valves			
Sanoh Industrial Co., Ltd.	254,400	1,784,177	1
Tubes, wires and electrical products			
Unipres Corporation	219,300	1,840,380	2
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Press processed automobile parts			
Total Automotive Equipment and Parts		10,788,302	14
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Banks and Finance			
The Bank of Fukuoka, Ltd.	303,000	1,632,072	1
Deposits, loans and exchange transactions			
IBJLeasing Company, Limited	85,500	1,457,738	1
Leases general machinery, aircrafts and computer			
Kansai Urban Banking Corporation	685,000	1,220,065	1
General banking services			
Sanyo Shinpan Finance Co., Ltd.	44,000	2,433,536	3
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Consumer financing			
Total Banks and Finance		6,743,411	8
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Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals			
Arisawa Manufacturing Co., Ltd..	90	3,402	
Glassfibers and insulating resins			
Asahi Denka Co., Ltd..	178,000	1,875,962	1
Resin, insulators and processed fat/oil products			
C. Uyemura & Co., Ltd..	19,000	265,973	
Chemicals			
Hisamistu Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd..	107,500	1,958,519	2
Pharmaceutical products			
Kanto Denka Kogyo Co., Ltd..	46,000	157,108	
High-pressured gases			
Koatsu Gas KogyoCo., Ltd..	192,000	966,841	
Natural gas supplier			

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	Shares -----	Cost -----
Shizuokagas Co., Ltd.	418,000	\$ 1,242,332
Natural gas supplier		
Total Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals		6,470,137
Electric		
Mirai Industry Co., Ltd.	246,500	2,331,742
Plastic molded electric materials		
Total Electric		2,331,742
Electronics		
Alpine Electronics Inc.	70,000	984,550
Automobile audio and video products		
Chiyoda Integre Co., Ltd.	38,620	761,792
Electronic components		
Cosel Co., Ltd.	60,900	1,570,427
Electrical machinery		
Dainippon Screen Mfg. Co., Ltd.	349,000	1,659,738
Electronic components		
Elpida Memory, Inc.+	35,000	1,069,787
Electronic components		
Fukuda Denshi Co.	16,300	385,199
Medical electronic equipment		
Iriso Electronics Co., Ltd.	46,520	1,036,411
Electronic connectors		
Kuroda Electric Co., Ltd.	80,400	688,481
Materials and components		
Meiko Electronics Co., Ltd.	116,300	3,178,148
Printed circuit boards		
Nitto Kogyo Corporation	62,000	783,899
Power switchboards		
Shinko Electric Industries Co., Ltd.	42,800	1,120,124
Semiconductor packages		
Total Electronics		13,238,556
Food Manufacturing		
Arcs Co., Ltd.	28	145
Supermarket chain		
Ariake Japan Co., Ltd.	50,083	1,021,687
Natural seasonings		
J-Oil Mills, Inc.	63,000	273,259
Cooking oil		
Nippon Flour Mills Co., Ltd.	166,000	744,002
Flour and grain		

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	Shares -----	Cost -----
Ozeki Co., Ltd.	90,800	\$ 2,831,843
Supermarket chain		
Plenus Co., Ltd.	80,960	2,274,633
Japanese lunch-boxes		
Sansei Foods Co., Ltd.	76,800	1,631,040
Candy products		
Showa Sangyo Co., Ltd.	101,000	283,512
Flour		
Warabeya Nichiyo Co., Ltd.	67,700	1,380,917

Japanese lunch-boxes		
Total Food Manufacturing		10,441,038

Information and Software		
Argo Graphics Inc.	55,000	717,576
Computer aided design software		
Jastec Co., Ltd.	21,100	386,315
Application software		
Kyowa Expo Corporation	222,000	1,879,239
Designs, constructs, maintains communication and electrical facilities		
Sorun Corporation	253,500	1,655,994
Computer software development		
Sumisho Computer Systems Corporation	14	319
Computer software development		
Tecmo, Ltd.	119,100	1,280,616

Computer game software		
Total Information and Software		5,920,059

Iron and Steel		
Nakayama Steel Works Ltd.	180,000	752,611
Wire rods, steel bars, and C-shaped steel products		
Neturen Co., Ltd.	47,000	359,948
Metal processors		
Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd.	369,000	1,002,042
Specialty steel products		
Yodagawa Steel Works, Ltd.	329,000	1,868,368

Surface-treated steel sheets and plates		
Total Iron and Steel		3,982,969

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Machinery and Machine Tools		
Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.	262,600	3,327,283
Construction machinery		

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	Shares -----	Cost ----
Makino Milling Machine Co., Ltd.	375,000	\$ 2,198,738
Industrial machinery		
Nachi-Fujikoshi Corp.	750,000	2,163,291
Machine tools		
NS Tool Co., Ltd..	3,700	189,778
Industrial cutting tools		
NSK Ltd..	370,000	1,905,953
Metal processors		
Shibaura Mechatronics Corporation	165,000	1,471,583
Semiconductor machinery		
Shimadzu Corporation	265,000	1,435,772
Precision tools and equipment		
Sintokogio, Ltd.	226,000	1,826,584
Engineering equipment		
Tsubaki Nakashima Co., Ltd.	141,500	1,755,612
Bearing balls, blowers and precision ball screws		
Yamazaki Corporation	444,000	1,363,157

Machinery and tools		
Total Machinery and Machine Tools		17,637,751

Miscellaneous Manufacturing		
Bunka Shutter Co., Ltd.	169,000	920,496
Light and heavy weight shutters		
Daikoku Denki Co., Ltd.	43,000	1,179,552
Leisure and recreational products		
Dainichi Co., Ltd.	27,000	203,564
Oil heating equipment		
Dowa Mining Co., Ltd.	562,000	3,555,607
Various metal-related products		
Hamamatsu Photonics K.K.	45,000	945,971
Electron tubes, semiconductors, and image processors		
JSP Corporation	67,200	718,162

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Polystyrene products		
Kansai Paint Co., Ltd.	212,000	1,299,777
Wide range of paints		
Kitagawa Industries Co., Ltd.	17,700	255,371
Metal products and fasteners		
Mani, Inc.	66,300	1,160,436
Medical goods and equipment		
Nichias Corporation	420,000	1,887,724
Building and construction materials		

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	Shares	Cost
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Nichiha Corporation	64,600	\$ 790,477
Ceramic exterior walls and fiber boards		
Nippon Kodoshi Corp.	188,000	2,839,396
Paper for electric insulation		
SK Kaken Co., Ltd.	49,500	1,188,490
Paints		
Topcon Corporation	60,000	981,275
Medical instruments		
Ushio Inc.	118,000	2,095,910

Lamps and optical equipment		
Total Miscellaneous Manufacturing		20,022,208

Oil and Gas		
Cosmo Oil Company, Ltd..	435,000	1,375,075
Domestic crude oil refiner		
Teikoku Oil Co., Ltd.	252,000	1,890,462

Oil and natural gas		
Total Oil and Gas		3,265,537

Real Estate and Warehouse		
Daibiru Corporation	315,000	2,263,529
Leases office buildings, apartments and hotels		
Leopalace21 Corporation	118,500	1,843,194
Property manager		
Recrm Research Co., Ltd.	1,529	2,099,657
Building management		

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Ryowa Life Create Co., Ltd.	122,500	949,246
Real estate management		
Sanko Soflan Company Inc.	138,000	931,642
Designs and constructs housing		
Tosei Corporation	1,937	1,440,964

Residential properties and leases office facilities		
Total Real Estate and Warehouse		9,528,232

Restaurants		
Saint Marc Co., Ltd.	48,300	1,630,894

Restaurants and bakery shop chain		
Total Restaurants		1,630,894

Retail		
Arc Land Sakamoto Co., Ltd.	36,000	551,975
Operates home centers		

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS--Continued

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	Shares	Cost
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Joshin Denki Co., Ltd.	410,000	\$ 1,682,696
Household appliances and computers		
Komeri Co., Ltd.	34,800	931,446
Building products		
Meganesuper Co., Ltd.	193,760	2,749,736
Eye glasses chain		
Ricoh Elemex Corporation	4,000	28,250
Precision equipment		
Ryohin Keikaku Co., Ltd.	52,500	2,679,180
Knitwears, food and household items		
Seijo Corporation	84,500	1,359,040
Chain drug store		
Shimachu Co., Ltd.	59,000	1,464,575
Furniture and home goods		
Village Vanguard Co., Ltd.+	229	1,751,520

Books, cd's, videos and office supplies		
Total Retail		13,198,418

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Services		
Alps Logistics Co., Ltd.	93,300	715,946
Transportation		
Daiwa Logistics Co., Ltd.	31,000	234,815
Transports housing materials and building steel frames		
Funai Consulting Co., Ltd.	61,500	748,463
Management and financial consulting		
Hitachi Transport System, Ltd.	106,000	807,735
Freight truck and marine transportation		
Maeda Road Construction Co., Ltd.	105,000	749,474
Constructs highways, runways, and harbor facilities		
Obayashi Corporation	322,000	1,622,900
General contractor		
Space Co., Ltd.	58,100	736,768
Interior design and display work		
Sumikin Bussan Corp.	860,000	2,202,289
General trading firm		
Tohokushinsha Film Corporation	79,800	1,254,729
Produces tv programs, movies and commercial films		
Vic Tokai Corporation	40,600	336,098
Information and telecommunication		
Yusen Air & Sea Service Co., Ltd.	46,500	1,612,589
Domestic and international air freight forwarding		
Total Services		11,021,806

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	Shares	Cost
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Telecommunications		
Daimei Telecom Engineering Corp.	226,000	\$ 1,890,566
Telecommunication wire installations		
Jupiter Telecommunications Co., Ltd.+	1,498	1,195,631
Cable television broadcasting		
Total Telecommunications		3,086,197

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Textiles and Apparel		
Seiren Co., Ltd.	80,000	740,560
Dyeing processor of filament fibers		
Workman Co., Ltd.	71,900	1,333,163

Uniforms		
Total Textiles and Apparel		2,073,723

Transportation		
Keisei Electric Railway Co., Ltd.	332,000	1,614,165

Passenger rail and business transportation		
Total Transportation		1,164,165

Wholesale		
Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation	133,100	2,064,939
Computers and electrical devices		
Kondotec, Inc.	205,500	1,400,365
Construction materials		
Meiko Shokai Co., Ltd.	37,300	580,251
Office equipment		
Rentrak Japan Co., Ltd.	271,000	2,377,521
Videocassettes and DVDs		
Ryoden Trading Co., Ltd.	125,000	873,137
Electronic components		
Ryosan Co., Ltd.	76,700	1,882,691
Electronic parts		
Shinko Shoji Co., Ltd.	128,000	1,105,366
Electronic parts		
Takachiho Electric Co., Ltd.	84,800	1,028,372
Electronic parts, optical materials and equipment		
Takihyo Co., Ltd.	263,000	1,531,834
Apparel, accessories and interior products		
Tomen Electronics Corporation	38,900	995,046
Semiconductors and electronic equipment		
Toshin Denki Co., Ltd.	24,400	318,608
Lighting equipment and electrical engineering materials		

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Yuasa Trading Co., Ltd.+.....	1,709,000	\$ 2,922,481	\$ 3,
Industrial machinery			
Total Wholesale.....		17,080,611	18,
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN EQUITY SECURITIES.....		160,075,756	193,
INVESTMENTS IN FOREIGN CURRENCY	Principal		
	Amount		
Hong Kong Shanghai Bank-Tokyo			
Non-interest bearing account.....	JPY188,634,935	1,705,717	1,7
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN FOREIGN CURRENCY.....		1,705,717	1,7
TOTAL INVESTMENTS.....		\$161,781,473	194,8
OTHER ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES, NET.....			4
NET ASSETS.....			\$195,3

+ Non-income producing security.

Portfolio securities and foreign currency holdings were translated at the following exchange rate as of August 31, 2005.

Japanese Yen JPY (Y) 110.86 = \$1.00

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JAPAN SMALLER CAPITALIZATION FUND, INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AUGUST 31, 2005

(Unaudited)

ASSETS:

Investments in securities, at market value (cost--\$160,075,756).....	
Investments in foreign currency, at market value (cost--\$1,705,717).....	
Receivable for investments sold.....	
Receivable for dividends and interest, net of withholding taxes.....	
Prepaid expenses.....	
Cash or cash equivalents.....	
Total Assets.....	

LIABILITIES:

Payable for investments purchased.....	
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Accrued management fee.....	
Other accrued expenses.....	
Total Liabilities.....	
NET ASSETS:	
Capital stock (par value of 15,846,384 shares of capital stock outstanding, authorized 100,000,000, par value \$0.10 each).....	
Paid-in capital.....	
Accumulated net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions.....	
Unrealized net appreciation on investments and foreign exchange.....	
Accumulated net investment loss.....	
Net Assets.....	
Net asset value per share.....	

See notes to financial statements

JAPAN SMALLER CAPITALIZATION FUND, INC.
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2005
(Unaudited)

INCOME:	
Dividend income (less \$93,284 withholding taxes).....	
Interest income.....	
Total Income	
EXPENSES:	
Management fee.....	
Custodian fees.....	
Legal fees.....	
Directors' fees and expenses.....	
Auditing and tax reporting fees.....	
Shareholder reports fees.....	
Annual meeting expenses.....	
Registration fees.....	
Transfer agency fees.....	
Insurance fees.....	
Miscellaneous fees.....	
Total Expenses.....	
INVESTMENT LOSS--NET.....	

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REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY:	
Realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions:	
Net realized gain on investments.....
Net realized loss on foreign exchange.....
Net realized gain on investments and foreign exchange.....	
Change in net unrealized appreciation on translation of foreign currency and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency.....	
Change in net unrealized appreciation on investments.....	
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments and foreign exchange.....	
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS.....	

See notes to financial statements

JAPAN SMALLER CAPITALIZATION FUND, INC.
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	For Month August (Un ---
FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES:	
Net investment loss.....	\$
Net realized gain on investments.....	1
Net realized gain (loss) on foreign exchange.....	
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and foreign exchange.....	---
Increase in net assets derived from investment activities and net increase in net assets.....	1 ---
NET ASSETS:	
Beginning of period.....	183 ---
End of period.....	\$195 ====

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2005 (Unaudited)

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Japan Smaller Capitalization Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund was incorporated in Maryland on January 25, 1990 and investment operations commenced on March 21, 1990. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund. In the opinion of management, all material adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included.

(a) Valuation of Securities--Investments traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at the last reported sales price as of the close of business on the day the securities are being valued or, if none is available, at the mean of the bid and offer price at the close of business on such day or, if none is available, the last reported sales price. Portfolio securities which are traded on stock exchanges are valued at the last sales price on the principal market on which securities are traded or lacking any sales, at the last available bid price. Short-term debt securities which mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost if their original maturity at the date of purchase was 60 days or less, or by amortizing their value on the 61st day prior to maturity if their term to maturity at the date of purchase exceeded 60 days. Securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Fund.

(b) Foreign Currency Transactions Transactions denominated in Japanese yen ("Yen") are recorded in the Fund's records at the current prevailing rate at the time of the transaction. Asset and liability accounts that are denominated in Yen are adjusted to reflect the current exchange rate at the end of the year. Transaction gains or losses resulting from changes in the exchange rate during the reporting period or upon settlement of foreign currency transactions are included in operations for the current period.

The net assets of the Fund are presented at the exchange rate and market values at the end of the period. The Fund does not isolate that portion of the change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) included in the statement of operations arising as a result of changes in Yen rates at August 31, 2005 on investments and other assets and liabilities. Net realized foreign exchange gains or losses includes gains or losses arising from sales of portfolio securities, sales and maturities of short-term securities, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest, and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books, and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid.

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(Unaudited)

(c) Security Transactions, Investment Income and Distributions to Shareholders -- Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Dividend income and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Realized gains and losses on

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the sale of investments are calculated on the identified cost basis.

Distributions from net investment income and net realized gains are determined in accordance with Federal income tax regulations, which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles. To the extent these "book/tax" differences are permanent in nature (i.e., that they result from other than timing of recognition--"temporary"), such accounts are reclassified within the capital accounts based on their Federal tax-basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Dividends and distributions which exceed net realized gains for financial reporting purposes, but not for tax purposes, are reported as distributions in excess of net realized gains.

(d) Income Taxes -- A provision for United States income taxes has not been made since it is the intention of the Fund to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code and to distribute within the allowable time limit all taxable income to its shareholders.

Under Japanese tax laws, a withholding tax is imposed on dividends at a rate of 7% (7% effective 1/1/04 to 3/31/08) and on interest at a rate of 10% and such withholding taxes are reflected as a reduction of the related revenue. There is no withholding tax on realized gains.

(e) Capital Account Reclassification -- For the year ended February 28, 2005, the Fund's accumulated net realized loss was increased by \$110,168 and paid in capital was decreased by \$865,839, with an offsetting decrease in accumulated net investment loss of \$976,007. This adjustment was primarily the result of the reclassification of foreign currency gains and the net operating loss.

(f) Use of Estimates in Financial Statement Preparation -- The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

(g) Concentration of Risk -- A significant portion of the Fund's net assets consists of Japanese securities which involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with investments in the United States. In addition to the smaller size, and greater volatility, there is often substantially less publicly available information about Japanese issuers than there is about U.S. issuers. Future economic and political developments in

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Japan could adversely affect the value of securities in which the Fund is invested. Further, the Fund may be exposed to currency devaluation and other exchange rate fluctuations.

(h) Indemnifications--Under the Fund's organizational documents its officers and directors are indemnified against certain liabilities arising from the performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations which provide general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these agreements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

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2. Management Agreement and Transactions With Affiliated Persons

Nomura Asset Management U.S.A. Inc. (the "Manager") acts as the manager of the Fund pursuant to a management agreement. Under the agreement, the Manager provides all office space, facilities and personnel necessary to perform its duties. Pursuant to such management agreement, the Manager has retained its parent company, Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. (the "Investment Adviser"), to act as investment adviser for the Fund.

As compensation for its services to the Fund, the Manager receives a monthly fee at the annual rate of 1.10% of the value of the Fund's average weekly net assets not in excess of \$50 million, 1.00% of the Fund's average weekly net assets in excess of \$50 million but not exceeding \$100 million, .90% of the Fund's average weekly net assets in excess of \$100 million but not exceeding \$175 million, and .80% of the Fund's average weekly net assets in excess of \$175 million. For services performed under the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Investment Adviser receives a monthly fee from the Manager at the annual rate of .50% of the Fund's average weekly net assets not in excess of \$50 million, .45% of the Fund's average weekly net assets in excess of \$50 million but not in excess of \$100 million, .40% of the Fund's average weekly net assets in excess of \$100 million but not exceeding \$175 million, and .35% of the Fund's average weekly net assets in excess of \$175 million. Under the Management Agreement, the Fund accrued fees to the Manager of \$906,662 for the six months ended August 31, 2005. Under the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Manager informed the Fund that the Investment Adviser earned fees of \$405,613 for the six months ended August 31, 2005. At August 31, 2005, the fee payable to the Manager, by the Fund, was \$156,545.

Certain officers and/or directors of the Fund are officers and/or directors of the

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(Unaudited)

Manager. Affiliates of Nomura Holdings, Inc. (the Manager's indirect parent) earned no commissions on the execution of portfolio security transactions for the six months ended August 31, 2005. The Fund pays each Director not affiliated with the Manager an annual fee of \$10,000 plus \$1,000 per meeting attended, together with such Director's actual expenses related to attendance at meetings. Such fees and expenses for unaffiliated Directors aggregated \$51,320 for the six months ended August 31, 2005.

3. Purchases and Sales of Investments

Purchases and sales of investments, exclusive of investments in foreign currencies and short-term securities, for the six months ended August 31, 2005 were \$75,559,993 and \$72,882,038, respectively.

As of February 28, 2005, net unrealized appreciation on investments, exclusive of investments in foreign currency and short-term securities, for Federal income tax purposes was \$33,266,874 of which \$36,860,830 related to appreciated securities and \$3,593,956 related to depreciated securities. The aggregate cost of investments, exclusive of investments in foreign currencies of \$1,705,717, at August 31, 2005 for Federal income tax purposes was

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\$160,075,756. The Fund has a capital loss carryforward as of February 28, 2005 of approximately \$17,359,231, of which \$1,448,965 expires February 28, 2010, \$6,143,866 which expires February 28, 2011 and \$9,766,401 which expires February 29, 2012. During the year ended February 28, 2005, the Fund utilized \$21,234,835 of capital loss carryforwards to offset current year gains.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Selected per share data and ratios for a share of common stock outstanding throughout the year.

	For the Six Months Ended August 31, 2005 (Unaudited)	----- February 28, 2005 -----	For the February 29, 2004 -----
Net asset value, beginning of period.....	\$11.59	\$9.40	\$5.74
Net investment loss *.....	(0.01)	(0.06)	(0.03)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency.....	0.75	2.25	3.69
Total from investment operations.....	0.74	2.19	3.66
Distributions to shareholders from:			
Net realized capital gains.....	--	--	--
Net investment income.....	--	--	--
Total distributions.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net asset value, end of period.....	\$12.33	\$11.59	\$9.40
Market value, end of period.....	\$13.50	\$12.20	\$10.79
Total investment return+.....	10.7%	13.1%	69.1%
Ratio to average net assets/supplemental data:			
Net assets, end of period (in 000).....	\$195,335	\$183,717	\$149,012
Operating expenses.....	1.48%	1.54%	1.47%
Net investment loss.....	(0.16%)	(0.57%)	(0.41%)
Portfolio turnover.....	41%	86%	28%

+ Based on market value per share, adjusted for reinvestment of income dividends and long term capital gain distributions, and capital share transactions. Total return does not reflect sales commissions.

* Based on average shares outstanding.

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Board Review of the Management and Investment Advisory Agreements

The Board of Directors of the Fund (the "Board") consists of six directors, five of whom are independent or non-interested, directors (the "Independent Directors"). The Board considers matters relating to the Fund's management and investment advisory agreements throughout the year. On an annual basis, the Board specifically considers whether to approve the continuance of these agreements for an additional one-year period. The

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specific agreements (the "Agreements") consist of the Fund's management agreement with Nomura Asset Management U.S.A. Inc. (the "Manager") and the investment advisory agreement between the Manager and its parent, Nomura Asset Management Co., Ltd. (the "Investment Adviser").

The Board, including the Independent Directors, most recently approved the continuance of the Agreements at a meeting held on August 10, 2005. In connection with their deliberations at that meeting, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 13, 2005 and at a separate meeting of the Independent Directors held on July 26, 2005, the Independent Directors received materials that included, among other items, information provided by the Manager regarding (i) the investment performance of the Fund, performance of other investment companies and performance of the Fund's benchmark, (ii) expenses of the Fund and the management fee paid by the Fund to the Manager and the advisory fee paid by the Manager to the Investment Adviser and (iii) the profitability of the Agreements to the Manager and the Investment Adviser. The Independent Directors sought and received additional information from the Chief Investment Officer of the Investment Adviser, The Independent Directors were advised by independent counsel in considering these materials and the continuance of the Agreements.

In approving the continuance of the Agreements at the meeting held on August 10, 2005, the Board, including the Independent Directors, did not identify any single factor as determinative. Matters considered by the Directors in connection with their approval of the Agreements included the following:

The nature, extent and quality of the services provided to the Fund under the Agreements. The Board considered the nature, extent and quality of the services provided to the Fund by the Manager and the Investment Adviser and the resources dedicated by the Manager and the Investment Adviser. These services included both investment advisory services and related services such as the compliance oversight provided by the Manager. Based on its review of all of these services, the Board, including the Independent Directors, concluded that the nature extent and quality of these services supported the continuance of the Agreements.

Investment performance. The Board considered performance information provided by the Manager regarding the Fund's investment performance over a number of time periods, including the one-year, three-year and five-year periods recently ended. The Manager also provided the Directors with comparative performance information that they requested.

THE BOARD RECEIVED A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE POSSIBLE INDICES FOR EVALUATING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND, INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND COMPARED TO THE FUND'S

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BOARD REVIEW OF THE MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENTS--CONTINUED

BENCHMARK INDEX, DATA ON THE FUND'S EXPENSE RATIO AND COMPONENTS THEREOF, AND COMPARATIVE FEE, EXPENSE RATIO AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION FOR OTHER FUNDS INVESTING PRIMARILY IN JAPANESE STOCKS.

After considering all factors deemed appropriate, the Board, including the Independent Directors, concluded that the Fund's performance supported the continuance of the Agreement.

The costs of the services to be provided and the profits to be realized by

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the Manager and its affiliates from their advisory relationships with the Funds. The Board considered the fee payable under the Fund's management agreement in connection with other information provided for the Directors' consideration. The Manager and its affiliates also act as advisers to one additional investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Board of Directors of the Fund compared the advisory arrangements and fees for these two companies. The Board of Directors of the Fund recognized that the nature of the services provided by the Manager and the Investment Adviser to other investment vehicles and separate accounts differed from the range of services provided to the two registered investment companies.

The Manager also provided the Board with information prepared by the Manager and the Investment Adviser indicating the profitability of the Agreements to these respective advisors. The Independent Directors reviewed this information with the Manager and requested and received certain supplemental information from the Manager and the Investment Adviser with respect to the methodologies used to charge and allocate expenses to the Fund.

After reviewing the information described above, the Independent Directors concluded that the management fee charged to the Fund was reasonable and that the costs of the services provided pursuant to the Agreements and the profitability of the Agreements to the Manager and the Investment Adviser supported the continuance of the Agreements.

Economies of scale. The Board also considered whether the Manager realizes economies scale as the Fund grows larger and the extent to which any economies of scale are shared with the Fund and its shareholders. The Board noted that the management agreement contains three separate breakpoints in the management fee for net assets above \$50 million, with the last breakpoint applicable to net assets in excess of \$175 million. The Fund had net assets of approximately \$192 million August 10, 2005 (the date the Agreements were most recently continued) and the Board recognized that the breakpoints in the fee provided significant benefits to the Fund at its current size. The Board and the Manager reviewed the overall operating expenses of the Fund and agreed that management would continue its focus on ways to reduce the expenses incurred by the Fund.

Based on an evaluation of all factors deemed relevant, including the factors described above, the Board, including each of the Independent Directors, concluded that each of the Agreements should be continued through August 31, 2006.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

William G. Barker, Jr.
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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
AUGUST 31, 2005

JAPAN SMALLER CAPITALIZATION FUND, INC.
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This Report, including the Financial Statements,
is transmitted to the Shareholders of Japan Smaller
Capitalization Fund, Inc. for their information.
This is not a prospectus, circular or
representation intended for use in the purchase of
shares of the Fund or any securities mentioned in
the Report.

The accompanying Financial Statements, including
the Schedule of Investments, have not been examined
by the Fund's independent accountants, Ernst &
Young, LLP, and accordingly, they express no
opinion thereon.

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS

Not Applicable to this semi-annual report

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ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

Not Applicable to this semi-annual report

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

Not Applicable to this semi-annual report

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS

Not Applicable to this semi-annual report

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

Not Applicable

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Not Applicable to this semi-annual report

ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

This Form N-CSR disclosure requirement is not yet effective with respect to the registrant

ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS

(a) Not applicable

(b) Not applicable

ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

Not Applicable

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) The Registrant's Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer have evaluated the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures within 90 days of the filing of this report and have concluded that they are effective in providing reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by the Registrant in its reports or statements filed under the 1934 Act is recorded, processed, summarized

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and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

- (b) There were no changes in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's last fiscal half-year (the Registrant's second fiscal half-year in the case of an annual report) that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

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ITEM 12. EXHIBITS

- (a) (1) Not applicable for this semi-annual report.
- (a) (2) Certifications of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 30a-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 are attached hereto as an exhibit.
- (a) (3) Not applicable.
- (b) Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are furnished herewith as an exhibit.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Japan Smaller Capitalization Fund, Inc.

By: /s/ Hiroshi Terasaki

Hiroshi Terasaki
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 3, 2005

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Rita Chopra-Brathwaite

Rita Chopra-Brathwaite, Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: November 3, 2005

