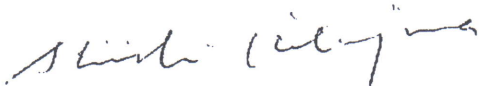


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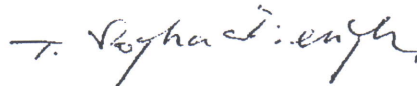
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AGREEMENT ON COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP  
AMONG JAPAN AND MEMBER STATES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF  
SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS

With reference to the WTO Transparency Mechanism for Regional Trade Agreements, the Government of Japan and the Governments of Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam have the honor to notify to the Members of the WTO of the entry into force of the Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership among Japan and Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations for the above-mentioned Governments.



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**NOTIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC  
PARTNERSHIP AMONG JAPAN AND MEMBER STATES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF  
SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Member(s) notifying:</b>  Japan, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of Singapore, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, and the Kingdom of Thailand
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date of notification:</b>  23 November 2009
<b>3.</b>	<b>Notification pursuant to:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Article XXIV:7(a) of GATT 1994</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Article V:7(a) of GATS</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Parties to the Agreement:</b>  Japan, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of Singapore, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, and the Kingdom of Thailand
<b>5.</b>	<b>Date(s) of signature:</b>  26 March, 2008 (Singapore), 28 March, 2008 (Japan), 31 April, 2008 (Indonesia), 1 April, 2008 (Viet Nam), 2 April, 2008 (Philippines), 3 April, 2008 (Brunei), 4 April, 2008 (Laos), 7 April, 2008 (Cambodia), 10 April, 2008 (Myanmar), 11 April, 2008 (Thailand), 14 April, 2008 (Malaysia)
<b>6.</b>	<b>Date(s) of entry into Force:</b>  1 December, 2008 (Singapore, Japan, Viet Nam, Laos and Myanmar), 1 January, 2009 (Brunei), 1 February, 2009 (Malaysia), 1 June, 2009 (Thailand)
<b>7.</b>	<b>Brief description of the Agreement:</b> The Agreement encompasses trade in goods, as well as elements in investment and trade in services. It also covers the economic cooperation in the following fields, such as trade-related procedures, business environment, intellectual property, energy, information and communications technology, human resource development, small and medium enterprises, tourism and hospitality, transportation and logistics, agriculture, fisheries and forestry, environment, competition policy, and other fields as may be mutually agreed upon among the Parties.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Text and related schedules, annexes and protocols are:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> submitted to the WTO Secretariat (electronic format) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> available from the following official Internet link(s):  <a href="http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/asean/agreement.html">http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/asean/agreement.html</a>