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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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Thailand on behalf of ASEAN
NOTIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AMONG JAPAN AND MEMBER STATES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS

1. **Member(s) notifying:**
   Japan, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of Singapore, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, and the Kingdom of Thailand

2. **Date of notification:**
   23 November 2009

3. **Notification pursuant to:**
   | X | Article XXIV:7(a) of GATT 1994
   |   | Article V:7(a) of GATS

4. **Parties to the Agreement:**
   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

5. **Date(s) of signature:**
   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)

6. **Date(s) of entry into Force:**
   1 December, 2008 (Singapore, Japan, Viet Nam, Laos and Myanmar), 1 January, 2009 (Brunei), 1 February, 2009 (Malaysia), 1 June, 2009 (Thailand)

7. **Brief description of the Agreement:**
   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.

8. **Text and related schedules, annexes and protocols are:**
   [ ] submitted to the WTO Secretariat (electronic format)
   [ X ] available from the following official Internet link(s):