

Notification of Completion of Domestic Procedures for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement

1. On January 20, the Japanese Government notified New Zealand, which is designated as the Depository of the Agreement, of the completion of Japan's domestic procedures for the TPP, from H.E. Mr. Toshihisa Takata, Ambassador of Japan to New Zealand, to The Hon. Mr. Murray McCully, Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand.
2. The TPP Agreement is intended to establish new common rules for the 21st century in the Asia-Pacific region and form a huge free and fair economic zone. It also seeks to deepen and broaden economic ties among countries and regions that share fundamental values such as freedom, democracy, basic human rights, and the rule of law, and is hence strategically significant in terms of pursuing further regional stability.
3. Japan is the first of the 12 original signatories to the TPP Agreement that notified the Depository, and this was another opportunity to demonstrate Japan's resolve to achieve the entry into force of the TPP Agreement.
4. Japan intends to continue to tenaciously encourage other original signatories to promptly complete their domestic procedures toward the entry into force of the TPP Agreement, in light of the significance of the TPP.



The Hon. McCully and H.E. Takata