| **Individual Action Plan Update for Japan for 2012** |
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| ***Highlights of recent policy developments which indicate how Japan is progressing towards the Bogor Goals and key challenges it faces in its efforts to meet the Goals.*** |
| -Tariff  In 2011 and 2012, Japan voluntarily reduced/eliminated tariffs on 2 items (HS 9 digits) from the agricultural sector and 28 items (HS 9 digits) from the non-agriculturalsector  -Service  Ministry of Justice announced in 2011 the introduction of preferential immigration control measures in accordance with laws and regulations for highlyqualified human resources who are expected to contribute to economic growth, create new demands and employments using a points-based system.  - Intellectual Property Rights  In 2011, the government of Japan signed the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) which is the new multilateral agreement to regulate the more effective enforcement of intellectual property rights. - Mobility of Business People Since November 2011, Japan has improved informational networking system in an effort to shorten visa issuing process including short term business visit visa.  -Government Procurement  Japan actively participated in the re-negotiation of the WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) which was successfully concluded in Decemeber 2011. With the entry into force of the revised GPA, the coverage of the Agreement for Japan will be expanded. |

| IAP Chapter (and Sub-Chapter and Section Heading, if any) | **Improvements made since 2010 IAP** | **Further Improvements Planned** |
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| Tariffs | In 2011 and 2012, Japan voluntarily reduced/eliminated tariffs on 2 items (HS 9 digits) from the agricultural sector and 28 items (HS 9 digits) from the non-agricultural sector: Ginger and other plants used in pharmacy, Hydrogen fluoride\*, Barium nitrate, Knotted netting of twine and nets excluding fishing nets, Embroidery, Ladies’ underclothes, Antimony, Co-axial cable and other co-axial cable, wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships and Lighters excluding those made of precious metals, precious stone, etc.  *\*under legislation* | Further consideration will be made regulally, on the annual basis. |
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| ***Non-Tariff Measures*** | No further action taken | Further improvements will be considered. |
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| ***Services*** | Ministry of Justice announced in 2011 the introduction of a preferential immigration control measures utilizing points-based immigration system for highly-skilled foreign professionals who are expected to contribute to Japan’s economic growth, create new demands and employments .    Points will be counted on the basis of categories such as “academic background”, “professional background” and “(promised) annual income”. The points shall be awarded for each of the categories. The preferential immigration control measures will be taken for those persons who have accumulated a certain number of points.  The new system will be implemented immediately after necessary related administrative legislation is completed. | The new system of residence management, which is stipulated in the law for partial amendment to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act which was promulgated on July 15, 2009, is expected to be enforced in July 9, 2012.  This new system includes the extension of the maximum period of stay from three years to five years, revision of the re-entry permit system, etc. |
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| ***Investment*** | Japan signed the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with India in February 2011, and it came into force in August 2011.  As to Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT), Japan signed a BIT with Papua New Guinea in April 2011, and Columbia in September 2011. | [Japan’s outward direct investment]  As metioned in The Strategy for Rebirth of Japan, which was endorsed by the Cabinet on 24 December 2011, Japan will accelerate negotiations on BITs strategically in order to protect and promote investments by Japanese firms.  In addition, in order to achieve the “strong economy” described in Japan’s New Growth Strategy, which was endorsed by the Cabinet on 18 June 2010, Japan will promote high-level economic partnerships with major trading partners. At the same time, it will first press ahead with fundamental domestic reforms in order to strengthen the competitiveness.  [Japan’s inward direct investment]  Japan finalized the “Program for Promoting Japan as an Asian Business Center and Direct Investment into Japan” on 16 December 2011. As mentioned in The Strategy for Rebirth of Japan, which was endorsed by the Cabinet on 24 December 2011, Japan will promote this program to increase inward direct investment.  This program will contain institutional reforms and other measures to ensure smooth flows of natural person, goods and funds with the aim of making Japan’s business environment more attractive. Through these measures, Japan will aim to enhance the competitiveness of Japan as a business location and bring about an increase in employment. In addition, by inviting high value-added sites,( Asia Regional Headquarters and research and development facilities), Japan will aim to double the number of employees of foreign affiliates and also double inward direct investment by 2020.  Japan decided to offer the “Bill on Special Measures for the Promotion of Research and Development by Certified Multinational Enterprises” in the 177th session of the Diet. It  aims to provide measures in support of multinational enterprises in connection with their implementation of new research and development (R&D) activities and head office operations in Japan.  The new system of residence management , which is stipulated in the law for partial amendment to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, which was promulgated on July 15, 2009, is expected to be enforced in July 9, 2012.  This new system includes the extension of the maximum period of stay from three years to five years, revision of the re-entry permit system, etc. |
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| ***Standards and Conformance*** | (1) Japan has actively participated in the international standardization activities in international standardization organizatins such as the International organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).  (2) Clarification alignment situation whether domestic standards align with the target international standards for Voluntary Action Plan (VAP)  (3) Japan has collaborated with officers regarding standard and conformity assessment in foreign economies to harmonize standards and conformity assessment issues through the various meetings, such as ACCSQ-Japan meeting or the Japan Malaysia EPA. | Japan will work to align its standards with international standards, where appropriate, in regulated and voluntary sectors, and will participate actively in the international standardization activities in developing international standards. |
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| ***Customs Procedures*** | On January 1, 2012, Japan implemented HS 2012.  The 2012 version of the Customs Tariff Schedule is available on the Customs website.  Japan Customs signed Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) program with Korea Customs in May 2011, and with Singapore Customs in June 2011 | No further action planned |
| Website for further information: | <http://www.customs.go.jp/english/tariff/2012_1/index.htm> | http://www.customs.go.jp/english/ |
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| ***Intellectual Property Rights*** | In order to accelerate granting IP rights, the Japan Patent Office (JPO) started the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) and the PCT-PPH pilot program with SIPO (China), IMPI (Mexico), etc. Additionally, the new PPH scheme, namely MOTTAINAI Pilot, was started by the initiative of the JPO, among several IPOs, such as USPTO (USA), CIPO (Canada), IP Australia (Australia) and ROSPATENT (Russia), etc.  The JPO led the discussion on the harmonisation of IP rights systems in the several fora, such as Asia Pacific Patent Cooperation Forum, IP5 meeting hold in Tokyo, etc.  Two websites ([iPAC](http://ipac.apec.org/), [One stop Portal for forms to utilize patent search / examination results](http://patent.apec.org/)) was released in 2011 for further international cooperation and expeditious granting of IP rights based on the intellectual Property Academy Collaborative Initiative and APEC Cooperation Initiative on Patent Acquisition.  Circumvent devices have been added to the Customs Law as import/export prohibited articles in 2011.  【Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA)】  Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) is the international frame work that was originally proposed by Japan in G8 Gleneeagles Summit in 2005 and that will assist Parties to this Agreement in their effort s to effectively combat the infringement of IPRs, in particular the proliferation of counterfeiting and piracy. Japan is in charge of depositary of this Agreement.  Formal negotiations of ACTA started in June 2008 with the participants of Australia, Canada, the European Union and its member states, Japan, Mexioco, Morocco, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Switzerland. The 11th and final round of the negotiations was concluded successfully in Tokyo Japan, in October 2010.  The signing ceremony was held in Tokyo Japan, on 1 October 2011 and Representatives of eight governments - Australia, Canada, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Singapore and the United States- singed the Agreement, and took a major step towards its entry into force. Following that, European Union and its member states (other than a few states) also signed the Agreement in January 2012. | The JPO will discuss to improve the patent systems necessary to secure timely and high quality examination under the “Intellectual Property Strategic Program 2012” to be established in 2012 at the Intellectual Property Policy Headquarters led by the Prime Minister. Under this program, the JPO will pursue comprehensive measures including structural reform of patent application/examination request, increase the number of patent examiners, repletion of human framework, advancement of patent examination efficiency and development of infrastructure to facilitate acceleration of patent examination processes.  The IPR related offices(ig. JPO, the Japan Copyright Office (JCO, Agency for Cultural Affairs)) continues to introduce appropriate IPRs protection systems which are adapted to international harmonization, especially based on the matrix study to be finished by the JPO in cooperation with IP5 members.  To promote public education and awareness on the IPR system for the people, from children to adults, the JPO,INPIT and the JCO will continue to develop education materials, distribute of them and hold seminars.  The JPO will implement two surveys (“Patent quality management survey” and “Bail-out measures for disasters survey”) in IPEG for the further cooperation among IPOs in APEC region.  - Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA)  The Government of Japan proceeds domestic procedures for the Agreement’s approval by the Diet, with the aim of achieving its prompt entry into force.  Japan will also make efforts to reach out to Asian-Pacific and other countries to encourage considerations on their participation in this Agreement. |
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| ***Competition Policy*** | 1. Efforts towards the amendment of the Antimonopoly Act   1) Submission of the Antimonopoly Act Amendment Bill (2010) to the Diet  The bill to amend the Antimonopoly Act was submitted to the 174th ordinary session of the Diet on 12 March 2010. It contains the abolition of the Japan Fair Trade Commission’s (hereinafter referred to as “the JFTC”) hearing procedure and necessary revisions to develop procedures for hearings prior to the issue of the JFTC’s administrative orders, such as cease and desist orders, and so forth. The above bill was determined in the 179th extraordinary session to remain under deliberation while the Diet is closed in 2011.  2) Major points of the Antimonopoly Act Amendment Bill (2010)  A The JFTC’s hearing procedure for administrative appeal will be abolished and the provision which stipulates that the jurisdiction of the first instance over any appeal suits pertaining to decisions of the JFTC shall lie in the Tokyo High Court will also be abolished.  B To ensure the expertise of the court, any appeal suits pertaining to cease and desist orders, etc., shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Tokyo District Court. Also, any trials and judgments at the Tokyo District Court will be made by a panel of three or five judges.  C To ensure due process, provisions will be prepared and provided to recipients with the intent of explaining the content of anticipated cease and desist orders, including references and copies of evidence in the procedures for hearings prior to issuing cease and desist orders.   1. Review of the M&A regulations (investigation procedure and criteria)   In 2011, the JFTC reviewed the M&A regulations (investigation procedures and criteria) to further improve the swiftness, transparency, and predictability of M&A investigation while enhancing international conformity. | The JFTC will prepare/revise the Cabinet Ordinances, the JFTC Rules and the Guidelines as necessary, in order to implement the Amended AMA. |
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| ***Government Procurement*** | Japan actively participated in the re-negotiation of the WTO Government Procurement Agreement which was successfully concluded in Decemeber 2011. With the entry into force of the revised GPA, the coverage of the Agreement for Japan will be expanded. | Japan continues to fulfill its obligations under the GPA and to make efforts, on top of these obligations, to enhance transparency, fairness and competitiveness of government procurement based on its voluntary measures including the "Action Programs”. |
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| ***Deregulation/Regulatory Review*** | In order to investigate and deliberate on existing regulations and institutions, the Subcommittee on Regulatory and Institutional Reform was established under the Government Revitalization Unit in March 2010, and the Subcommittee encouraged responsible ministries to review their regulations and institution. In September 2011 the Subcommittee launched its third session, and continues to make efforts to conduct regulatory and institutional reforms from the viewpoint of constructing a new post Great East Japan Earthquake social economy, and rebuilding Japan that is new and more robust than it was before the earthquake | The Subcommittee will reach and publish its final conclusions around June 2012.  Japan will continue to work actively on regulatory and institutional reforms. |
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| ***Implementation of WTO Obligations/ROOs*** | No further action taken | Japan will continue to implement the obligation in accordance with the Uruguay Round Commitments. |
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| ***Dispute Mediation*** | *No further action taken* | *No further action planed* |
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| *Official websites that gather economies’ information* | *No further action taken* | Further improvements will be considered*.* |
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| ***Transparency*** | *No further action taken* | *No further action planed* |
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| **RTAs/FTAs** | | | |
| ***-*** ***Description of current agreements*** | | Agreement between Japan and the Republic of Singapore for a New-Age Economic Partnership  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/singapore.html>  Agreement between Japan and the United Mexican States for the Strengthening of the Economic Partnership  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/mexico.html>  Agreement between Japan and the Republic of Chile for a Strategic Economic Partnership <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/chile.html>  Agreement between Japan and the Government of Malaysia for an Economic Partnership  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/malaysia.html>  Agreement between Japan and the Kingdom of Thailand for an Economic Partnership  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/thailand.html>  Agreement between Japan and the Republic of Indonesia for an Economic Partnership  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/asia-paci/indonesia/epa0708/index.html>  Agreement Between Japan and Brunei Darussalam for an Economic Partnership  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/brunei.html>  Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership among JAPAN and Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/asean/agreement.html>  Agreement between Japan and the Republic of the Philippines for an Economic Partnership <http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/asia-paci/philippine/joint0411.html>  Agreement on Free Trade and Economic Partnership between Japan and the Swiss Confederation <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/switzerland.html>  Agreement between Japan and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for an Economic Partnership <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/vietnam.html>  Agreement between Japan and the Republic of India for an Economic Partnership  http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/india.html  Agreement between Japan and the Republic of Peru for an Economic Partnership  http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/peru.html |
| ***- Agreements under negotiation*** | | *Please provide information on agreements that are currently under negotiation eg issues being covered in the negotiation and the status of the negotiation.* |
|  | ***Agreement #1*** | Japan- Australia Economic partnership Agreement  See the information on negotiations between Japan and Australia for an Economic Partnership agreement(EPA) at  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/australia.html> |
| ***Agreement #2*** | Japan- GCC Free Trade Agreement  See the Press release on the Second Round of the Negotiations for the Free Trade Agreement Talks (FTA) with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) at  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/event/2007/1/0117-3.html> |
| ***Agreement #3*** | Japan- Korea Economic Partnership Agreement　(Negotiation suspended)  See the information between Japan and Korea for an Economic Partnership agreement(EPA) at  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/rok.html> |
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| ***-*** ***Future plans*** | | The Government of Japan is absolutely resolved to “open up the country” and “pioneer a new future”. It will take major steps forward from its present posture and promote high-level economic partnerships with major trading powers that will withstand comparison with the trend of other such relationships. At the same time, it will first press ahead with fundamental domestic reforms in order to strengthen the competitiveness it will need for economic partnerships of this kind.( Basic Policy on Comprehensive Economic Partnerships November 9th, 2010  Cabinet Decision)  Policy Speech by Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda to the 180th Session of the Diet (January 24, 2012)  http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/noda/statement/201201/24siseihousin\_e.html |
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