| **Individual Action Plan Update for Japan for 2014** |
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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.*** |
| * Service   Ministry of Justice introduced the points-based immigration preferential treatment system for highly-skilled foreign professionals in May 2012 and started the new residency management system in July 2012.   * Investment   The Government of Japan signed a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) with six economies/countries since March 2012. As for the Japan’s inward direct investment, Japan finalized the “Program for Promoting Japan as an Asian Business Center and direct Investment into Japan” in December 2011.   * Competitive Policy   The Government of Japan approved the Antimonopoly Act Amendment Bill in 2013. The Amendment includes abolition of the Japan Fair Trade Commission’s (JFTC) hearing procedure for administrative appeals.   * Government Procurement   The Government of Japan actively participated in the re-negotiation of the WTO Government Procurement Agreement which was successfully concluded in December 2011 and adopted in March 2012.   * Dereguration/ Regulatory Review   The Council for Regulatory Reform which deliberates comprehensively basic issues on regulatory reforms was established in January 2013. |

| IAP Chapter (and Sub-Chapter and Section Heading, if any) | **Improvements made since 2012 IAP** | **Further Improvements Planned** |
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| Tariffs | No further action taken | No further action planned |
| Website for further information: | <http://www.customs.go.jp/english/tariff/index.htm> | <http://www.customs.go.jp/english/tariff/index.htm> |
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| ***Non-Tariff Measures*** | No further action taken | No further action planned |
| Website for further information: | <http://www.meti.go.jp/english/index.html> (IQ etc) | <http://www.meti.go.jp/english/index.htm> (IQ etc) |
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| ***Services*** | The points-based immigration preferential treatment system for highly-skilled foreign professionals was introduced on May 7, 2012, which aims at facilitating the acceptance of human resources that contributes to the country’s economic growth and otherwise meets the needs of society.  The new residency management system was started on July 9, 2012.  The system includes measures that will improve the convenience of foreign nationals who legally reside in Japan, such as the extension of the maximum period of stay from three years to five years, revision of the re-entry permit system, etc. | No further action planned |
| *Website for further information:* | <http://www.mofa.go.jp/index.html>  http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact\_3/en/index.html  <http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/en/index.html> |  |
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| ***Investment*** | Japan signed a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) with the following economies/countries.  1) The State of Kuwait (March, 2012)  2) The Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the People’s Republic of China (May, 2012)  3) The Republic of Iraq (June 2012)  4) The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (April, 2013)  5) The Republic of Mozambique (June, 2013)  As to Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), Japan signed an EPA with the Republic of Peru in May 2011, and it came into force in March 2012.  The new residency management system was started on July 9, 2012.  The system includes measures that will improve the convenience of foreign nationals who legally reside in Japan, such as the extension of the maximum period of stay from three years to five years, revision of the re-entry permit system, etc.  Regarding the 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 December 2011, Japan will promote this program to increase inward direct investment. This program was followed up on June 2012 and also on April 2013. Japan will aim to expand the FDI inward stock to 35 trillion yen by the end of 2020 (17.5 trillion yen at the end of 2011).  Japan decided the “Japan Revitalization Strategy -Japan is BACK- ” on 14 June 2013 which continuously aims to double inward FDI stocks to 35 trillion yen in 2020 (17.8 trillion yen at the end of 2012). | As mentioned in the “Japan Revitalization Strategy -Japan is back-”, Japan will accelerate the conclusion of investment agreements based on our industrial needs and conclusion status of economic partnership agreement including investment chapter such as TPP, RCEP, Japan-China-ROK FTA, Japan-EU EPA, etc., from the standpoint of promoting overseas development of companies and securing a stable supply of mineral and energy resources.  Japan is also keen to activate inward direct investment and aims to double inward FDI stocks to 35 trillion yen in 2020 (17.8 trillion yen at the end of 2012). To achieve this obvjective, Japan will create the world’s best business environment for companies to operate using “National Strategic Special Zones” to further attract foreign funds and technologies. In addition, Japan will strengthen the government’s capability for attracting foreign companies and its support framework including through Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), which is a government-related organization that works to promote mutual trade and investment between Japan and the rest of the world. |
| Website for further information: | <http://www.mofa.go.jp/index.html>  <http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/en/index.html> | Japan Revitalization Strategy: <http://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/singi/keizaisaisei/pdf/en_saikou_jpn_hon.pdf>  The Cabinet Secretariat of Japan (Kantei):  http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/investjapan/  JETRO: <http://www.jetro.go.jp/> |
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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. | 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*** | In March 2012, Japan Customs implemented Time Release Study (TRS) in order to examine effectiveness of simplified measures introduced by Customs and other relevant agencies. The results show the improvement from the previous TRS conducted in March 2009 in terms of the average time required for import procedures\* as follows:  Sea cargo - 62.4 hours in 2009 and 60.7 hours in 2012  Air cargo – 16.0 hours in 2009 and 13.4 hours in 2012  \*Import procedures: from the arrival of vessel/aircraft at port/airport to the import permission by Customs.  On November 2012, Japan and Canada have started implementation of Mutual Recognition Arrangement of AEO, which was signed in June 2010..  On December 2012, Japan and U.S. have started full implementation of Mutual Recognition Arrangement of AEO, enlarging its coverage from one-way (export from Japan./import the U.S.) to both ways.  Japan Customs promotes single window through development of NACCS (Nippon Automated Cargo And Port Consolidated System), a system for online processing of procedures taken with customs and other relevant administrative authorities or related private-sector services for arriving/departing ships and aircraft or import/export cargo. In October 2013, system for food sanitation (FAINS), animal and plant quarantine (ANIPAS & PQ-Network), which had been connected with NACCS were integrated into NACCS.  Japan Customs also promotes paperless Customs procedure. From October 2013, documents necessary for Customs declaration can be submitted in electronic data such as PDF. | No further action planned |
| Website for further information: | <http://www.customs.go.jp/english/index.htm>  <http://www.customs.go.jp/english/aeo/index.htm> | <http://www.customs.go.jp/english/index.htm>  <http://www.customs.go.jp/english/aeo/index.htm> |
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| ***Intellectual Property Rights*** | In order to accelerate granting IP rights, Japan started the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) and the PCT-PPH pilot program with Russia, Indonesia, and etc. Additionally, the new PPH scheme, namely Global PPHwas started among Japan, USA, Korea, Canada, Australia, Russia, and etc.  Japan conducted two surveys (“Patent quality management survey” and “Bail-out measures for disasters survey”) in IPEG for the further cooperation among IPOs in APEC region.  In addition, in order to support each Economy’s voluntary activities involved with acceding to IP-related treaties, Japan led ” APEC Information and Experience Sharing of IP-related Treaties”, conducted the survey and shared the result thereof in the IPEG.  【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.  The agreement has been finalized in 2010. In 2012, the Japanese Diet passed approved the accettion of the agreement and Japan has become the first contracting party to the agreement on October 5, 2012. | Japan will continue effort to further improve the global IP environment under the “Intellectual Property Policy Vision” established in June, 2013, and the “Intellectual Property Strategic Program 2015” to be established in 2015 at the Intellectual Property Policy Headquarters led by the Prime Minister.  Japan will continue to work for the entry into force of the ACTA and also make efforts to reach out to Asian-Pacific and other economies to encourage considerations on their participation in this Agreement. |
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| ***Competition Policy*** | Efforts towards the amendment of the Antimonopoly Act  1 Approval of the Antimonopoly Act Amendment Bill by the Diet(2013)  On 7 December 2013, the bill was approved in the 185th extraordinary session of the Diet. 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 bill to amend the Antimonopoly Act for the abolition of the JFTC hearing procedure and so forth was submitted to the 174th ordinary session of the Diet on 12 March 2010. However, the bill was discarded without deliberating in the Diet. The Japanese Government resubmitted the bill to the 183rd ordinary session of the Diet on 24 May 2013.  2 Major points of the Amendment to the Antimonopoly Act (2013)  1) To abolish the JFTC’s hearing procedure for administrative appeals; as well as to eliminate 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.  2) To introduce a system in which any appeal suits pertaining to cease  and desist orders, etc. shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Tokyo District Court, and a panel of three or five judges in the Tokyo District Court hears the cases, with a view to ensuring expertise in the court.  3) To provide expected recipients of orders with an explanation on the content of the expected orders and allow them to inspect and photocopy evidence used by the JFTC, etc., during the procedure for hearing prior to issuing the order, with a view to enhancing procedural fairness. | The JFTC will prepare/revise the Cabinet Ordinances and the JFTC Rules as necessary, in order to implement the Amended AMA. |
| Website for further information: | <http://www.jftc.go.jp/en/index.html> | <http://www.jftc.go.jp/en/index.html> |
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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, and the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement was adopted in March 2012 at a formal meeting of the committee. 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”. |
| Website for further information: | <http://www.chotatujoho.go.jp/csjs/pr006/JohoInActionEN.do>  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/index.html> | <http://www.chotatujoho.go.jp/csjs/pr006/JohoInActionEN.do>  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/index.html>  <http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/96_abe/documents/2013/procurement2012_e.html> |
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| ***Deregulation/Regulatory Review*** | In order to deliberate comprehensively basic issues on regulatory reforms, the Council for Regulatory Reform has been established since January 2013. The Council, following consultations made by prime minister, reviews and discusses issues and submits reports. Based on the report submitted by the Council in June, the Cabinet decided “Implementation Plan for Regulatory Reform” and presiding ministries are responsible for promoting reforms in accord with scheduled by the implementation plan. In July 2013 the Council launched its second session and continues to make efforts to conduct regulatory reforms. | The Council will submit its second report around June 2014.  Japan will continue to work actively on regulatory reforms. |
| Website for further information: | <http://www.cao.go.jp/index-e.html> | <http://www.cao.go.jp/index-e.html> |
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| ***Implementation of WTO Obligations/ROOs*** | No further action taken | No further action planned |
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| ***Dispute Mediation*** | No further action taken | No further action planned |
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| *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.  The new residency management system was started on July 9, 2012.  The system includes measures that will improve the convenience of foreign nationals who legally reside in Japan, such as the extension of the maximum period of stay from three years to five years, revision of the re-entry permit system, etc. | No further action planned |
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| *Official websites that gather economies’ information* | No further action taken | No further action planned |
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| ***Transparency*** | No further action taken | No further action planned |
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| **RTAs/FTAs** | | | |
| ***-*** ***Description of current agreements*** | | *Please use Part 1 of the RTA/FTA reporting template to provide a short description or hyperlinks to any new agreements and to report improvements to existing 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> |
| ***Agreement #4*** | Japan- Canada Economic partnership Agreement  See the information between Japan and Canada for an Economic Partnership agreement(EPA) at  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/canada.html> |
| ***Agreement #5*** | Japan- Mongolia Economic partnership Agreement  See the information between Japan and Mongolia for an Economic Partnership agreement(EPA) at  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/mongolia.html> |
| ***Agreement #6*** | Japan- Colombia Economic partnership Agreement  See the information between Japan and Colombia for an Economic Partnership agreement(EPA) at  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/latin/colombia/epa.html> |
| ***Agreement #7*** | Japan- EU Economic partnership Agreement  See the information between Japan and EU for an Economic Partnership agreement(EPA) at  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/page6e_000013.html> |
| ***Agreement #8*** | Regional Comprehensivr Economic Partnership (RCEP)  See the information RCEP at  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/page2e_000001.html> |
| ***Agreement #9*** | Free Trade Agreement among China, Japan and Korea (CJK FTA)  See the Press release on the Third Round of the Negotiations for CJK FTA at  <http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_000112.html> |
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| ***-*** ***Future plans*** | | The government will raise FTA ratio from current 19% to 70% by 2018, by promoting economic partnership as a basis of global economic activities. Therefore,the government will draw up new rules in Asia-Pacific region by working positively onthe Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations and use these rules as a basis for discussion of rulemaking for Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP), a larger plan which lies ahead, along with wide-range economic cooperation such as Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and Japan-China-ROK FTA.In addition to the initiatives above, the government will simultaneously work on Japan-EU EPA, etc. and will make a contribution as an important player to promote rulemaking for global trade and investment by stimulating and activating each economic partnership. ([Japan Revitalization Strategy - JAPAN is BACK - , Cabinet Decision on June 14, 2013)](http://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/singi/keizaisaisei/pdf/en_saikou_jpn_hon.pdf)  Policy Speech by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to the 185th Session of the Diet(Tuesday, October 15, 2013)  <http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/96_abe/statement/201310/15shoshin_e.html> |
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