



EMBASSY OF JAPAN

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The Embassy of Japan in Brunei Darussalam presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam and has the honour to refer to paragraph 1 of Article 8 of the First Protocol to Amend the Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership among Japan and Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (hereinafter referred to as the "Protocol") which provides that "The Government of each signatory State shall notify the Governments of other signatory States in writing that its legal procedures necessary for entry into force of this Protocol have been completed. This Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date by which such notifications have been made by the Government of Japan and at least one (1) ASEAN Member State in relation to those signatory States that have made such notifications by that date."

The Embassy has further the honour to notify the Ministry that the Government of Japan has completed its legal procedures necessary for entry into force of the Protocol, and to note the understanding that the Protocol will enter into force on 1 August 2020 in accordance with its Article 8 among Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and other Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations whose Governments would have made such notification by 30 June 2020.

The Embassy of Japan in Brunei Darussalam avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam the assurances of its highest consideration.

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NEGARA BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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