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The Permanent Mission of Malaysia to ASEAN presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions of ASEAN Member States to ASEAN and the Mission of Japan to ASEAN and has the honour to refer to the First Protocol to Amend the Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership among Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Japan, which was signed by Japan on 27 February 2019 and by ASEAN Member States in March and April 2019.

In accordance with Article 8 of the Protocol, the Permanent Mission of Malaysia has further the honour to notify all Permanent Missions of ASEAN Member States to ASEAN and the Mission of Japan to ASEAN that the Government of Malaysia has completed the internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Protocol. The Instrument of Notification is attached for reference.

The Permanent Mission of Malaysia to ASEAN avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions of ASEAN Member States to ASEAN and the Mission of Japan to ASEAN the assurances of its highest consideration.



13 April 2021

All Permanent Missions of ASEAN Member States to ASEAN
Mission of Japan to ASEAN

Cc: ASEAN Secretariat



INSTRUMENT OF NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS the First Protocol to Amend the Agreement On Comprehensive Economic Partnership Among Member States of The Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Japan (hereinafter referred to as "the Protocol") was signed by Japan on 27 February 2019 and by ASEAN Member States in March and April 2019.

AND WHEREAS the Protocol was signed on behalf of the Government of Malaysia on 2 March 2019;

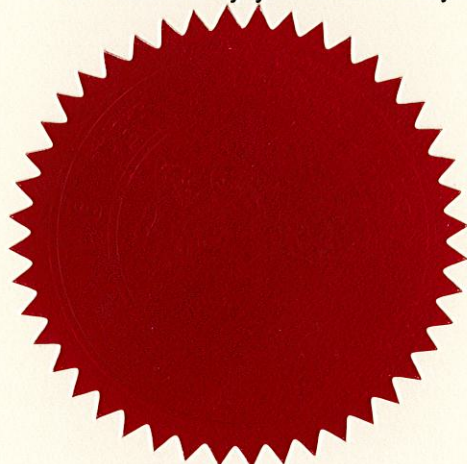
AND WHEREAS Article 8 of the Protocol provides that the Government of each signatory State shall notify the Governments of other signatory States in writing that its legal procedures necessary for entry into force of this Protocol have been completed. The Protocol shall thereafter enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date by which such notifications have been made by the Governments of at least one ASEAN Member State and Japan in relation to those signatory States that have made such notifications by that date;

AND WHEREAS Article 8 of the Protocol further provides that in relation to an ASEAN Member State making the notification after the date by which the notifications have been made by the Governments of at least one ASEAN Member State and Japan, the Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date by which that ASEAN Member State makes the notification;

NOW THEREFORE, the Government of Malaysia, having considered the Protocol, hereby notifies the Governments of other signatory States of Malaysia's completion of its legal procedures and of Malaysia's participation in the Protocol with effect on the first day of the second month following the date on which notification is made.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this Instrument of Notification is signed and sealed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia.

DONE at Putrajaya this Fifth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty One.



HISHAMMUDDIN TUN HUSSEIN
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MALAYSIA