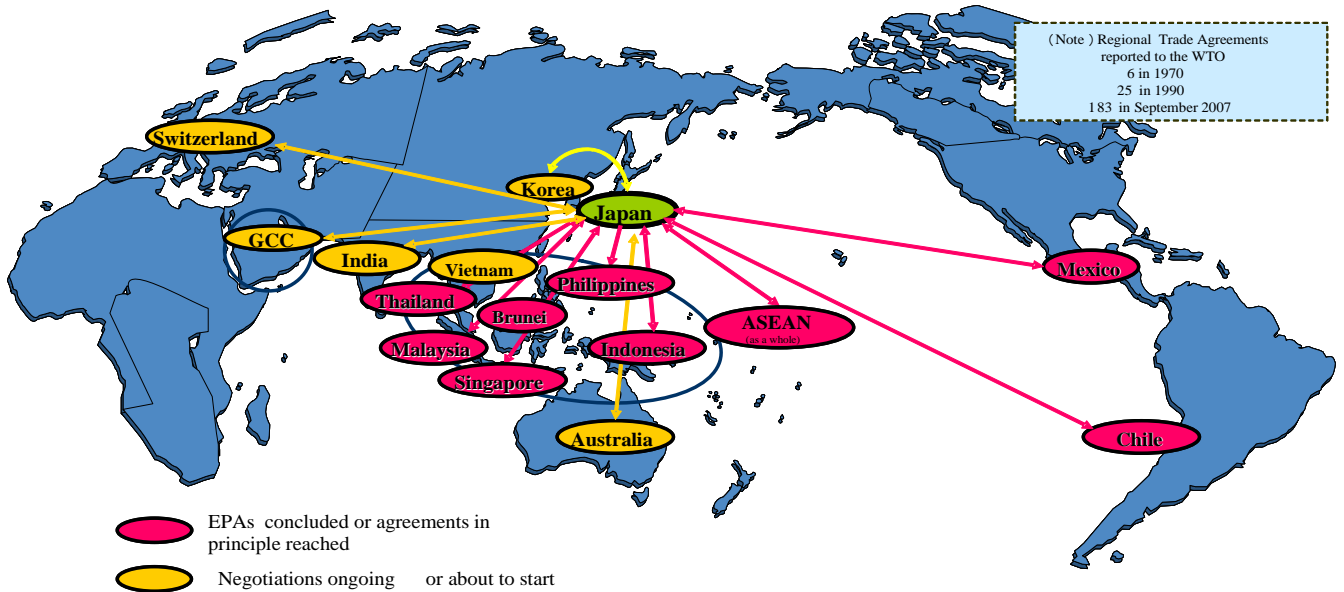


Japan's Current Status and Future Prospect of Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)



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I. Overall picture



II. Japan's efforts for EPA (bilateral & regional)






1. EPAs already concluded

<p>Singapore</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Agreement was signed by the two Leaders in January 2002, and entered into force on 30th November 2002. ▪ It was decided in April 2006 to start negotiations for a partial review of the EPA. ▪ The Protocol amending the Agreement was signed in March 2007, and the Japanese Diet approved it in June 2007.
<p>Mexico</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Agreement was signed by the two Leaders in September 2004, and entered into force on 1st April 2005. ▪ The Protocol related to improvement of market access conditions was signed in September 2006, and entered into force on 1st April 2007.

<p>Malaysia</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agreement was signed by the two Leaders in December 2005, and entered into force on 13th July 2006.
<p>Chile</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agreement was signed by Foreign Ministers of the two countries in March 2007, and entered into force on 3rd September 2007.
<p>Thailand</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agreement was signed by the two Leaders in April 2007. • The Japanese Diet approved the Agreement in June 2007. • The Agreement is going to enter into force on 1st November 2007.
<p>The Philippines</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agreement was signed by the two Leaders in September 2006. • The Japanese Diet approved the Agreement in December 2006.
<p>Brunei</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The negotiation on a bilateral EPA was launched in June 2006. • The Agreement was signed by the two Leaders in June 2007.
<p>Indonesia</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The negotiation on a bilateral EPA was launched in July 2005. • The agreement was signed by the two Leaders in August 2007.

2. EPAs under negotiation or scheduled to be launched

<p>ASEAN (as a whole)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The negotiation was launched in April 2005. • Japan and the ASEAN states have reached agreement in principle in August 2007. • The 10th round of negotiations was held in October 2007.
<p>GCC (Bahrain Oman, Qatar Saudi Arabia UAE, Kuwait)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japan and the GCC states decided to launch negotiations on an FTA covering trade in goods and services. • The 2nd round of negotiations was held in January 2007.

<p>Republic of Korea</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The negotiation on a bilateral EPA was launched in December 2003 ▪ The negotiation has stopped since November 2004.
<p>Vietnam</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The negotiation on a bilateral EPA was launched in October 2006. ▪ The 5th round of negotiations was held in October 2007.
<p>India</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The negotiation on a bilateral EPA was launched in January 2007. ▪ The 4th round of negotiation was held in September 2007.
<p>Australia</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The two leaders decided to launch EPA negotiations in December 2006 ▪ The 2nd round of negotiations was held in August 2007.
<p>Switzerland</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The two leaders decided to launch EPA negotiations in January 2007. ▪ The 3rd round of negotiations was held in October 2007.