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1. The second paragraph of the preamble of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

Recognizing the vital importance of promoting trade, investment, tourism and exchanges of persons to create a deeper and broader strategic partnership between Japan and the ASEAN member countries;

2. Article I 1. of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

1. There shall be established a promotion centre on trade, investment, tourism and exchanges of persons known as the ASEAN Promotion Centre on Trade, Investment and Tourism (hereinafter referred to as "the Centre").

3. Article II of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

The purpose of the Centre is to enhance an economic partnership between Japan and the ASEAN member countries by means of promoting trade from the ASEAN member countries to Japan, particularly that of semi-processed and manufactured products; to accelerate the flow of investment between Japan and the ASEAN member countries including the transfer of skill and technology; to vitalize tourist traffic between Japan and the ASEAN member countries; and to expand exchanges of persons through close cooperation between Japan and the ASEAN member countries.

4. Article III (1) of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

(1) to introduce and publicize in Japan and the ASEAN member countries, products, industries, investment opportunities and tourism resources of both Japan and the ASEAN member countries as well as exchange programmes between Japan and the ASEAN member countries;

5. Article III (3) of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

- (3) to assist and advise, where appropriate, missions from and to the ASEAN member countries on trade, investment, tourism and exchanges of persons which will enhance the interests of both Japan and the ASEAN member countries;

6. Article III (4) of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

- (4) to serve as a channel for the meaningful exchange of information relevant to the enhancement of trade, investment, tourism and exchanges of persons between Japan and the ASEAN member countries including rules and regulations concerning market access, as well as to prepare and analyse data and information, and trends on markets;

7. Article III (5) of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

- (5) to conduct researches and studies on trade, investment, tourism and, as appropriate, exchanges of persons;

8. Article III (6) of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

- (6) to provide Members and, as appropriate, related organizations and persons with information on trade, investment, tourism and, as appropriate, exchanges of persons including those mentioned in subparagraph (4) above, as well as the results of researches and studies by the Centre;

9. Article III (7) of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

- (7) to facilitate, whenever necessary, technical cooperation including transfer of technology related to trade, investment, tourism and, as appropriate, exchanges of persons;

10. Article III (8) of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

- (8) to maintain close cooperation in the fields of trade, investment, tourism and exchanges of persons with the Governments of the Members and relevant regional and international organizations;

11. Article III (9) of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

- (9) to undertake youth exchange programmes as may be deemed appropriate to promote mutual understanding, in particular among students; and

12. After Article III (9) of the Agreement a new paragraph is inserted reading as follows:

- (10) to undertake such other activities as may be deemed necessary to achieve the purpose of the Centre.

13. Article X 2. of the Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

2. Except for the rent of the permanent ASEAN Trade, Investment and Tourism Exhibition Hall, which shall be born by Japan, the annual budget of the Centre shall be met in the following proportion: Japan: 87.5 per cent, the ASEAN member countries: 12.5 per cent.

