

Entry into Force of the Japan-Australia Information Security Agreement (ISA)

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On the 22nd of March, the Governments of Japan and Australia exchanged diplomatic notes notifying each other that their respective internal procedures necessary for entry into force of the Japan-Australia Information Security Agreement (ISA) have been completed. The ISA thus entered into force on the same date. The exchange of diplomatic notes took place in Canberra at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and was conducted by Mr Mikio Mori, Minister, Embassy of Japan, and Mr John Langtry, Assistant Secretary, North East Asia Branch, DFAT.

The entry into force of the ISA is another step in the promotion of security cooperation between Japan and Australia following the entry into force of the Japan-Australia Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) on the 31st of January this year.

The ISA establishes procedures necessary to appropriately protect national security-related information transmitted between both governments. The ISA will thus lay the foundation for information sharing and information cooperation between Japan and Australia, and is expected to further strengthen Japan-Australia security cooperation and also trilateral security cooperation between Japan, Australia, and the United States.

