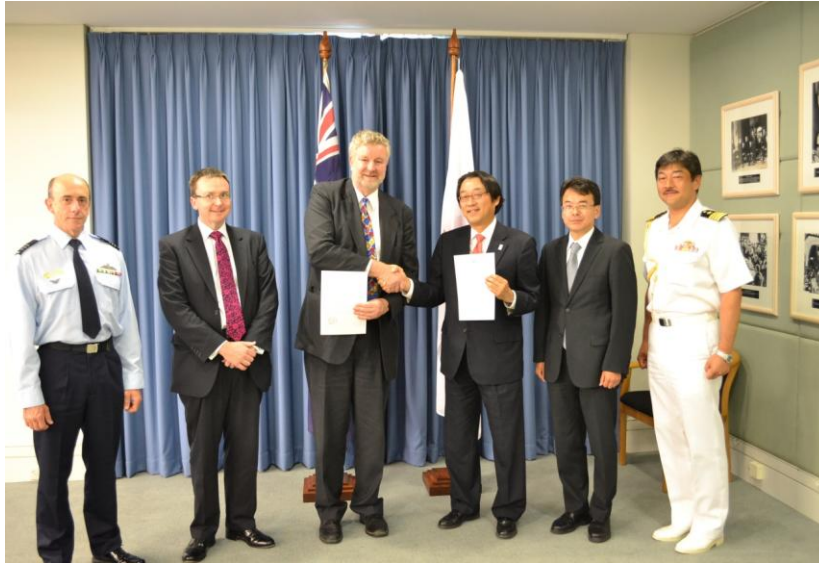


# Entry into Force of the Japan–Australia Acquisition and Cross–Servicing Agreement (ACSA)

January 31, 2013

On January 31, the Governments of Japan and Australia exchanged diplomatic notes informing each other that they had completed their respective internal procedures necessary to give effect to the Japan-Australia Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA). The ACSA thus entered into force on the same date. The exchange of diplomatic notes took place at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) being 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 ACSA is expected to promote closer cooperation between the Self-Defense Forces of Japan and the Australian Defence Force, to contribute to further enhancement of relations between Japan and Australia which are strategic partners sharing fundamental values and interests, and to actively contribute to the international cooperation of both countries.



## (note 1) Official name of the Agreement

The official name of this Agreement is “Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of Australia concerning Reciprocal Provision of Supplies and Services between the Self-Defense Forces of Japan and the Australian Defence Force.”

## (note 2) Features of the Agreement

This Agreement establishes basic terms and conditions for the reciprocal provision of supplies and services, between the Self-Defense Forces of Japan and the Australian Defence Force, necessary for the following activities:

- (1) joint exercises and training
- (2) UN Peacekeeping Operations, humanitarian international relief operations, or operations to cope with large scale disasters
- (3) transportation of nationals of either Party or others, if appropriate, for their evacuation from overseas in case of exigencies of the situation
- (4) communication and coordination or other routine activities

The supplies and services that may be provided are food, water, billeting, transportation, petroleum, medical services, spare parts and components, etc. The provision of weapons or ammunition is not included.

## (note 3) Chronology from the signing of the Agreement to its' entry into force

May 19, 2010 Signing of the Agreement in Tokyo

Apr. 15, 2011 Approval by the Japanese Diet

Nov. 26, 2012 Promulgation of laws (amendments to Self-Defence Forces Law etc) necessary for the implementation of the Agreement

Jan. 31, 2013 Exchange of diplomatic notes in Canberra

(The foregoing is a provisional translation)