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The 14<sup>th</sup> Round of Negotiations for Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)

1. The 14<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations for the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) will be held in Tokyo from February 14 (Tue) to 17 (Fri).
2. The participants in the meeting will be: on the Japanese side, Mr. Shinichi Nishimiya, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and other officials from relevant Japanese ministries; and on the Australian side, Mr. Bruce Gosper, Deputy Secretary of Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and other officials from relevant departments of Australia.
3. Among the issues that will be discussed in the meeting are trade in goods and services, investment, energy and mineral resources, and food supply.

(Reference) Background

- \* April 23-24, 2007: 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Negotiations held in Canberra
- \* August 6-10, 2007: 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Negotiations held in Tokyo
- \* November 5-8, 2007: 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of Negotiations held in Canberra
- \* February 25-29, 2008: 4<sup>th</sup> Round of Negotiations held in Tokyo
- \* April 28-May 1, 2008: 5<sup>th</sup> Round of Negotiations held in Canberra
- \* July 28-August 1, 2008: 6<sup>th</sup> Round of Negotiations held in Tokyo
- \* October 27-31, 2008: 7<sup>th</sup> Round of Negotiations held in Canberra
- \* March 9-13, 2009: 8<sup>th</sup> Round of Negotiations held in Tokyo
- \* July 27-31, 2009: 9<sup>th</sup> Round of Negotiations held in Canberra
- \* November 17-25, 2009: 10<sup>th</sup> Round of Negotiations held in Tokyo
- \* April 19-22, 2010: 11<sup>th</sup> Round of Negotiations held in Canberra
- \* February 7-10, 2011: 12<sup>th</sup> Round of Negotiations held in Tokyo
- \* December 20-21, 2011: 13<sup>th</sup> Round of Negotiations held in Canberra

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