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The 13th Round of Negotiations for Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)

1. The 13th round of negotiations for the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) will be held in Canberra, Australia from December 20 (Tue) to 21 (Wed).
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, rules of origin, customs procedures, and improvement of business environment.

(Reference) Background

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

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