

Summary of the Third Round of Negotiations for the Japan-Colombia Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)

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1. From October 28 to November 1, the Third Round of Negotiations for the Economic Partnership Agreement between Japan and Colombia was held in Tokyo.
2. From the Japanese side, Mr. Jun Yokota, Ambassador in charge of Economic Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and representatives from other relevant ministries attended the meeting. From the Colombian side, Mr. Javier Humberto Gamboa Benavides, Chief Negotiator, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, and representatives from other relevant ministries attended the meeting.
3. In this round of negotiations, some progress has been achieved in a wide array of areas on which both sides discussed, including Trade in Goods, Cooperation, and Improvement of Business Environment, Government Procurement, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT).
4. Both sides decided to work on scheduling the dates of the fourth round of negotiations through diplomatic channels.