

The 2nd Round of Negotiations for Japan-Peru Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)

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[Japanese](#)

1. The 2nd Round of Negotiations for Japan-Peru Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) was held from July 6 (Mon) to 10 (Fri) in Tokyo.
2. From Japan, Mr. Yasuo Tanabe, Deputy Director-General of the Economic Affairs Bureau, attended the meeting along with representatives from other relevant ministries. From Peru, Mr. Carlos Posada, Director-General for Asia-Oceania Bilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism, attended the meeting along with representatives from other relevant ministries.
3. In this round of the negotiations, the discussions were held as follows:
 - (a) Both sides discussed a broad range of negotiating areas including trade in goods and services, rules of origin, custom procedures, entry and temporary stay of nationals for business purposes, competition policy, government procurement, general and final provisions, dispute settlement and cooperation. Good progress was made in every area. Both sides also exchanged views and positions on SPS, TBT, environment, IPR, e-commerce and business environment.
 - (b) Regarding Market Access on trade in goods, an intensive talk was held at the level of the head of delegation, based on the respective offers exchanged prior to this round.
4. The meeting was held in a very cordial atmosphere befitting the close and friendly relations that exist between the two countries.
5. Both sides decided to hold the 3rd round of negotiations in the week of August 24th, in Lima.

[\(Reference\)](#) Background

Launching of the EPA negotiation was officially decided through a telephone conversation between Prime Minister Aso and President García in April, 2009 and the 1st round of negotiation took place in May, 2009 in Lima.