The 6th Round of Negotiations for Japan-Peru Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)

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The 6th Round of Negotiations for Japan-Peru Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) was held from August 18 (Wed) to 31 (Tue) in Tokyo.

From Japan, Mr. Masahiko Saito, Deputy Director-General of the Economic Affairs Bureau, attended the meeting along with representatives from 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 relevant ministries.

In this round of the negotiations, both sides discussed a broad range of negotiating areas such as trade in goods, rules of origin, SPS, intellectual property, trade remedies, general provisions and dispute settlement.

The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere befitting the close and friendly relations that exist between the two countries.

Both sides confirmed their intention to conclude the negotiation as soon as possible.

Dates for the next round of negotiations will be decided in the near future.

(Reference) Background

The 1st round of negotiation took place in May, 2009 in Lima, the 2nd in July, 2009 in Tokyo, the 3rd in August, 2009 in Lima, the 4th in October, 2009 in Tokyo and the 5th in February, 2010 in Lima.

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