



ASEAN Update Seminar Series (RCEP)
① RCEP Basic Structure, Competition Chapter and Legal/Contractual Practices relating to Dispute Resolution

ASEAN-Japan Centre

ASEAN-Japan Centre will host the first of its comprehensive seminar series on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). The nature of RCEP is distinctive that it is very much a “living” Agreement, meaning that it will be shaped and evolved as the governments continue to discuss. The RCEP Seminar Series will cover all chapters, provide holistic and up-to-date explanations and application of RCEP, and explore the practical impact each chapter has on the ASEAN-Japan business, trade and investment. The seminar also plans to provide comparative analysis of RCEP with other Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) such as The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CTPP) and bilateral EPAs.

The first introductory seminar “RCEP Basic Structure, Competition Chapter and Legal/Contractual Practices relating to Dispute Resolution” focuses on Chapter 1 (Initial provisions and general definitions), Chapters 18 to 20 (Institutional provisions, dispute settlement and final provisions), as well as Chapter 13 (Competition) known as one of the Rules chapters.

The first introductory seminar also focuses on legal/contractual practice that considers realistic dispute settlement methods for practical business solutions, taking account of foreseeable challenges in clarifying the Dispute Resolution Chapter going forward.

This webinar aims to help ASEAN and Japanese companies in deepening their understanding for RCEP and effectively utilizing RCEP for their future investment and businesses.

Date	Thursday, 8 July 2021		
Time	3.00pm – 5:00pm Tokyo time		
Venue	Online (English to Japanese simultaneous interpretation)		
Program	<p>3:00pm : Opening remark and Introduction of the Webinar Series Mr. Masataka Fujita, Secretary General of ASEAN-Japan Centre</p> <p>3:05pm : Basic Structure of RCEP and Competition Chapter as Rules Ms. Fujiko Amano Assistant Director and Head of Research and Policy Analysis Cluster, ASEAN-Japan Centre (Former Senior Deputy Director (Negotiator) of Economic Partnership Agreement at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan)</p> <p>3:45pm : RCEP and Legal/Contractual Practices relating to Dispute Resolution Mr. Desmond Ang Partner, Sidley Austin (Singapore/Hong Kong Office)</p> <p>4:25pm : Q&A (Please register questions in advance)</p> <p>5:00pm : Closure</p>		
Organiser	ASEAN-Japan Centre		
Capacity	200 people	Suitable for	Those interested in contents and impacts of RCEP
Language	English (Japanese simultaneous interpretation available)	Fees	Free
Registration	Please register to participate from the link below: https://data.asean.or.jp/form/seminar/app_seminar.aspx?id=79100256 [Please click on English on the top right corner of the website]		
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