

The Role of Japan

- leading global economic rules -

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Two Ways forward – a crossroad in the global economy -



**open market,
sustainable society,
innovative**

Which way to go?

**closed market,
exhaustive,
conservative**

Japan's Trade Policy

◆ Multilateral/Plurilateral Negotiations in WTO

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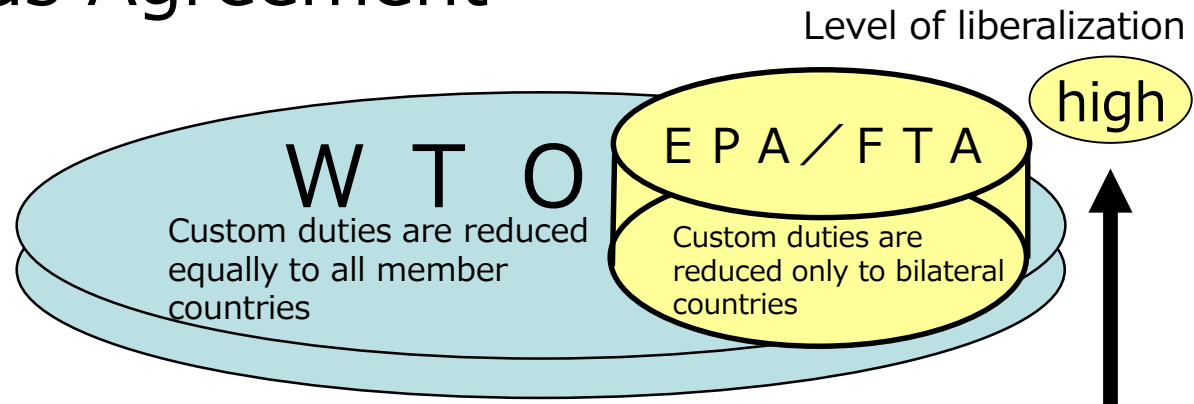
- ✓ Information Technology Agreement (ITA) expansion
- ✓ Environmental Goods Agreement

◆ Bilateral EPA/FTA

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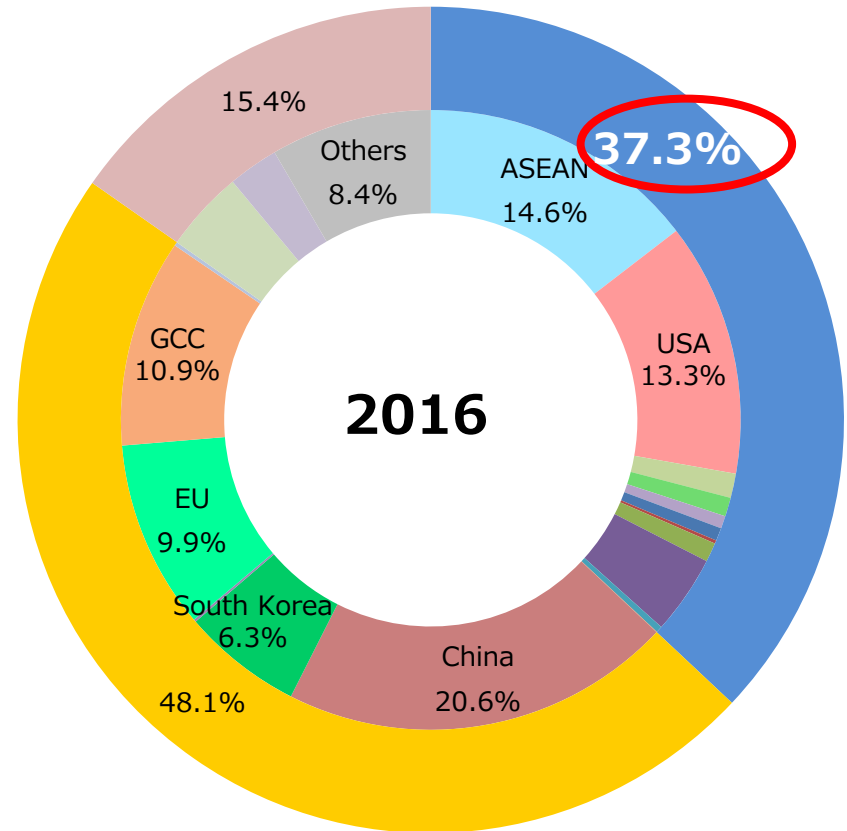
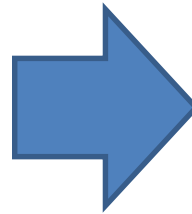
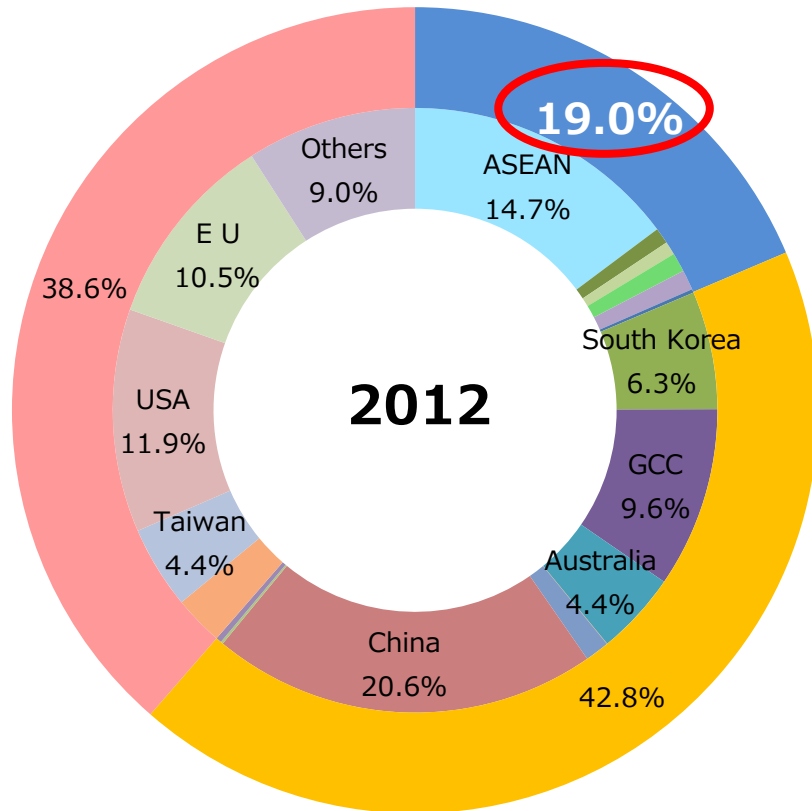
- ✓ Japan-EU EPA/FTA
- ✓ Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
- ✓ Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

Japan, China, South Korea, India, Australia, New Zealand + ASEAN



Japan's goal in global trade

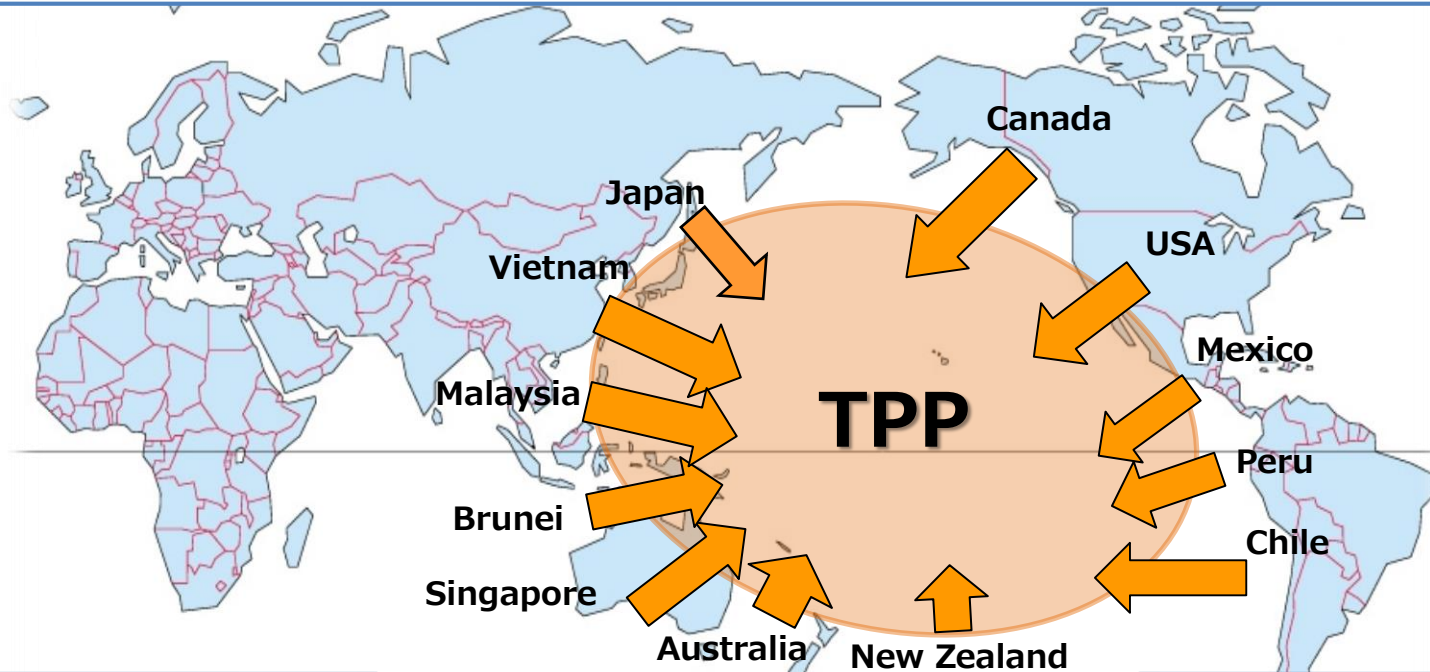
Increase FTA/EPA ratio from **19%**(2012) to **70%** (by 2018)



■ in force/Signed/Agreed ■ Under Negotiation ■ Others

Trans-Pacific Partnership(TPP)

TPP is the 21st century style rules: IPR, E-commerce, SOE, and environment , etc.



Investment Protection

- national treatment (NT) and MFN for the pre and post-Establishment
- ISDS (Investor-State Dispute Settlement)

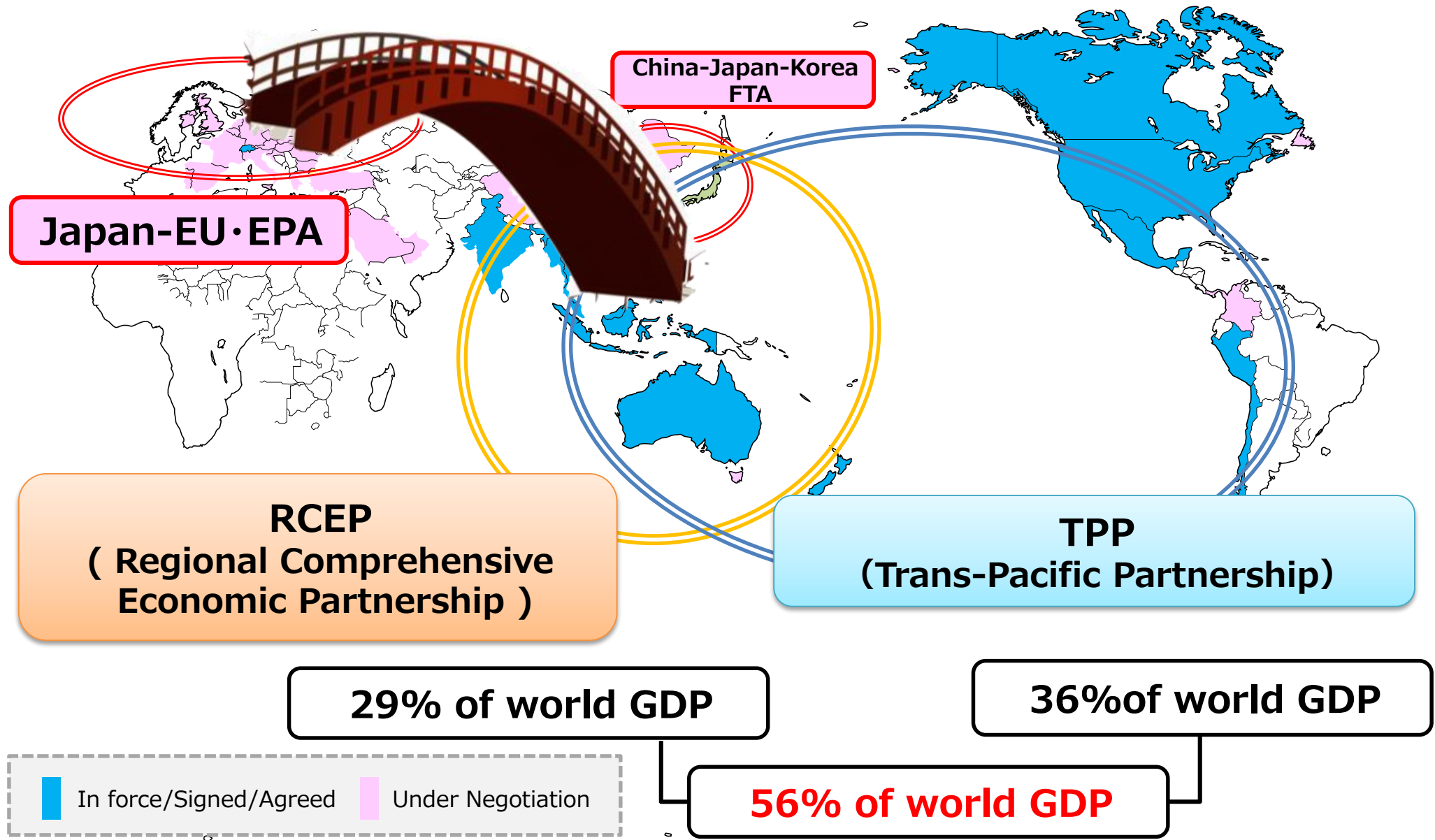
Trade in Services

- open markets including AV service by “negative list approach”
- temporary entry for business persons in a timely and transparent manner

E-Commerce

- not to impose custom duties on digital products
- Against source-code disclosure/ server requirements
- free cross-border data flows etc.

Development of Japan's FTA/EPA Networks



Source : worldbank.org

Japan-EU Summit Meeting (November 2015)

The two leaders shared the view that they would instruct their respective chief negotiators to accelerate **the EPA/FTA negotiations** and continue to do their utmost efforts **to reach agreement in principle** this year, and, if not, to achieve such agreement **at the earliest possible time in the course of next year.**



Thank you.

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