

# The EU-Japan EPA @ 5 Time to Celebrate!

An anniversary event for a trade agreement covering over 600 million people and a third of global GDP

# **EU-JAPAN**

**Economic Partnership Agreement works & delivers** 

- ▶ When?
- 4 March 2024, 17:30-20:00 JST / 10:30-13:00 CET
- ▶ Where?

**European Union Delegation to Japan, Europa House,** 106-0047 Tokyo, 4-6-28 Minami Azabu and Online

► What?

A Birthday Invitation: Celebration, Showcasing, Networking

Companies interested in showcasing their products or services at booths during the event are invited to get in contact with the event organisers - see contact below.

Five years ago, on 1 February 2019, **the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)** entered into force. The EPA is one of the most ambitious trade agreements concluded by the EU. It benefits both the EU and Japan by facilitating exports and investment, including through progressive rules and disciplines on sustainable development, e-commerce, regulatory cooperation, and more. The partnership continues to evolve, including with a recent landmark deal on **cross-border data flows** concluded in October 2023.

On the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the EPA implementation, the European Union Delegation to Japan is inviting European and Japanese stakeholders to a celebration in Tokyo. The event will feature testimonies from Japanese and European officials and stakeholders on five years of close cooperation and mutually beneficial trade, inspiring success stories, the results of a business survey, as well as European and Japanese food, showcasing and networking.

## **Agenda**

### 17:30-18:15 Opening speeches: The EU-Japan EPA @ 5: A Time to Celebrate

- Introductory remarks by DG Katahira, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan and HE Jean-Eric Paquet, Ambassador of the European Union to Japan
- Presentation of the results of a business survey
- Presentation of company success stories

#### 18:15-20:00 Networking Reception:

- Showcasing EU and Japanese products and technologies
- European and Japanese food and drinks

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