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JEITA welcomes the Agreement to Launch Negotiations
on a Japan - EU EPA / FTA

On November 29, The Council of European Union decided to launch negotiations on an Economic Partnership / Free Trade Agreement. Japan Electronics & Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA) welcomes this decision and would like to express our respect and gratitude for the government officials in both the Japanese and European. They have endeavored toward consensus-building for launching negotiations. JEITA also appreciates the efforts of the European relevant industries including DIGITALEUROPE.

The EPA/FTA between Japan and the EU plays a very critical role in expanding trade and investment, promoting economic growth and contributing to the development of both regions. This economic partnership enables the deepening of business alignment and leads the further development of the industry.

The decision made by the Council represents major progress toward conclusion of an agreement. JEITA is grateful for continuing efforts by Japanese government toward early conclusion of an EPA / FTA, and would like to cooperate and support them.

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