# Global Supply Chains and Region-wide FTAs

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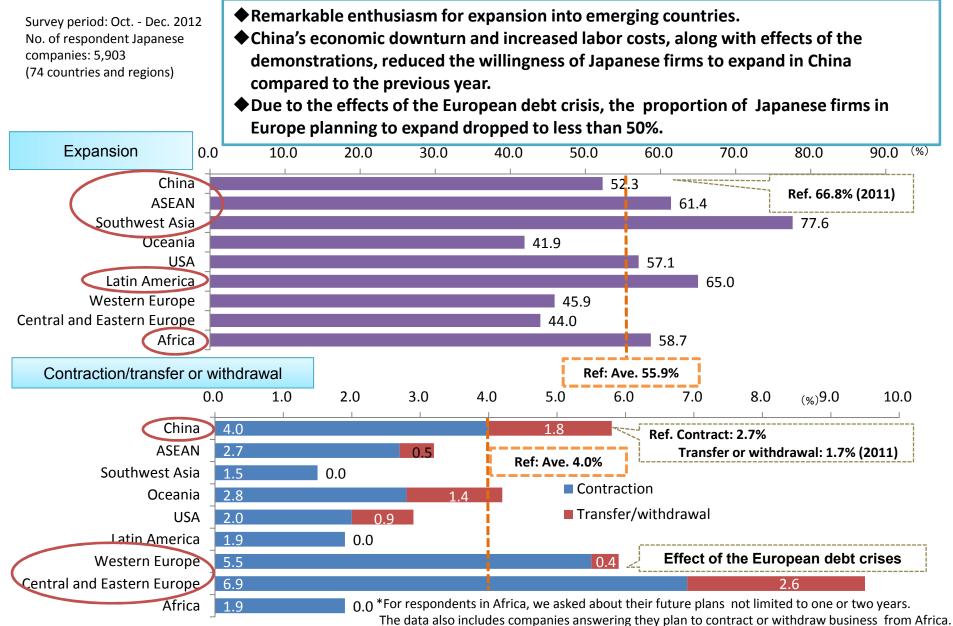
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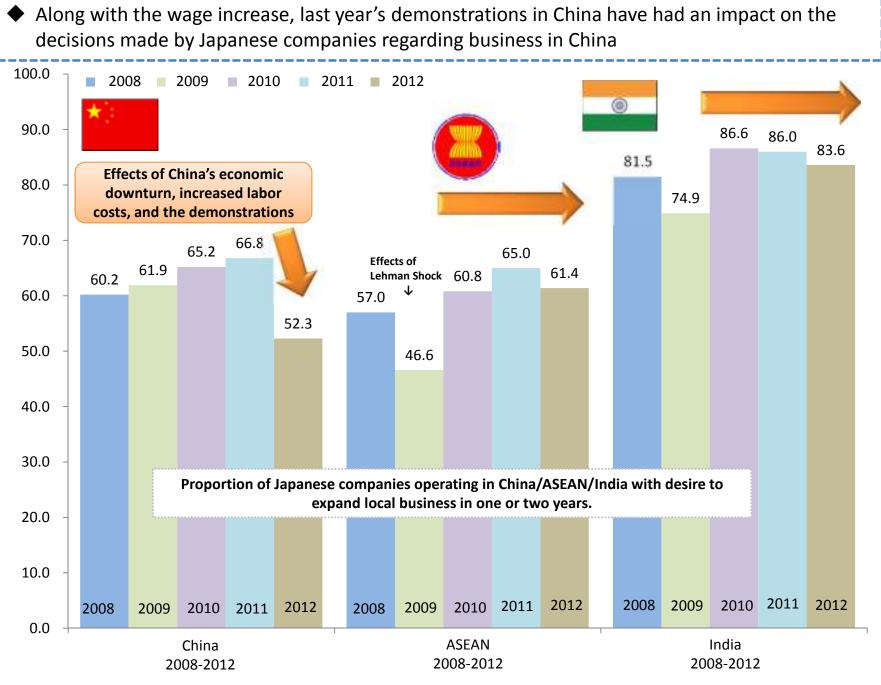
# Factors influencing FTAs in Asia

- The EU currency crisis
- The impact of recessionary fears
- The WTO Doha Round
- Political tensions between Japan and China as well as Japan and Korea
- <u>The intensified regional economic integration</u> <u>within Asia</u>
- <u>Competition among the regional economic</u> <u>integration initiatives within Asia-Pacific</u>

# Direction of Japanese companies' overseas business development in one or two years



Source: JETRO 2012 Surveys of Japanese-Affiliated Companies (conducted Oct. - Dec. 2012)



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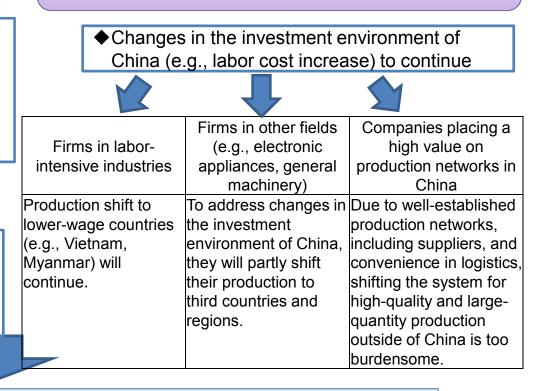
### **Outlook for Japanese business in China**

## China as a market

- At the 18<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Communist Party of China (concluded on Nov. 14, 2012), the government set a goal to double its national income per capita in 2020 compared to that of 2010.
- The trend in expansion of the Chinese market will continue.

Japanese companies in logistics, food and other industries which used to rely on domestic demand in Japan, will expand their business in China to take advantage of its growing market.

# China as a production base



## **Recent demonstrations**

The demonstrations have led Japanese firms to accelerate efforts to adjust operations in China in a way suitable to their respective fields and strategies.

The change in the Asian economy is mainly reflected by wage increases in the region
The increase has greatly impacted the supply chain structure of Asia

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#### Monthly wages: workers in manufacturing

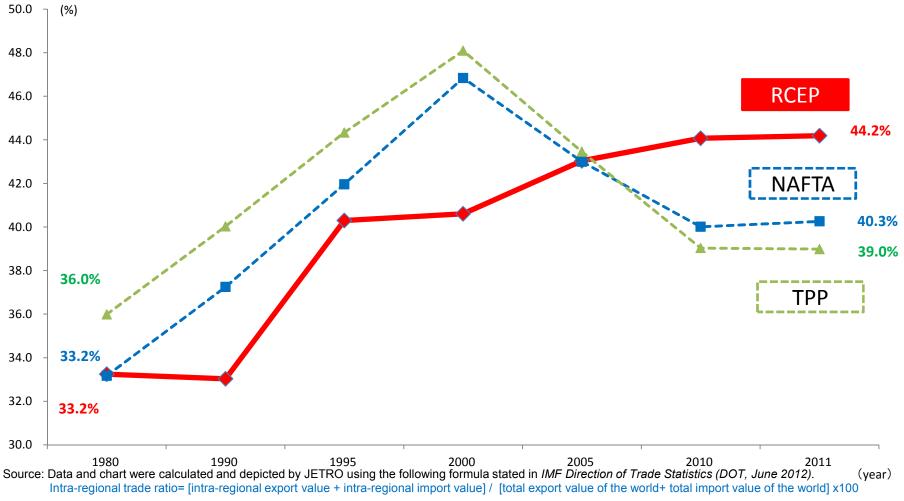
					Unit: USD, %		
	China	Thailand	Philippines	Vietnam	Bangladesh	Myanmar	
2009	217	231	221	101	47	23	
2012	328	345	253	145	74	53	
The amount of increase	111	114	32	44	27	30	
The rate of increase	51.2	49.4	14.5	43.6	57.4	130.4	

#### (China = 100)

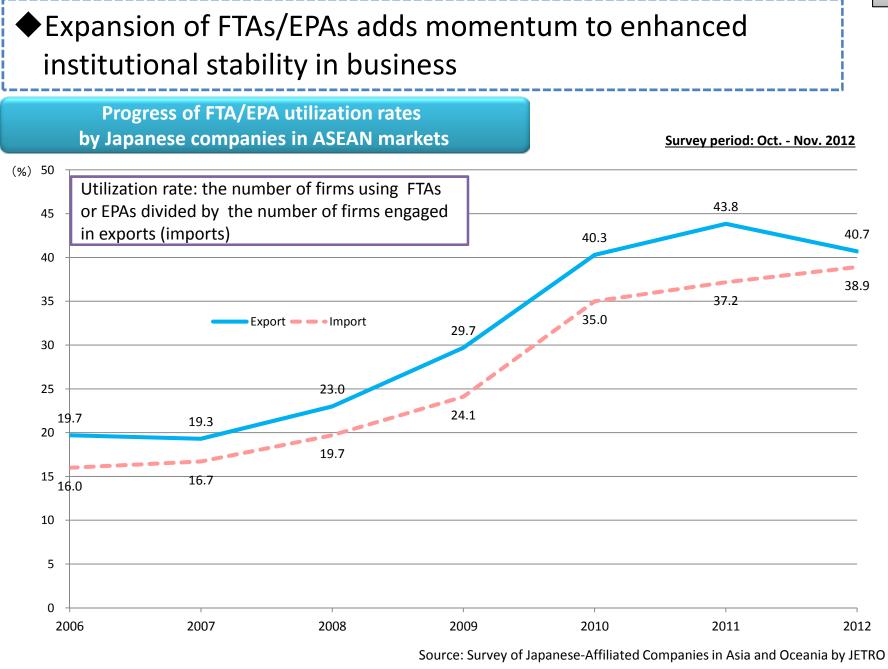
	China	Thailand	Philippines	Vietnam	Bangladesh	Myanmar
2009	100	106	102	47	22	11
2012	100	105	77	44	23	16
		Around the same level as China	Opposite trend in wage levels compared to China	Slightly lower than half of China's level	One-fourth of China's level	One-sixth of China's level

# *"De facto"* enhancement of supply chains and deepening economic integration are progressing in Asia

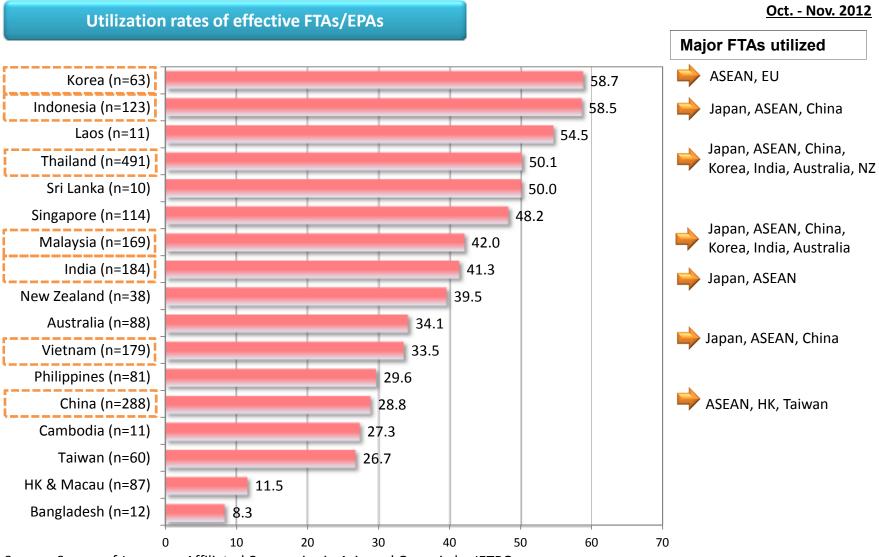
Intra-regional trade ratio\* (RCEP/NAFTA/TPP)



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## Asia-based Japanese companies utilizing multiple FTAs

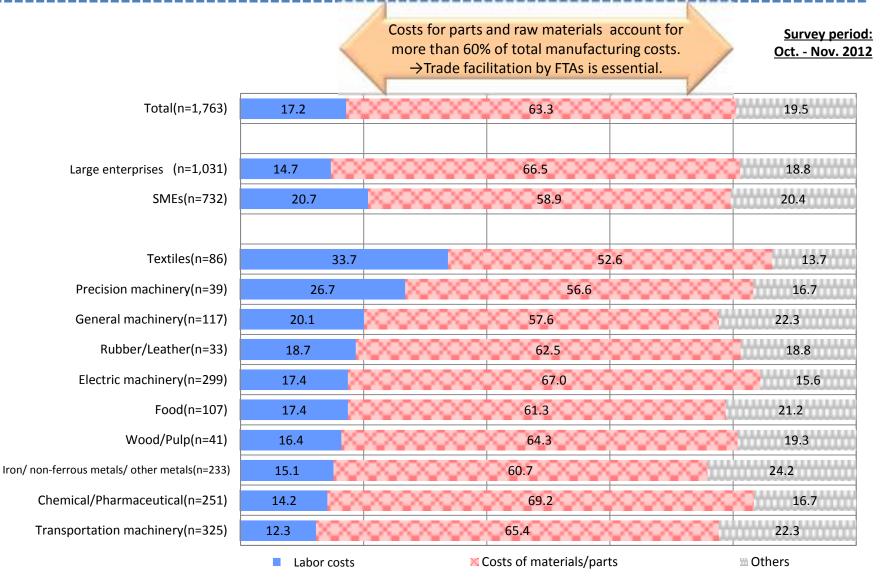


Source: Survey of Japanese-Affiliated Companies in Asia and Oceania by JETRO

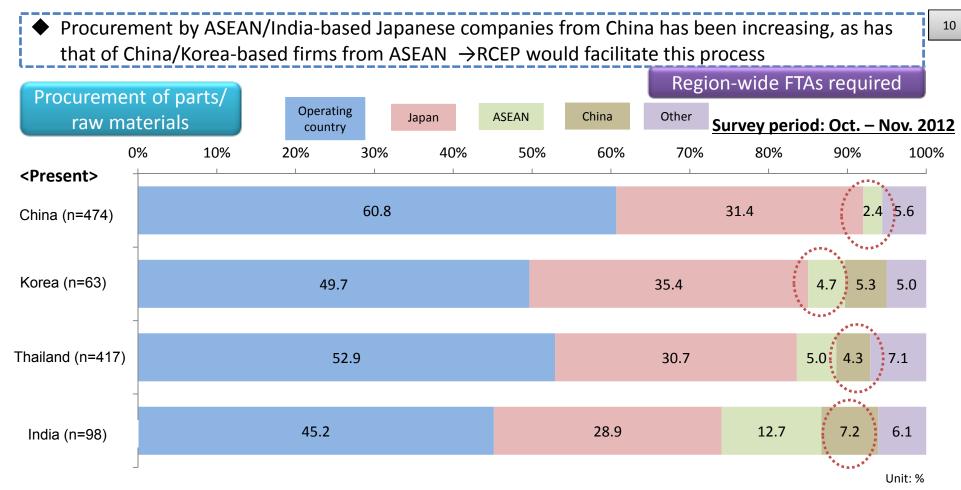
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Survey period:

# Liberalization of trade in parts and raw materials is crucial for establishment of supply chains

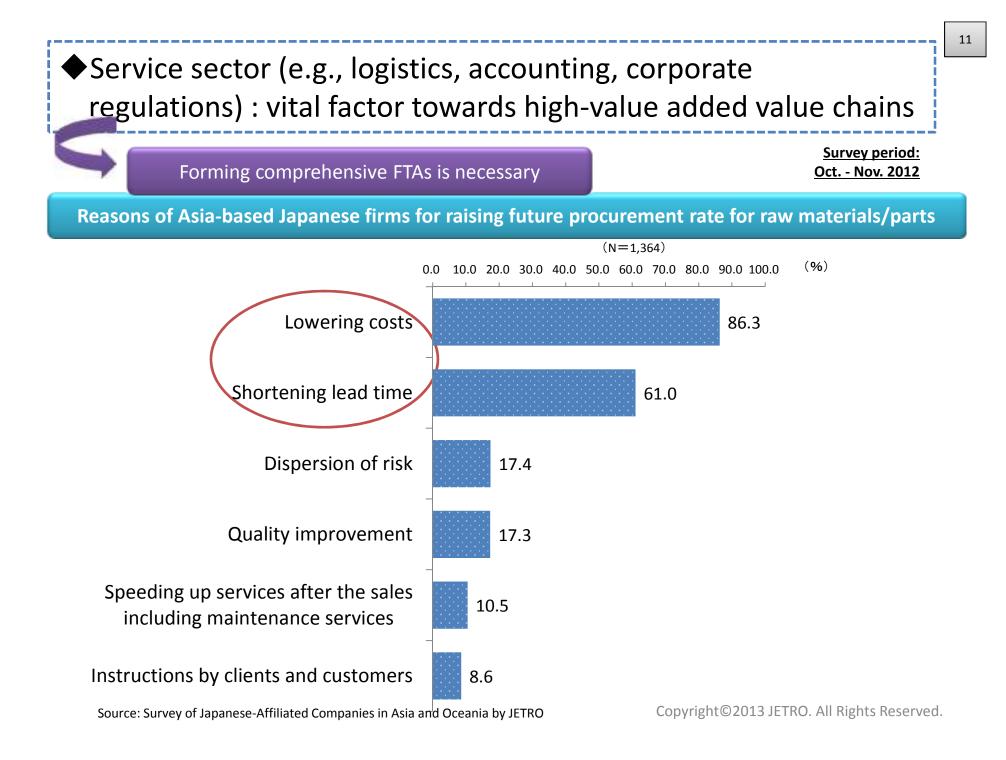


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<future> Rate of respondent Japanese companies planning to increase procurement of raw materials and parts (multiple answers allowed)</future>		Operating country	ASEAN	China	Japan	Other
	China (n=491)	88.0	12.4	_	10.4	3.0
	Korea (n=65)	70.8	20.0	24.6	13.8	7.7
	Thailand (n=420)	78.6	28.3	16.9	10.0	9.0
	India (n=116)	85.3	23.3	16.4	9.5	0.9

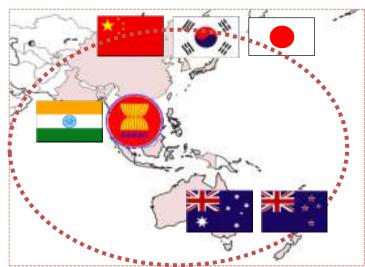
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#### Nov. 2012

RCEP: Announcement of agreement to launch negotiations
Japan-China-Korea FTA: Announcement of commencement of negotiations

#### RCEP



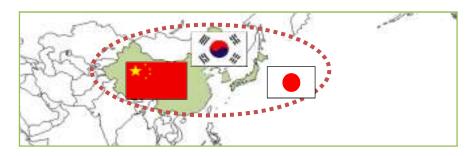
#### The 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summits (Nov. 20, 2012)

Leaders of 16 countries approved the Guiding Principles and Objectives for Negotiating the RCEP, and jointly declared the launch of the negotiations for the

RCEP.

"RCEP negotiations will commence in early 2013 with the aim to be completed by the end of 2015" (Citied from the Guiding Principles and Objectives for Negotiating the RCEP)

## Japan-China-Korea FTA



#### Japan-China-Korea Economic and Trade Ministers' Meeting (Nov. 20, 2012)

Ministers of the three agreed on the commencement of negotiations towards the FTA. They decided to hold the first meeting for the negotiations in early 2013.

In early 2013: The first negotiation meeting to be held (under coordination)

#### Region-wide FTAs

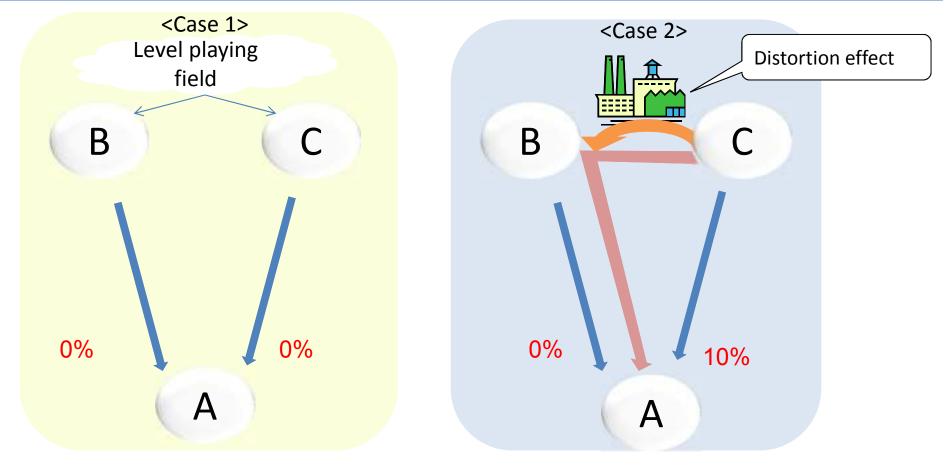
<Case1> One schedule applied to all member countries

→ no discrimination among exporting countries

<Case 2> Individual schedule for each country;

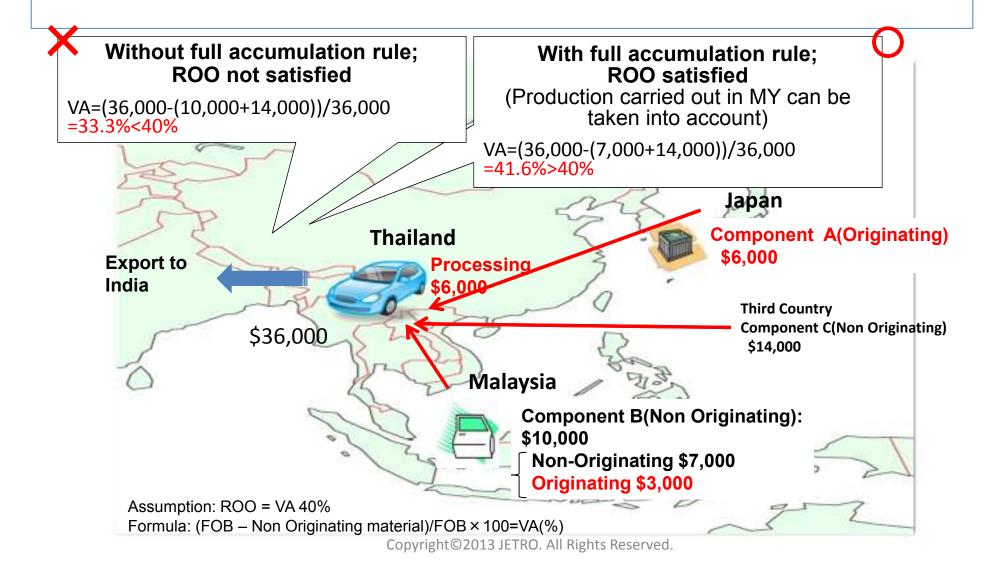
→ Trade will be distorted (goods export(production) may move from C to B)

= Discourage development of the efficient supply chain networks



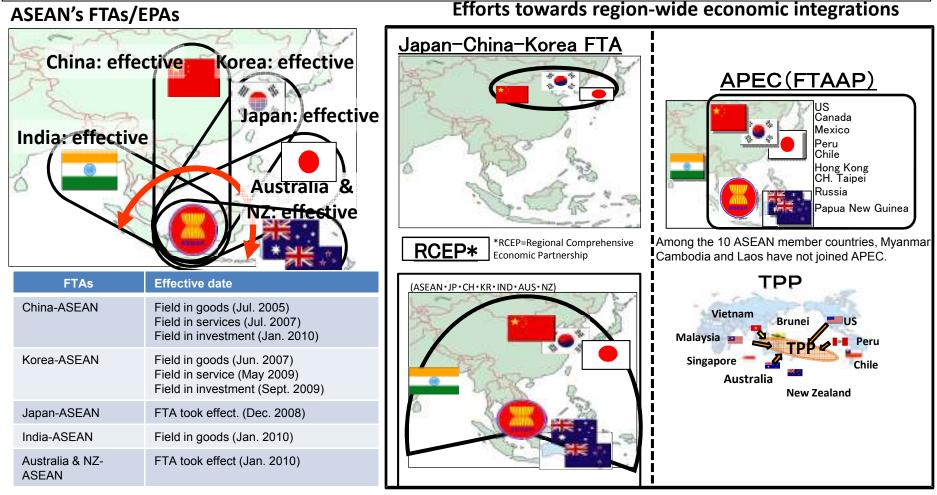
The ROO should not be a burden for business, especially for SMEs =simple & business friendly rules are needed!

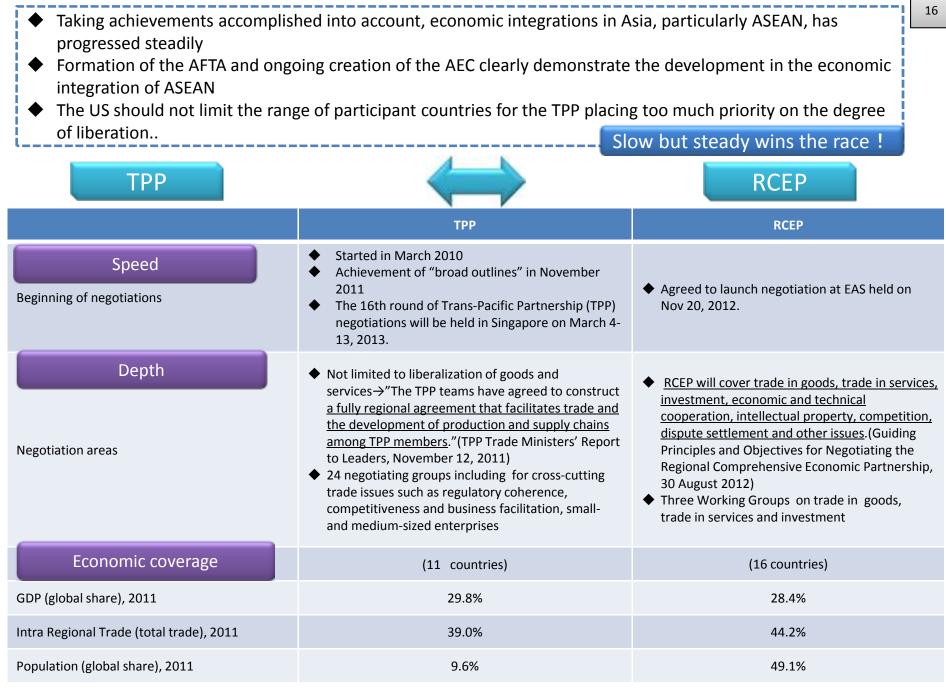
ex. (i)co-equal rule, (ii)full accumulation rule, (iii) Approved Exporter self-certification system



# Formation of FTAs/EPAs in East Asia

- In 2012, five ASEAN Plus One FTAs (namely with China, Korea, Japan, India, and Australia and New Zealand) took effect. ASEAN and these signatory countries have been accelerating efforts towards further development of regional production networks.
  - → Formation of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)





#### EU's FTAs with countries in the Asia-Pacific region

**Korea** Took effect (in July 2011)



China (Investment Agreement) Leaders agreed to promote efforts towards the earliest possible launch of negotiations. (The EU-China Summit on Feb. 14, 2012))

India Under negotiation (from June 2007)



Singapore Negotiation completed (in Dec. 2012)

Malaysia Under negotiation (from Oct. 2010)

Vietnam Under negotiation (from June 2012)



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**Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines** Discussing launch of FTA negotiations



Japan Launch of the negotiation to be announced officially at the next Japan-EU Summit (Spring in 2013)





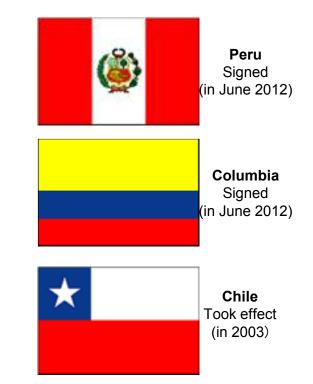
US Final report of high-level working group (scheduled in Feb. 2013) → Launch of negotiation within 2013?



Canada Under negotiation (from May 2009)



Mexico Took effect (in 2000)



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