The 20th East Asia Top Level Officials' Meeting on Competition Policy (EATOP) and Related Meetings

January 9, 2025
Japan Fair Trade Commission

The Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) will host the 20th East Asia Top Level Officials' Meeting on Competition Policy (EATOP) (see "1." below) and the 17th East Asia Conference on Competition Law and Policy (EAC) (see "2." below) on February 5 and 6, 2026.

Participation in the EAC is open to the public (free of charge; in-person participation is limited to the first 60 registrants). Those wishing to participate in person are requested to register by Friday, January 30, 2026, and online participants by Wednesday, February 4, 2026, via the registration form at the following link:
https://forms.gle/oHpcVBihc2gEys9s6

1. The 20th EATOP

(1) Objective and Agenda

Objective

Aiming at strengthening the cooperative relationship among competition authorities through candid exchange of views and information, with the attendance of top level officials from competition authorities in East Asia, on recent activities and future challenges.

Agenda

- Progress in Competition Policy in the Digital Sector
- Initiatives of Competition Authorities in the Field of Net Zero Policy
- The Use of Economic Analysis in Competition Policy in East Asia
- EATOP Roundtable 2026 -Discussion on the Future Direction of EATOP-

(2) Date and Venue

Thursday, February 5, 2026
SAKURA Room (2nd Floor), Courtyard by Marriott Ginza Tobu Hotel 6-14-10 Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo

(3) Participating Authorities

16 authorities in East Asia

(4) Co-hosts

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- The Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

2. The 17th EAC

(1) Objective and Agenda

Objective

Developing a common understanding of the importance of competition law and policy in the East Asia region through presentations, question-and-answer sessions, and discussions among participants from academia, the legal field, etc. in addition to authorities.

Agenda

- Korea Fair Trade Commission & JFTC on Digital
- Keynote Speech "Building Together, Adapting Smart：Digital Competition Policy for Asia's Diverse Economies"
- Indonesian Competition Law Landscape

(2) Date and Venue

Friday, February 6, 2026

- In-person: SAKURA Room (2nd Floor), Courtyard by Marriott Ginza Tobu Hotel 6-14-10 Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
- Online: live streaming

(3) Co-hosts

- The Academic Society for Competition Law Asian Chapter (Ascola Asia)
- The ADB
- The ADBI

(Appendix)

East Asia Top Level Officials' Meetings and East Asia Conferences in the past

Time	Location	EATOP	EAC
March 2004	Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)	-	1st Conference
May 2005	Indonesia (Bogor)	1st Meeting	2nd Conference
June 2006	Thailand (Bangkok)	2nd Meeting	3rd Conference
May 2007	Vietnam (Hanoi)	3rd Meeting	4th Conference
April 2008	Japan (Kyoto)	4th Meeting	-
June 2009	Mongolia (Ulaanbaatar)	5th Meeting	5th Conference
September 2010	Korea (Seoul)	6th Meeting	-
September 2011	Singapore (Singapore)	7th Meeting	6th Conference
May 2012	Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)	8th Meeting	7th Conference
August 2013	Philippines（Manila）	9th Meeting	8th Conference
October 2014	Japan (Tokyo)	10th Meeting	-
August 2015	Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh)	11th Meeting	9th Conference
September 2016	Korea (Seoul)	12th Meeting	-
September 2017	Indonesia (Bali)	13th Meeting	10th Conference
August 2018	Australia (Sydney)	14th Meeting	11th Conference
July 2019	Mongolia (Ulaanbaatar)	15th Meeting	12th Conference
September 2021	Singapore (Online)	16th Meeting	13th Conference
September 2022	Philippines (Manila)	17th Meeting	14th Conference
July 2023	Thailand (Bangkok)	18th Meeting	15th Conference
July 2024	Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)	19th Meeting	16th Conference