

**JCEGA joins the world's major industry associations to  
urge China to play a leadership role in the EGA negotiations**

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Japanese Coalition for Environmental Goods Agreement

On 8<sup>th</sup> July, taking the opportunity of the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting held in Shanghai, China, the Japanese Coalition for Environmental Goods Agreement (JCEGA) together with the world's major industry associations, including National Foreign Trade Council (NFTC) of USA, dispatched the attached joint letter to three vice premiers of the State Council of China urging China to play a leadership role in the Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA) negotiations, as the Chair of the G20, and take the initiative to conclude the negotiations by the G20 Summit in Hangzhou, China in September.

In addition to JCEGA, Japan Machinery Center for Trade and Investment, as the secretariat of JCEGA, and 6 other member associations also joined in the letter.

JCEGA will coordinate with overseas industry associations and continue to work on the participating countries for early conclusion of an ambitious EGA.

July 8, 2016

The Honorable Zhang Gaoli  
Vice Premier, State Council  
Beijing, People's Republic of China

The Honorable Wang Yang  
Vice Premier, State Council  
Beijing, People's Republic of China

The Honorable Ma Kai  
Vice Premier, State Council  
Beijing, People's Republic of China

Dear Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli, Vice Premier Wang Yang, and Vice Premier Ma Kai:

On behalf of the businesses that our organizations represent around the world, we strongly support efforts to conclude an ambitious Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA) this year that, under the umbrella of the World Trade Organization (WTO), will eliminate tariffs on a broad range of environmental goods and technologies. A concluded agreement would promote economic growth and advance innovation by lowering the cost of adopting environmentally-friendly technologies, and would also deliver significant knock-on environmental benefits.

In July 2014, China joined other WTO members to launch the EGA negotiations in an effort to eliminate tariffs on a wide range of environmental goods and technologies, an industry which accounts for nearly \$1 trillion in annual world trade. The 17 WTO members participating in the EGA negotiations account for at least 86 percent of global environmental goods trade.

China is the largest producer of green technologies among the countries participating in the EGA negotiations. Through full implementation of a broad and ambitious agreement, China would boost its economy and aid its efforts to meet ambitious environmental goals, such as those laid out in the recent 13<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan (2016-2020). A recent study found that the EGA would increase China's GDP and national income by billions of dollars, increase exports by nearly \$27 billion, increase real spending on environmental goods by an estimated \$22 billion annually, and result in substantial economic benefits linked to improved environmental quality.<sup>1</sup>

China has taken an increasing interest in playing a global leadership role on energy and environmental issues. As this year's host of the G20, China has a golden opportunity to lead the successful conclusion of the EGA by the 2016 G20 Hangzhou summit in September.

We strongly urge China to demonstrate leadership that results in the conclusion of a commercially meaningful EGA this year. A concluded agreement would promote economic growth, improve environmental outcomes and advance innovation not only in China, but also around the world.

Sincerely,

American Composites Manufacturers Association (ACMA)  
Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ACCI)  
Australian Cleantech

Australian Industry Group (AIG)  
Business + Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA)  
BusinessNZ  
Canadian Association of Recycling Industries (CARI)  
Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association (CHFCA)  
Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME)  
Coalition of Services Industries (CSI)  
Communications and Information Network Association of Japan (CIAJ)  
Confederación Española de Organizaciones Empresariales (CEOE)  
Confederation of Danish Industry (DI)  
Confederation of Swedish Enterprise  
Emergency Committee for American Trade (ECAT)  
European Sealing Association (ESA)  
European Wind Energy Association (EWEA)  
Fluid Sealing Association (FSA)  
Greenhouse Capital  
Ibec  
Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)  
Innovation Norway  
Japan Analytical Instruments Manufacturers' Association (JAIMA)  
Japanese Business Machine and Information System Industry Association (JBMIA)  
Japan Electric Measuring Instruments Manufacturers' Association (JEMIMA)  
Japan Electrical Manufacturers' Association (JEMA)  
Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA)  
Japan Lighting Manufacturers Association (JLMA)  
Japan Machinery Center for Trade and Investment (JMC)  
Japan Photovoltaic Energy Association (JPEA)  
Japanese Coalition for Environmental Goods Agreement (JCEGA)  
Keidanren, Japan Business Federation  
Korea International Trade Association (KITA)  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA)  
National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)  
National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)  
National Foreign Trade Council (NFTC)  
Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)  
Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA)  
Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI)  
SolarPower Europe  
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce | La Chambre de Commerce du Canada  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
United States Council for International Business (USCIB)  
US-China Business Council (USCBC)



<sup>1</sup> “Value of an Environmental Goods Agreement: Helping China Meet Its Environmental Goals,” Trade Partnership Worldwide, LLC, available at [https://www.uschina.org/sites/default/files/Value%20of%20the%20Environmental%20Goods%20Agreement%20on%20China%20\(English\).pdf](https://www.uschina.org/sites/default/files/Value%20of%20the%20Environmental%20Goods%20Agreement%20on%20China%20(English).pdf)