

From TPP to CPTPP
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Summary

On the first day of Donald Trump's presidency in January 2017, the United States announced to quit TPP as Trump had promised in the election. With the formal withdrawal of the center among the 12 member countries, TPP, one of the most influential free trade agreements over the world, had to revise the articles and adjust to embrace a new start without the U.S. As a core member that had joined at a very early stage, Japan took the responsibility of leading and organizing a new round of negotiation on the agreement.

TPP had always been a controversial national topic among Japanese people. Since the ratification of the original TPP on the elimination of tariffs in all-round fields including agriculture, industrial manufacture and even intellectual property, it has posed a great pressure on the domestic production of Japan's proud. However as the new articles of CPTPP has been signed in March 2018, the significant adjustments on investment and IP chapters also brings a expectation on further challenge or chance in the future. My presentation aims at introducing the transformation from TPP to CPTPP with the withdrawal of the U.S., analyzing the role Japan playing in it and discussing the future possibility of its development.