

**APEC Architect Memorandum of Cooperation on Registered/ Licensed Architects
between Japan and New Zealand Concluded**

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The Japan APEC Architect Project Monitoring Committee

On July 14, 2009 “APEC Architect Memorandum of Cooperation on Registered/Licensed Architects in Japan and New Zealand to Facilitate Mobility of Architects in the Provision of Architectural Services” between Japan and New Zealand was concluded.

This Memorandum has been completed within the scope of the APEC Architect Project in which 14 economies participate. This is the second reciprocal arrangement following the one with Australia in 2008.

This Memorandum will help expedite the process to be authorized and registered as an architect (Kenchikushi in Japan) reciprocally.

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- APEC Architect Project is to give a common title of APEC Architect to architects in the APEC region who satisfy certain requirements based on the standardized registration procedure such as practical experiences. The purpose of this project is to establish a mechanism to facilitate mobility of architects and to help those architects participate actively in the international field.
- Economies participating in this project shall have a bilateral talk in order to put this mutual recognition mechanism into effect. Upon completion of memorandum or agreement, APEC Architects from both economies can be certified and registered in other economy through more streamlined assessment procedure compared to the ordinary examination process.
- The requirements to be registered as APEC Architect in Japan are: 1) Education of university level for at least four years of full-time study as well or better; 2) Licensed as 1st-class Kenchikushi; 3) Certain practical experiences before and after licensed as 1st-class Kenchikushi. The Japan APEC Architect Project Monitoring Committee was launched in 2005 and started APEC Architect Assessment/Registration, and the number of APEC Architects registered in Japan has reached 415.
- From now on Japanese APEC Architects can be registered in New Zealand by a much simpler and quicker procedure which just involves face-to-face interview asking their technical and legal knowledge or understanding in the field of architecture specific to New Zealand.

〔 *** An equivalent first-track procedure will apply for New Zealand APEC Architects wishing to become registered architects (1st-class Kenchikushi) in Japan.** 〕

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