



February 28, 2012

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the mandate of Mr. Takio YAMADA as the Ambassador of Japan for ASEAN has expired on 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 2012.

To fill his post, the Government of Japan has appointed H.E. Mr. Kimihiro ISHIKANE, who will be accredited as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to ASEAN.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the cooperation and support extended by you and by the ASEAN Secretariat to Ambassador YAMADA during his tenure. I am confident that you will extend a similar welcome to Ambassador ISHIKANE and that you will facilitate his mission.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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