Article 15
Confidentiality of Information

1. The competent authorities or competent institutions of one Contracting Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations, transmit to the competent authorities or competent institutions of the other Contracting Party information about an individual collected under the legislation of the first Contracting Party insofar as the information is necessary for the implementation of this Agreement.

2. Information about an individual which is transmitted in accordance with the provision of Paragraph 1 of this Article by one Contracting Party to the other Contracting Party shall be used exclusively for the purpose of implementing this Agreement, unless otherwise required by the laws and regulations of that other Contracting Party. Such information received by that other Contracting Party shall be governed by the laws and regulations of that other Contracting Party for the protection of confidentiality of personal data.

Article 16
Resolution of Disputes

Any dispute regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be resolved by consultation between the competent authorities or relevant authorities of the Contracting Parties.

Article 17
Headings

The headings of Parts and Articles of this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

PART IV
TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 18
Detachment prior to the Entry into Force

In applying paragraph 1 of Article 6, in the case of a person who has been working in the territory of a Contracting Party prior to the entry into force of this Agreement, the period of detachment referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 6 shall be considered to begin on the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 19
Entry into Force

Both Contracting Parties shall exchange diplomatic notes indicating that they have completed the internal legal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement. The Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the fourth month following the month in which the exchange of the notes is completed.

Article 20
Duration and Termination

This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period. Either Contracting Party may give to the other Contracting Party, through diplomatic channels, written notice of termination of this Agreement. In that event, this Agreement shall remain in force until the last day of the twelfth month following the month in which the termination is notified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in duplicate at Tokyo on 9 May, 2018 in the Japanese, Chinese and English languages, each text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF JAPAN

河野太郎

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA

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