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The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction
(the Hague Convention) Entered Into Effect in Japan

1. On April 1, the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction (the Hague Convention) entered into effect in Japan and the Central Authority in charge of implementation of the Hague Convention was launched.
2. Since the number of people who move across borders has dramatically increased and international marriage and international divorce have increased in recent years, the Hague Convention is very important for the Government of Japan, which is an international rule to deal with issues of the wrongful removal of a child.
3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, in charge of the operation of the Central Authority, will faithfully implement the Hague Convention.

(Reference)

As of April 1, the Hague Convention Division was moved from the Foreign Policy Bureau to the Consular Affairs Bureau where it will carry out the operation of the Central Authority, in order to strengthen coordination between the operation of the Hague Convention and consular services.

- * The foregoing is a provisional translation. The date indicated above denotes the date of issue of the original press release in Japanese.
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