

**Contract**

Mr. Takuya Sasayama, Minister and Head of Chancery at the Embassy of Japan (hereafter referred to as A), acting on behalf of Japan and in accordance with the authority vested in him or her, and Mercury Public Affairs (hereafter referred to as B), have agreed as follows with respect to certain consulting services to be provided by B:

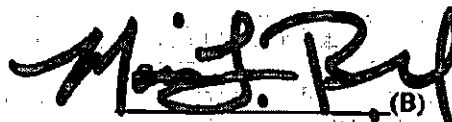
1. B pledges to provide, upon request from A, advice and assistance in connection with the normal business of the Japanese Embassy (or Consulate) and other matters as required, as well as information of relevance.
2. The period of the contract shall be from April 3, 2017 until March 31, 2018.
3. The fee for service shall be \$140,000.00 per year. A shall pay B \$ 35,000.00 at the end of each quarter.
4. B must not divulge any confidential information learned through association with A, neither during nor after the period of this contract, unless required to do so by law.
5. This contract may be renewed prior to the expiration for a further period of one year by agreement between both parties.
6. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, either party may cancel this contract by issuing notification 30 days in advance.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this contract to be executed in duplicate originals, one original to be retained by each party.

Executed this 3rd day of April, 2017.

Signed:

 (A)

 (B)