

## **Japan's Natural Rubber imports rise 2.6% y-o-y in July**

TOKYO : Japan's natural rubber imports advanced by 2.6% year-on-year to 60,511 metric tons in July this year and up 5% month-on-month, according to the latest data released by the Rubber Trade Association of Japan.

According to the data, country imported 57,563 metric tons of rubber in June this year and 58,981 metric tons a year ago.

Nearly 84% of July imports were made up of technically specified rubber grades, at 50,612 mt, up 8% from 46,989 mt in June. TSR grades are used widely in tire production.

Japan imported 434,345 metric tons of natural rubber in the first seven months of the this year, down 5.6% from 460,127 mt a year ago.