

A New Foreign Policy Strategy: "Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy"

"Diplomacy that takes a panoramic perspective of the world map"

"Proactive Contribution to Peace" based on the principle of international cooperation

Based on the accomplishments of the Abe Administration, Japan intends to further improve and expand these diplomatic concepts

"Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy"

A key for stability and prosperity of the international community is dynamism that is created by combining
"Two Continents" : Asia that is rapidly growing and Africa that possess huge potential of growth; and
"Two Oceans" : Free and open Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean
⇒ broaden the horizon of Japanese foreign policy by envisioning the above as an overarching, comprehensive concept

Africa

■ Full of potential

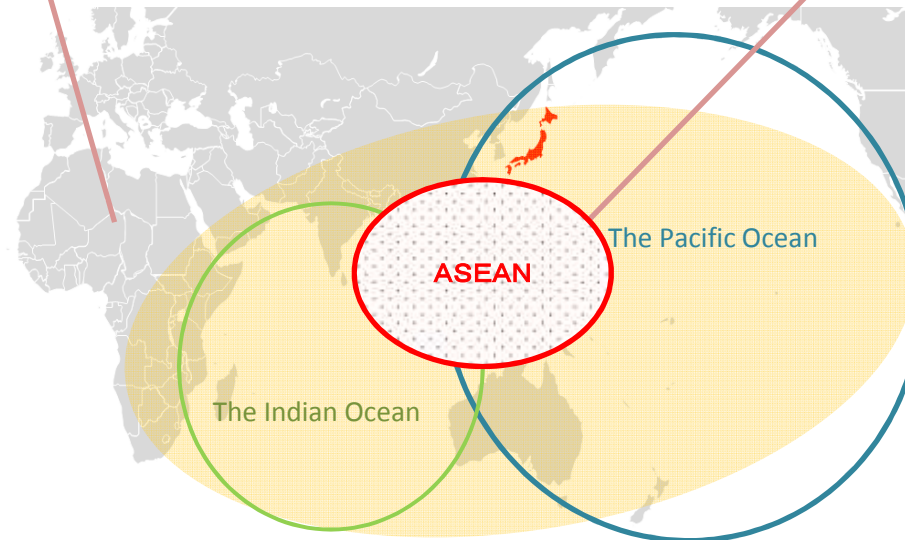
- population around 1.3 billion (17% of global population)
→ around 2.5 billion in 2050
- account for 30,000,000 km² (22% of global area)
- high economic growth rate (4.8% on average (2000-2016))
- rich in natural resources and promising markets

⇒ progressing as a "developing continent" whereas still challenged by poverties and terrorism etc.



Japan will provide nation-building support in the area of development as well as politics and governance, in a way that respects the ownership of African countries, and not by forcing on or intervening in them

Improve "connectivity" between Asia and Africa through free and open Indo-Pacific, and, with ASEAN as the hinge of two oceans, promote stability and prosperity of the region as a whole



Asia

- Increase of awareness of confidence, responsibility and leadership, as well as democracy, rule of law and market economy taking root in ASEAN and South Asian countries

⇒ Currently expanding its success to Africa and bring out the potential of Africa as a "global main player" through a free and open Indo-Pacific

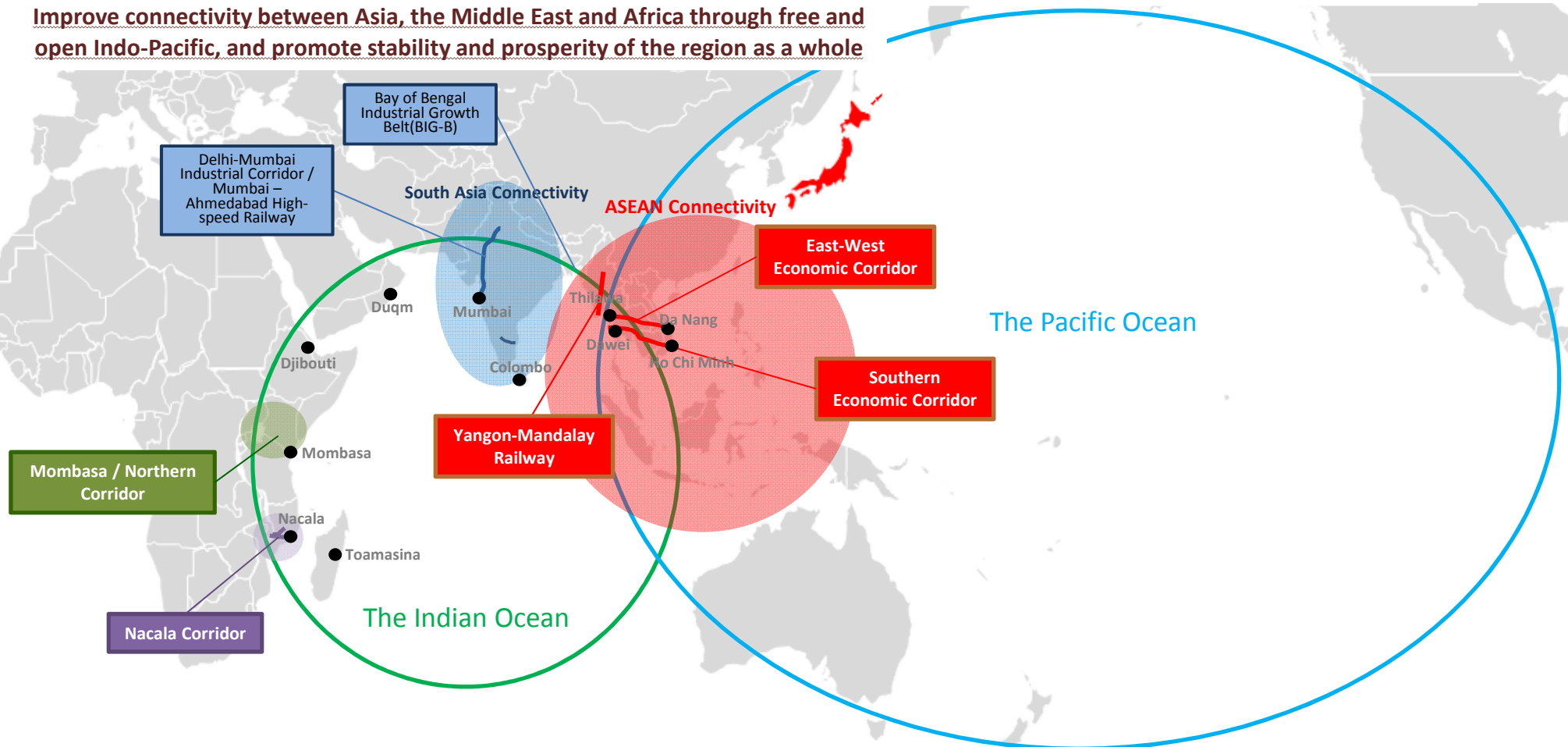


Japan will further promote infrastructure development, trade and investment, and enhance business environment and human development, strengthening connectivity in ASEAN region. Japan will expand ASEAN's success to other regions such as the Middle East and Africa,

Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy

- Develop free and open maritime order in the Indo-Pacific region as “international public goods”, bringing stability and prosperity for every country as well as securing peace and prosperity in the region as a whole. Japan will cooperate with any country that supports this idea.
- Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy consists of three pillars:
 - ① Promotion and establishment of rule of law, freedom of navigation and free trade, etc.
 - ② Pursuit of economic prosperity (improving connectivity, etc.)
 - ③ Commitment for peace and stability (capacity building on maritime law enforcement, HA/DR cooperation, etc.)

Improve connectivity between Asia, the Middle East and Africa through free and open Indo-Pacific, and promote stability and prosperity of the region as a whole



The Specifics of “Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy”

① Promoting and establishing rule of law, freedom of navigation, market economy, etc.

- Cooperation among Japan, US, India, Australia, ASEAN, European and Middle Eastern countries, etc.
- Strategic communication at international arena and through media, etc.

② Pursuing economic prosperity

- Improving “connectivity” through infrastructure development such as ports and railways
⇒ Improving “connectivity” in ASEAN (East-West Economic Corridor, Southern Economic Corridor, etc.), within South West Asia (North East Connectivity Improvement Project in India and Bengal Bay Industrial Growth Zone, etc.) and from South East Asia to South East Africa through South West Asia and the Middle East (Mombasa Port, etc.)
- Strengthening economic partnership (including investment treaties) and improving business environment, etc.

③ Securing peace and stability

- Capacity-building assistance to coastal countries of the Indo-Pacific (strengthening maritime law enforcement capacity and Maritime Domain Awareness capacity, human resource development, etc.)
- Cooperation in the field of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief
- Cooperation in the fields of anti-piracy, counter-terrorism, non-proliferation, etc.