

1967

Founding of ASEAN



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1973

Japan-ASEAN Ministerial Conference on Synthetic Rubber (The start of the cooperative relationship)

1977

1st Japan - ASEAN Summit Meeting



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2003

30th Anniversary of ASEAN-Japan Dialogue relations



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2006

Establishment of Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF)



Japan-ASEAN Cooperation

2008

Entry into force of ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Cooperation (AJCEP)



2009

1st Japan - Mekong Summit Meeting



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2010

Designation of Ambassador of Japan to ASEAN (The first Ambassador among Dialogue Partners)

2011

Establishment of the Mission of Japan to ASEAN in Jakarta



2013

40th Anniversary of ASEAN-Japan Dialogue relations



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2015

Establishment of the ASEAN Community



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2017

ASEAN's 50th Anniversary



Japan-ASEAN Commemorative Summit, 2013 ©Cabinet Public Relations Office, Government of Japan

Vision Statement on ASEAN-JAPAN Friendship and Cooperation

The Japan-ASEAN Commemorative Summit was held in Tokyo in December 2013 to celebrate 40th year of Japan-ASEAN relations. At this summit meeting, the national leaders adopted the Vision Statement on ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation and its Implementation Plan. It affirmed their commitment to greater cooperation focusing on four key areas of the partnership: Partners for Peace and Stability, Partners for Prosperity, Partners for Quality of Life, and Heart-to-Heart Partners.

Five Principles of Japan's ASEAN Diplomacy announced by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in January 2013

- (1) Protect and promote together with ASEAN member states universal values, such as freedom, democracy and basic human rights;
- (2) Ensure in cooperation with ASEAN member states that the free and open seas, which are the most vital common asset, are governed by laws and rules and not by force, and welcome the United States' rebalancing to the Asia-Pacific region;
- (3) Further promote trade and investment, including flows of goods, money, people and services, through various economic partnership networks, for Japan's economic revitalization and the prosperity of both Japan and ASEAN member states;
- (4) Protect and nurture Asia's diverse cultural heritages and traditions; and
- (5) Promote exchanges among the younger generations to further foster mutual understanding.



Japan-Indonesia Joint Press Conference, 2013 ©Cabinet Public Relations Office, Government of Japan

Partners for Peace and Stability

Support for ASEAN Unity and Centrality

- ASEAN-led mechanism: East Asia Summit (EAS), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)-Plus.

Maritime Security and Cooperation

- "Three Principles of the Rule of Law at Sea"
 - (1) States shall make and clarify their claims based on international law,
 - (2) States shall not use force or coercion in trying to drive their claims
 - (3) States shall seek to settle disputes by peaceful means.

New Guiding principle of Japan-ASEAN Defense Cooperation

- **Vientiane Vision : Japan's Defense Cooperation Initiative with ASEAN** in 2016 for ASEAN-wide defense cooperation.



Japan-ASEAN Ship-Rider Cooperation Program on JMSDF Ship JS IZUMO ©Ministry of Defense, Japan

Combating Terrorism and Transnational Crimes

- **ASEAN-Japan Joint Declaration for Cooperation to Combat Terrorism and Transnational Crime** in 2014 and ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC + Japan).

Partners for Prosperity

ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)

- **ASEAN-Japan 10-year Strategic Economic Cooperation Roadmap** in 2016.
- **ASEAN-Japan Innovation Network (AJIN)** to nurture new industry and build a businesses network.

ASEAN Connectivity

- **Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025** to improve land and maritime corridors and soft infrastructure across ASEAN.



Neak Loeng Bridge ©Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan



ASEAN Regional Training Center for VTS Operators ©Japan Coast Guard

Narrowing the Development Gap (NDG)

- **Annual summit and ministerial meetings** with the Mekong countries.
- **Mekong-Japan Action Plan and Japan-Mekong Connectivity Initiative.**



The Eighth Japan-Mekong Summit Meeting ©Cabinet Public Relations Office, Government of Japan

Trade Facilitation

- **Customs officials training between Japan and ASEAN.**
- **Customs modernisation** through National Single Window.



The official launching ceremony of MACCS ©Ministry of Finance, Japan

Agriculture and Fisheries

- **Food value chain and innovation.**
- **APTERR** (ASEAN + 3 Emergency Rice Reserve), **AFSIS** (ASEAN Food Security Information System) and **SEAFDEC** (Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center).



Ceremony of supplying rice reserve ©Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries



The 5th meeting of APTERR Council ©APTERR Secretariat

Competition Policy and Law

- **Healthy competitive environment** in ASEAN.
- **Technical assistance** for ASEAN Competition Authorities since 2016.



Workshop for "Investigative Strategies and Techniques to Fight Bid Rigging Cartels" ©Commission for the Supervision of Business Competition, Indonesia

Partners for Quality of life

Disaster Management

- Integrated ICT system for the **Emergency Operation Centre (EOC)** of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (**AHA Center**) and the **Disaster Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN (DELSA).**

Health and Welfare

- **Japan-ASEAN UHC (Universal Health Coverage) Initiative** adopted 2017 to promote UHC and **Active Aging.**
- Annual **Japan-ASEAN High Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies.**
- Disaster health management (**ARCH Project**).

Science, Technology and Innovation

- Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development (**SATREPS**), e-ASIA Joint Research Program (**e-ASIA JRP**) and Japan-ASEAN Science, Technology and Innovation Platform (**JASTIP**).
- Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science (**Sakura Science Plan**).



Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science (Sakura Science Plan) ©Japan Science and Technology Agency

Environmental Issues

- **Japan-ASEAN Dialogue on Environmental Cooperation.**
- **Environmental Sustainable Cities (ESC) Model Cities Programme.**

Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF)

JAIF Total contributions 2006-2017 is approximately **USD657 million.**

- To support the efforts of ASEAN Member States to pursue comprehensive integration of ASEAN
- To support the implementation of the Blueprints of the ASEAN Community
- To promote cooperation between Japan and ASEAN.



Japan-ASEAN Cooperation

Heart-to-Heart Partners

Youth Exchange

- **JENESYS (Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Student and Youths)** program.



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Education

- **AUN/SEED-Net Project (ASEAN University Network Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network Project)** since 2001.



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Sports

- **Sport for Tomorrow Programme.**
- **The First Japan-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports** in 2017.



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Culture

- **Meeting of the Japan-ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts**



The 2nd Meeting of the Japan-ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts ©Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan



I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) for its 50th anniversary. This is a historic milestone. I am very pleased to have been able to celebrate ASEAN's golden jubilee in Manila in August 2017 together with my colleagues of its member states and other guests.

The collaborative partnership between Japan and ASEAN dates back to 1973 – it began only six years after ASEAN was established. The history of Japan–ASEAN cooperation overlaps greatly with ASEAN's fifty-year history.

Over the last half-century, Japan–ASEAN relations have deepened significantly in tandem with the remarkable developments that ASEAN has undergone. Japan is ASEAN's third largest trading partner and second largest source of foreign direct investment. There are over 10,000 Japanese companies operating in the region. People-to-people exchanges are also flourishing. Traditional Japanese culture and J-pop are both extremely popular in ASEAN, and over 70,000 students from ASEAN currently study in Japan.

ASEAN plays a leading role in promoting peace and stability in the region as well as globally. ASEAN has contributed to this end by leading mechanisms such as East Asia Summit (EAS), as it simultaneously works to deepen integration among its Member States. ASEAN is an important partner to Japan, subscribing to the universal values such as the rule of law, and Japan is committed to supporting ASEAN initiatives in this area.

As we embark on our next 50 years, Japan will continue to respect ASEAN's centrality and unity, and looks forward to continuing to work closely with ASEAN towards prosperity and stability in the region.

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