



ASEAN-Japan Partnership

- Beyond the 50th Year of Friendship and Cooperation -

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(Agenda)

1. Major achievements

2. Core strengths

3. Emerging challenges & opportunities

1. Major achievements

(Starting cooperation)

1973 ASEAN-Japan dialogue on synthetic rubber

(Announcing a vision, followed by industrialisation & expansion of ASEAN)

1977 1st ASEAN-Japan Summit, Fukuda Doctrine ("Heart to Heart" relationship)

(Overcoming the financial crisis)

1997 1st ASEAN+3 Summit / 2000 Chiang Mai Initiative / 2010 CMIM (Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation)

(Supporting the ASEAN Community)

- 2006 Japan ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF)
- 2008 Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)
- 2011 AHA Centre (Disaster Management)
- 2020 Announcement of Japan's Support to ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED)

(Fukuda Doctrine)

- First, Japan, a nation committed to peace, rejects the role of a military power, and on that basis is resolved to contribute to the peace and prosperity of Southeast Asia, and of the world community.
- Second, Japan, as a true friend of the countries of Southeast Asia, will do its best for consolidating the relationship of mutual confidence and trust based on "heart-to-heart" understanding with these countries, in wide-ranging fields covering not only political and economic areas but also social and cultural areas.
- Third, Japan will be an equal partner of ASEAN and its member countries, and cooperate positively with them in their own efforts to strengthen their solidarity and resilience, together with other nations of the like mind outside the region, while aiming at fostering a relationship based on mutual understanding with the nations of Indochina, and will thus contribute to the building of peace and prosperity throughout Southeast Asia.



Speech by PM Fukuda in Manila on 18 August 1977 (Credit: Cabinet Public Affairs Office)

2. Core strengths

- > Trust and confidence
 - Deepening trust
 - Supporting ASEAN centrality & resilience
- > Focus on the Indo-Pacific
 - ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP)
 - Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)
- Co-creation of innovation
 - Matching respective strengths of Japan & ASEAN

(Speech by Prime Minister KISHIDA at the "Future of Asia" Forum, May 25, 2023)

- In December this year, we will hold a commemorative summit in Tokyo to mark the 50th Year of the ASEAN-Japan relations.
- Japan has long valued this kind of thinking. Japan's ASEAN diplomacy has been built on "heart to heart" relationships and cooperation as "equal partners". This is the very practice of the "Indo-Pacific approach".
- Over the past half a century, Japan has consistently supported the "centrality" and "unity" of ASEAN. Japan has also strengthened cooperation in promoting the AOIP, which shares many fundamental principles with the FOIP.
- Japan will also continue to support attractive cultural and people-to-people exchanges such as "WA Project" and JENESYS.
- On the occasion of the ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit in December this year, we will set forth a new vision for cooperation that envisions the "next 50 years" of ASEAN and Japan and take ASEAN-Japan relations to the next stage.

ASEAN-Japan Cooperation: Cooperation for the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP) Mainstreaming

□ Promoting concrete cooperation projects in line with the 4 priority areas of the AOIP (Maritime Cooperation, Connectivity, SDGs and Economy)

Japan will work with ASEAN to identify specific projects which will implement the new vision to be issued on the occasion of the 50th year, taking into account the new Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) Plan to be developed by Japan. Aiming to announce projects that will benefit ASEAN as a whole at the Commemorative Summit to be held around December.

■ Support for the functions of the ASEAN Secretariat for the promotion and mainstreaming of the AOIP

Japan will support activities of the Secretariat in various fields based on the need of ASEAN.

☐ Human resource development of young government officials in ASEAN with a focus on the AOIP.

Japan will support ASEAN's existing and/or new enlarged programmes based on the need of ASEAN.

(Background)

- Japan is the first among ASEAN's dialogue partners to have issued "Joint Statement on Cooperation on AOIP" with ASEAN in 2020. The statement noted that both the AOIP and FOIP concept share relevant fundamental principles in promoting peace and cooperation.
- ASEAN adopted "ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Mainstreaming of AOIP" in November 2022.
- The mainstreaming of AOIP, which upholds the principles such as openness, transparency, inclusivity and a rules-based framework, in ASEAN's cooperation with all external partners will lead the realization of a free and open international order based on the rule of law in the region.

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ASEAN-Japan Economic Co-Creation Vision ~Overview of the Interim Report~

Vision for the next 50 years

Develop a society that is "safe, prosperous and free" through fair and mutually beneficial economic co-creation based on the trust that has been built over the past 50 years

Three fundamental concepts to support the vision

Sharing practices for development and overcoming challenges Be grounded in diverse realities and geopolitical conditions Circulating human resources to bring innovation together

~Four pillars of action to realize the vision~

Balancing diversity and inclusiveness in sustainable development

Promoting open innovation beyond borders

Strengthening cyber-physical connectivity

Building an ecosystem in co-creating dynamic human capital

Further utilize ERIA

- ✓ Interactively link the Growth and Innovation models that reflect the strengths of each country
- ✓ Demonstrate the co-creation relationship of ASEAN and Japan as one of the models to be pursued globally
- ✓ Contribute to the establishment of a free, fair and open regional economic order.

Strengthen ASEAN and Japan cooperation in both the public and private sectors and promote co-creation projects

3. Emerging challenges & opportunities

- Maritime Cooperation (one of the AOIP priority areas)
- Infrastructure (ASEAN-Indo Pacific Infrastructure Forum, Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025)
- Digital economy (Digital Economic Framework Agreement (DEFA))
- Energy and Food Security (Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC), Asia Energy Transition Initiative (AETI), ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR))
- Public health (ASEAN Center for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACHPEED))
- Disaster management (ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Center))
- Youth/Sports (JENESYS (Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths), ASEAN Declaration on Leveraging The Role of Sports in ASEAN Community-Building and Achieving The SDGS)

(Approaches)

- Fostering freedom, the rule of law, free from force or coercion
- Promoting issue-based cooperation and partnership
- Facilitating innovation and startups
- Expanding platforms for exchange across sectors
- Engaging the next generation



(Events this year for ASEAN and Japan)

July ASEAN-Japan Special Meeting of Justice Ministers @Tokyo

ASEAN-Japan Foreign Ministers' Meeting @Jakarta

August ASEAN-Japan Economic Ministers' Meeting @Semarang

ASEAN-Japan Energy Ministers' Meeting @Bali

September ASEAN-Japan Summit @Jakarta

October ASEAN-Japan Tourism Ministers' Special Dialogue @Tokyo

December ASEAN-Japan Special Business Summit, Young Leaders

Summit and Z-Generation Summit @Tokyo

16-18 ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit @Tokyo

+ many ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Meetings and commemorative events throughout the year for the next 50 years and beyond!