

Opening Remarks
Indonesia-Japan Fast Track Pitch Event 2023
KIYA Masahiko, Ambassador of Japan to ASEAN
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His Excellency Minister NISHIMURA Yasutoshi through video message,
Mr. Edi Prio Pambudi, Deputy Minister of the Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs,
Mr. Yohanes Lukiman, Policy Manager for Digital Transformation from ASEAN Business Advisory Council,
Mr. ISHIGRO Norihiko, CEO and Chairman of JETRO,
Distinguished participants, Ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon! First and foremost, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs in Indonesia, JETRO and METI for hosting today's important event, together with around 50 organisations and companies including KADIN for supporting the event, ahead of the ASEAN-related Summit meetings next week.

(Big Opportunity for ASEAN, Indonesia and Japan)

I have just a few messages to share with you on this occasion. First, this year gives us a big opportunity, as we commemorate the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation, and the 65th Anniversary of Indonesia-Japan diplomatic relations.

Through more than five decades of cooperation under evolving circumstances for ASEAN and Japan, our ways of economic cooperation has been transforming.

(Importance of Co-Creation)

The ASEAN-Japan Economic Co-Creation Vision, which was announced on the occasion of the ASEAN-Japan Economic Minister Meeting in August, set a clear direction for our future cooperation. The vision stated that “the vision will aim to realise a secure, prosperous and free economy and society through fair and mutually beneficial economic co-creation, based on the trust established over the past 50 years”.

As this vision set out, “co-creation” is one of the keys to success. From this perspective, this event is of great significance, since eight leading Indonesia and Japanese companies participate as challenge owners, and 23 startups will make presentations in front of them.

I would like to echo Prime Minister KISHIDA’s policy speech on Asia in May at the “Future of Asia” Forum in Tokyo. In his speech, the Prime Minister emphasised the importance of ASEAN and Japanese companies cooperating to co-create innovations to solve social and economic issues in Asia.

(Expectations to the Today Event)

The challenges we face today cannot be solved by one country or one company. It is essential that diverse actors from ASEAN, including Indonesia, and Japan to work together to address these issues, as we are about to do in today’s event.

(Conclusion)

Let me conclude by expressing my hope that today's event will be a forerunner of such collaboration, creating new business opportunities and encounters for all participants.

I look forward to passionate discussions between leading companies and startups for their future collaboration to provide big momentum towards the upcoming Summit meetings.

Thank you for your attention.

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