

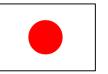
ASEAN and Japan

- Beyond the 50th Year of Friendship and Cooperation -

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COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) program
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3 October 2023 Kiya Masahiko, Ambassador of Japan to ASEAN



(Agenda)

- 1. What have ASEAN and Japan achieved together?
- 2. What are the common challenges of ASEAN and Japan?
- 3. What steps should ASEAN and Japan take together?

1. What have ASEAN and Japan achieved together?

(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 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)

2020s 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. What are the common challenges of ASEAN and Japan?

- > Focus on the Indo-Pacific
 - ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP)
 - Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)
- Emerging cross-cutting global issues
 - Energy and decarbonization
 - Digital economy
 - Health, ageing and well-being
 - Disaster management etc.

Main points of report from the Expert Panel for the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation

Three Pillars of a New ASEAN-Japan Partnership for Cooperation

February 2023

I. Shaping a regional order which is free, open, rules-based and fair

Cooperate in establishing a fair regional order based on rules based on AOIP and FOIP.

Maintain, enhance the role of ASEAN architecture and ASEAN centrality and unity.

(e.g. jointly promote efforts to ease tensions in the region over the long term; strengthen the ASEAN architecture; support the strengthening of the ASEAN Secretariat's organization and functions; promote security cooperation)

II. Building a society which fulfills economic development, sustainability and fairness

Create an Indo Pacific region as an ecosystem for building a society of inclusiveness and diversity which generates aspiration for development, sustainability and fairness and interconnecting cooperation in multiple areas.

(e.g. maintain and strengthen a free, open and fair economic order; development through economic revitalization and advancement; cooperate for social development and equity; building a sustainable and resilient society.)

III. Foster mutual understanding and trust as the foundation for a new ASEAN-Japan partnership

Renew our network and connect our new generations. Bring our civil societies closer together as our engine to transform ASEAN-Japan relations by create a web of networks that invites new and critical actors from our changing society, due to economic development, social maturation and diversification.

(e.g. Exchange programs on various profession for the new generation among ASEAN and Japan; which includes cross sectoral high-skill transnational professional networks)

Initiatives to realize the above

Utilize the existing cooperation schemes for ASEAN or consider their successors or new mechanisms; advance cooperation schemes and projects by utilizing the public and private resources besides ODA.

ASEAN-Japan Economic Co-Creation Vision

~A New Vision Looking Ahead to 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

Realizing Sustainability to Balance Diversity and Inclusiveness

Promoting Open Innovation beyond Borders

Strengthening Cyber-Physical Connectivity Building an Ecosystem in Co-Creating Dynamic Human Capital

Further Utilize ERIA

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

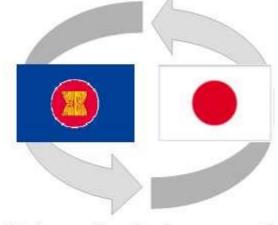
- ✓ Interactively link the Growth and Innovation models that reflect the strengths of each country
- ✓ Demonstrate the co-creation relationship of ASEAN and Japan as one of the models to be pursued globally
- ✓ Contribute to the establishment of a free, fair and open regional economic order.

Background of Future Design and Action Plan

- Huge economic potential: Combined population of ASEAN-Japan of 800 million
- Plans to maximize the opportunity: <u>develop business environment</u>, <u>promote co-creation projects</u>

Promotion of Co-Creation Projects

- Financial Support for creating use cases
- Feasibility Study for introducing new technology
- Business Demonstration
- Business Matching for promoting co-creation



- Cyber-physical connectivity
- Dynamic human capital
- Promoting open innovation
- Realizing sustainability

Developing Business Environment

- Discussion in Study Group
- Making Roadmap for updating business environment
- Establishing networks for inclusive growth
- Policy research for new business scheme

Collaboration with ERIA Digital Innovation and Sustainable Economy Centre (E-DISC)

Future Design and Action Plan will be endorsed at today's AEM-METI, as an "ASEAN-Japan Integrated Economic Growth Strategy"

Overview of Future Design and Action Plan

Cyber-Physical Connectivity

- Supply chain upgrading through digital technology
- Trade digitalization in the ASEAN region
- Capacity building for cybersecurity

Dynamic Human Capital

- Building a network of young business leaders of ASEAN and Japan such as through Young/Zgen Leaders' summits
- Human resource development through Industry-academia collaborative programs etc.

Promoting Open Innovation

- Promote co-creation of businesses (Asia DX program, Fast Track Pitch, etc.)
- Support for foreign companies entering the Japanese market

Realizing Sustainability

- Promote decarbonization through Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC)
- Promote energy transition through Asia Energy Transition Initiative (AETI)
- Cooperation for realizing circular economy in ASEAN region.

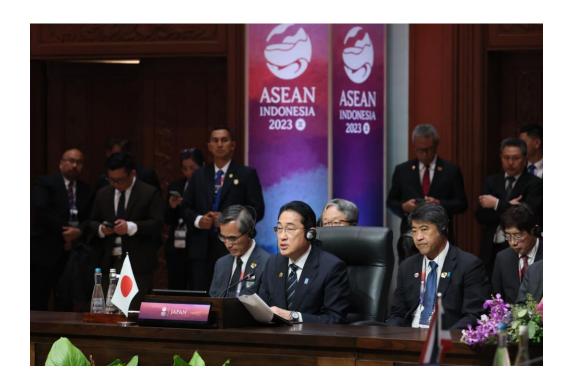
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(1) Practical Cooperation under AOIP

- ➤ Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF)
- > Japan-ASEAN Comprehensive Connectivity Initiative
- ➤ Asia Zero Emissions Community (AZEC) initiative
- ➤ Strategic Program for ASEAN Climate and Environment (SPACE)
- ➤ ERIA's Digital Innovation and Sustainable Economy Centre
- ➤ Support for ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED)
- >Rule of law, disaster management, food and energy security

3. What steps should ASEAN and Japan take together?

- (2) Promoting exchange for "heart to heart" connection
- *>JENESYS*
- >WA Project
- ➤ Young Business Leaders' Summit



(Events this year for ASEAN and Japan)

September ASEAN-Japan Summit @Jakarta

October ASEAN-Japan Agricultural Ministers' Meeting @Kuala Lumpur

ASEAN-Japan Disaster Ministers' Meeting @Halong Bay

ASEAN-Japan Tourism Ministers' Dialogue @Tokyo

December ASEAN-Japan Special Business Summit, Young Leaders

Summit and Z-Generation Summit @Tokyo

ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit @Tokyo

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