AICHR and Japan
- Beyond the 50th Year of Friendship and Cooperation –

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Interface Meeting between
ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on
Human Rights (AICHR) and Japan
ASEAN Secretariat Headquarters, Jakarta
8 November 2023
1. What have AICHR and Japan achieved?

2013  ASEAN-Japan 40th Year Commemorative Summit
*Implementation Plan: “Collaborate on human rights and support the work of AICHR”

2014  AICHR representatives’ study visit to Japan

2015  1st AICHR-Japan Interface Meeting in Jakarta on 8 May
*Identified three priority areas of cooperation
• Rights of persons with Disabilities
• Empowerment of women
• Fight against trafficking in persons

2015-2019  9 projects were implemented with JAIF Support

2018  Adoption of the “ASEAN Enabling Master Plan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at the 33rd ASEAN Summit
## 2. What are AICHR-Japan projects till today?

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<th>Project and Lead country</th>
<th>Actual Cost</th>
<th>Implemented</th>
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<td>1. AICHR Regional Dialogue on the Mainstreaming of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in ASEAN (Thailand)</td>
<td>USD 169,934.75</td>
<td>Dec 2015</td>
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<td>2. AICHR Workshop on Effective Communication Strategies to Combat Trafficking in Persons (Vietnam)</td>
<td>USD 81,404.00</td>
<td>Aug 2016</td>
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<td>3. 2nd AICHR Regional Dialogue on the Mainstreaming of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the ASEAN Community (Thailand)</td>
<td>USD 178,182.00</td>
<td>July 2016</td>
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<td>4. The AICHR Training Programme on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Thailand)</td>
<td>USD 89,293.50</td>
<td>Oct 2016</td>
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<td>5. Task Force on the Mainstreaming of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Thailand)</td>
<td>USD 147,829.00</td>
<td>Oct 2018</td>
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<td>6. 3rd AICHR Regional Dialogue on the Mainstreaming of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the ASEAN Community (Thailand)</td>
<td>USD 149,578.00</td>
<td>Jun 2017</td>
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<td>7. 2018 AICHR Regional Dialogue (Accessibility through Universal Design)(Thailand)</td>
<td>USD 103,942.30</td>
<td>Feb 2019</td>
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<td>8. 2019 AICHR Regional Dialogue (Gender Perspectives on Disability Rights)(Thailand)</td>
<td>USD 136,920.00</td>
<td>Dec 2019</td>
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<td>9. AICHR Workshop on Promoting Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women through ICTs towards Achieving the UN 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals (Vietnam)</td>
<td>USD 79,079.00</td>
<td>Nov 2019</td>
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3. What next?

2023.11  2\textsuperscript{nd} AICHR-Japan Interface Meeting in Jakarta on 8 November

2023.12  ASEAN-Japan 50\textsuperscript{th} Year Commemorative Summit

2024-  Convene AICHR-Japan Interface Meetings

* Make it a regular event!
**New Plan for a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” (FOIP)**

On March 20, PM Kishida delivered a policy speech entitled “Japan’s New Plan for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)” which launches 4 pillars of cooperation for FOIP, ① Principals for Peace and Rules for Prosperity, ② Addressing Challenges in an Indo-Pacific Way, ③ Multi-layered Connectivity, ④ Extending Efforts for Security and Safe Use of the “Sea to the Air”.

PM Kishida mentioned for the first time ASEAN is a one of the most important region and expressed that Japan will make a new contribution of 100 million US dollars to Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund.

**The ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit for the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and cooperation**

- Japan will host in Tokyo December 16-18th 2023.
- ASEAN and Japan leaders reaffirmed their commitment to work together towards the enhancement of the Strategic partnership across all sectors including human rights in the coming years.