1. Background

- The Attachment Program aims to narrow gaps among ASEAN Member States, and is implemented as part of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI).
- Japan has supported since its inception in 2001 through Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), etc.

*initially supported through the Japan-ASEAN Integration and Exchange Fund (JAGEF), which was succeeded by JAIF in 2006.

2. Outline

- Young government officials (diplomats and officials from economic and social/cultural ministries) from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Viet Nam (CLMV) are dispatched to the ASEAN Secretariat for one year, with a view to enhancing administrative capacities of the participants.
- From 2024, government officials from Timor-Leste are expected to participate in the programme.

3. Budget/Number of Participants

- Recently, USD 800,000–1,000,000 per year to send 12 officials for one year in principle.
- A total of 120 quality graduates have been produced to date.

Beneficiaries Voice

“We can use the knowledge gained to engage with each other to further enhance cooperation between ASEAN and Japan,”