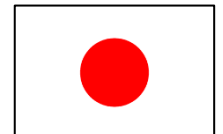


# ASEAN and Japan – Trusted Partners –

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# Agenda

1. Why does Japan matter to ASEAN?
2. Why are we “Trusted Partners”?
3. What shall we do next together?

# 1. Why Japan matters to ASEAN? (①Overview)

- **Forerunner of growth experience**

- Track record of achieving high economic growth and addressing economic/social challenges

- **Technology with innovation**

- Track record of developing automobiles, electronic appliances, quality infrastructure, etc.

- **Global democratic power in Asia**

- Member of G7/G20
- Non-permanent member of UNSC (12th in 2023-24)

# 1. Why Japan matters to ASEAN? (②Statistics)

- Trade

- ASEAN's **4<sup>th</sup> largest** trading partner after China, the U.S., and the EU, accounting for about **7%** of the total (2022).

- Inward Direct Investment

- The **2<sup>nd</sup> largest** source country of FDI to ASEAN after the U.S., accounting for **11.1%** of the total (2022).

- Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF)

- Japan's contribution/grants to ASEAN amounts more than **875 million USD** in total from 2006-2023.

- Evaluation by ASEAN

- The **1<sup>st</sup> trusted and reliable friend** in the region, accounting for **58.9%** of the total (ISEAS Survey 2024).

## ASEAN-JAPAN RELATIONS STARTED

ASEAN-Japan Centre established  
**1981**



Japan-ASEAN Exchange Projects Fund (JAEP)  
**1988**



**1973**  
ASEAN-Japan dialogue on synthetic rubber

**1977**  
Formal relations started at the 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit, Fukuda Doctrine

Japan-ASEAN Solidarity Fund  
**1999**

Japan-ASEAN General Exchange Fund (JAGEF)  
**2000**



# 50-YEAR JOURNEY OF ASEAN-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP & COOPERATION



**2006**  
Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) established



**2007**  
**JENESYS**  
Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS)



**2020**  
ASEAN and Japan issued the "Joint Statement of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit on Cooperation on ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific"

**2019**  
Adoption of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP) at the 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit

**2011**  
Establishment of Mission of Japan to ASEAN



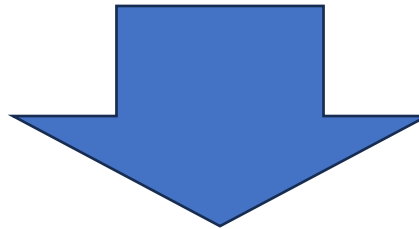
**2023**  
ASEAN-Japan 50<sup>th</sup> Year Commemorative Summit



## 2. Why “Trusted Partners”? (①Origins)

### Turbulent relationship in the beginning

- Scars sustained in the World War II
- Backlash against Japan's rapid economic growth
- Anti-Japanese demonstrations in 1970s.
- Synthetic rubber (Japan) vs. Natural rubber (ASEAN)
- Strong criticism of Japan in the Joint Statement of the ASEAN Ministerial Conference



Japan became a precedent in ASEAN's external relations through these transitions

### Starting point for ASEAN-Japan success stories

- 1973 Establishment of **ASEAN-Japan Forum on Synthetic Rubber**
- 1974 Agreement to synthetic rubber production restraints, **technical cooperation**, and continuous consultation
- 1977 Declaration of **Fukuda Doctrine** (“Heart to Heart” relationship)

# Fukuda Doctrine (1977)

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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... (omit).

**“Heart-to-Heart”  
understanding  
&  
Support for ASEAN’s  
own efforts**



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

## 2. Why “Trusted Partners”? (②Developments)

### Expansion of ASEAN-Japan cooperation

- 1977 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit
- 1981 Establishment of ASEAN-Japan Centre
- 1990 Cambodia Peace Conference in Tokyo
- 1992 Ministerial Conference on the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Cambodia, PKO dispatch

### Overcoming difficult times together

- 1997 **Asia Financial Crisis** response  
→ 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN+3 Summit (1997), Chiang Mai Initiative (2000),  
Multilateralization (2010)
- 2004 Sumatra **Earthquake** and Indian Ocean **Tsunami Disaster** response  
→ ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster  
management (AHA Centre) (2011)
- 2020 **COVID-19 Pandemic**  
→ Commitment to support for ASEAN Centre for Public Health  
Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED)



## 2. Why “Trusted Partners”? (③Deepening bonds)

JAPAN = A country that is the first to reach out to the people of ASEAN in time of difficulties and supports them (Friend in need)

Further Contribution of Japan to ASEAN

### Strengthening the support for ASEAN Community

- 2006 Establishment of **Japan ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF)**
- 2008 **Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)**
- 2011 Opening of **Mission of Japan to ASEAN**
- 2020 Adoption of Joint Statement on Cooperation on **ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP)**
- 2023 **ASEAN-Japan 50<sup>th</sup> Year Commemorative Summit** in Tokyo

## Commemorative Summit (Tokyo, 17 December 2023)



### ● JOINT VISION STATEMENT ON ASEAN-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION

#### ***Subtitle : Trusted Partners***

Building on mutual trust, ASEAN and Japan will strengthen the **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** that is meaningful, substantive, and mutually beneficial under the following three pillars, embracing ASEAN unity and centrality:

- 1) **Heart-to-Heart Partners across Generations**
- 2) **Partners for Co-creation of Economy and Society of the Future**
- 3) **Partners for Peace and Stability**

- **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: 130 cooperation items** (next page)  
- Actions for “Peace and Prosperity” through “Co-creation” based on “Trust”

# Actions for “Peace and Prosperity” through “Co-creation” based on “Trust” announced by Prime Minister KISHIDA on the occasion of Commemorative Summit

## 1. Heart-to-Heart Partners across Generations

- **“Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation : WA Project 2.0”**
  - Promotion of sustainable researchers network
  - Networking of young business leaders, Study program in Japan for ASEAN Secretariat officials

## 2. Partners for Co-creation of Economy and Society of the Future

- **New Efforts in Public-Private Partnership for Finding Solutions through Co-creation**
  - Asia Zero Emission Community (**AZEC**) platform
  - **ASEAN-Japan Co-Creation Initiative for the Next-Generation Automotive Industry**
  - Boosting the private investment for strengthening connectivity, climate change measures, and support for MSMEs & start-ups

## 3. Partners for Peace and Stability

- **Efforts to ensure and strengthen a free and open international order based on the rule of law**
  - Development of human resources in cybersecurity, Humanitarian assistance through ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (**AHA Center**)

# 44 Areas of ASEAN-Japan Cooperation

Mission of Japan to ASEAN  
August 2024

## Heart-to-Heart Partners across Generations

- ◆ Youth and People-to-People Exchanges
- ◆ Cultural and Intellectual Exchanges
- ◆ Sports
- ◆ Tourism
- ◆ Language
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Foreign Workers
- ◆ Science and Technology
- ◆ Human Resource Development
- ◆ Business Exchanges
- ◆ Local Government Exchanges
- ◆ Support for ASEAN Capacity Development
- ◆ Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai

## Partners for Co-creation of Economy and Society of the Future

- Economy
- Finance
- Connectivity
- Transport
- Climate Change and Environment
- Energy and Critical Minerals
- Disaster Management
- Health and Social Welfare
- Smart City and Urbanization
- Digital
- Outer Space
- Agriculture and Food Systems
- Narrowing the Gap
- Gender
- Labour
- SDGs
- Civil Service
- Rural Development

## Partners for Peace and Stability

- Rule of Law
- Maritime Security
- Defense
- WPS, YPS, Peacebuilding
- Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation
- Human Rights
- Transnational Crimes
- Cybersecurity
- Disinformation
- Competition Policy and Law
- Immigration
- Landmines
- Regional Architecture

# 3. What shall we do next together?

## Co-creation of sustainable, peaceful, and prosperous FUTURE based on TRUST

1. Strengthening multiple **people-to-people networks** with **trust**
2. Realising **economic and social benefits** through **co-creation**
3. Promoting the **shared principles and values** in the region and the world through **mainstreaming and implementing AOIP**

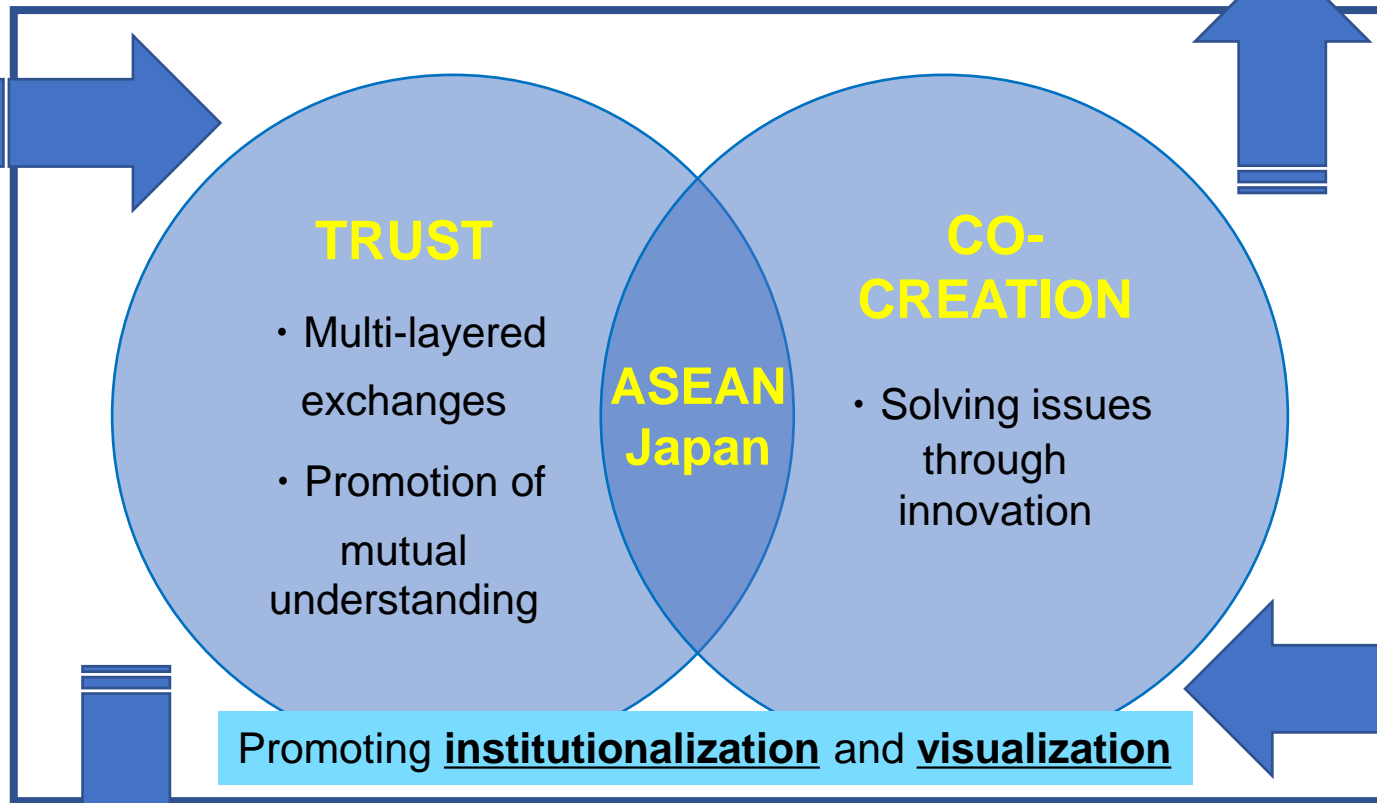
# Co-Creation of Future with Trust between ASEAN-Japan

Mainstreaming **AOIP** and contributing to sustainable **peace** and **prosperity** in the region and the world

Scaling up globally

50 years of history

“Heart-to-heart” relation since Fukuda Doctrine



Jointly realizing **innovative**, **inclusive**, and **sustainable society** in ASEAN and Japan

# My message: Change the world with “VMAP”

◆ **Vision** : Dream a vision

◆ **Mission** : Identify yourself with that dream

◆ **Action** : Start your work

◆ **Passion** : Overcome any difficulties