

Guest Remarks

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Mission of Japan to ASEAN

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the Federation of Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry
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His Excellency Dr. Kao Kim Hourn,
FJCCIA Chair Mr. WAKABAYASHI Koichi,
JETRO President Mr. KATAOKA Susumu,
Distinguished participants, ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon. I am honored to be invited to the 17th Dialogue between the FJCCIA and the Secretary-General of ASEAN.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to SG Dr. Kao Kim Hourn for his invaluable time and attention. Since last year's Dialogue, Dr. Kao has visited Japan twice, engaging on both occasions with the Japanese business community. Today, we are joined by representatives of the Japanese business community from across ASEAN member states. We anticipate that this dialogue will provide significant insights into current regional dynamics and identify opportunities for enhanced collaboration between ASEAN and Japan.

I would also like to thank the FJCCIA and JETRO for organizing today's important dialogue. Their continued efforts are integral to the strong and lasting partnership between Japan and ASEAN.

The global economy faces a period of heightened uncertainty. However, Japan's steadfast commitment to strengthening its relationship with ASEAN

remains unchanged. This commitment is reflected in a series of high-level engagements throughout the year. Prime Minister Ishiba's first official overseas visit to the ASEAN Summit in the Lao PDR, followed by bilateral visits to Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, and the Philippines, as well as visits by other ministers and the former Prime Minister, exemplifies this dedication. We will continue to foster robust cooperation, particularly in the vital areas of GX, DX, and international trade, as facilitated by RCEP and AJCEP.

The adoption of the ASEAN Vision 2045 and its accompanying strategic plans marks a pivotal moment for ASEAN. The Government of Japan fully supports these ambitious initiatives and, in close partnership with the business community, stands ready to actively contribute to their successful implementation.

In closing, I express my earnest hope that today's exchange of views will be fruitful and productive, and I extend my best wishes for the continued success of this important Dialogue.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.