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ASEAN–Japan Partnership

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40th Year of ASEAN–Japan
Friendship and Cooperation

1973–2013

ASEAN-Japan Dialogue Relations



The Year 2013 marks 40 years of relations between ASEAN and Japan. Starting with dialogue in 1973, ASEAN and Japan formalized their relations in March 1977 with the convening of the ASEAN-Japan Forum. In the past 40 years, two significant Declarations, namely the “Tokyo Declaration for the Dynamic and Enduring ASEAN-Japan Partnership in the New Millennium” in 2003 and the “Joint Declaration for Enhancing ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership for Prospering Together (Bali Declaration)” in 2011 elevated relations between the two sides even further.

ASEAN and Japan have been contributing to regional peace and stability. Cambodia’s peace, political and stabilization in the early 1990s to which Japan significantly contributed led to the realization of ASEAN-10. In addition, Japan’s accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) in Southeast Asia in July 2004, has further strengthened the Treaty’s importance as a code of conduct governing relations among countries in the region and a diplomatic instrument for promotion of peace and stability in the region.

From the fight against terrorism, maritime security cooperation, to addressing and promoting cooperation in disaster management, trade, and cultural exchange, Japan remains one of ASEAN’s most important Dialogue Partners, for the past 40 years. ASEAN and Japan continues to be important trading partners and as of 2012, Japan maintained its position as ASEAN’s second largest trading partner. To further support the promotion of trade, investment and tourism, the ASEAN-Japan Centre was established in May 1981 based on the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN Promotion Centre on Trade, Investment and Tourism. The Tokyo-based Centre plays a pivotal role to promote increase of exports, flow of investment, and tourism in the economic development between Japan and ASEAN Member States.

ASEAN and Japan place great emphasis on people-to-people contacts and cultural exchanges, particularly among the youths and intellectuals. Japan initiated two youth exchange projects including the Japan East-Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) in 2007 and another youth exchange programme named “Kizuna” (which means “Bond”) project in 2012 which aims at promoting global understanding of Japan’s revival efforts in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011. The projects are projected to benefit approximately 18,000 youths of ASEAN and Japan.

On 26 May 2011, Japan has officially opened its Mission to ASEAN in Jakarta. This is the second diplomatic mission to ASEAN from the non-ASEAN Member States.

ASEAN and Japan have conducted dialogue relations through various mechanisms, which include Summits, ministerial meetings, senior officials and experts meetings, and broader ASEAN-initiated regional dialogue and cooperation frameworks. Japan continues to provide extensive support for ASEAN integration and community building efforts, including narrowing the development gaps in ASEAN through various sub-regional development endeavours.

Happy Anniversary!

The ASEAN-Japan Partnership Journey



Foundation of the Partnership

The first bilateral dialogue between Japan and ASEAN took place in 1973, when the two sides established a Forum on Synthetic Rubber. The ASEAN-Japan relationship deepened and broadened in 1977. Then Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda was the first Japanese Prime Minister to meet ASEAN leaders at the 2nd ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur. In the same year, during a visit to the Philippines, Prime Minister Fukuda unveiled the historic “Fukuda Doctrine.”

Thus “heart-to-heart” diplomacy became the anchor of ASEAN-Japan partnership.



PM Fukuda visiting Manila, August 1977

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Grants from Japan

ASEAN Cultural Fund [1978]

Japan ASEAN Exchange Projects [1988]

Japan ASEAN Solidarity Fund [1999]

Japan ASEAN General Exchange Fund [2000]

Japan ASEAN Integration Fund [2006]

Development of the Partnership

Recognising the importance of ASEAN’s development in political, economic, social and cultural fields, the Government of Japan has extended various cooperation, including establishments of grants.

Significant contributions were also made through the activities of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and ASEAN-Japan Centre, among others.



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1967

Founding of ASEAN

1971

Zone of Peace, Freedom, and Neutrality (ZOPFAN)

1973

1st ASEAN-Japan Dialogue (Forum on Synthetic Rubber)



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1977

- 1st ASEAN-Japan Forum
- Fukuda Doctrine



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2000

- Japan-ASEAN General Exchange Fund (JAGEF)

2003

- ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit
- Tokyo Declaration for the Dynamic and Enduring ASEAN-Japan Partnership in the New Millennium
- ASEAN-Japan Plan of Action 2004 - 2010

2004

- Japan's accession to TAC
- Aceh Tsunami



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2005

1st East Asia Summit

2006

- Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF)
- ASEAN-Japan Counter Terrorism Dialogue

2007

JENESYS



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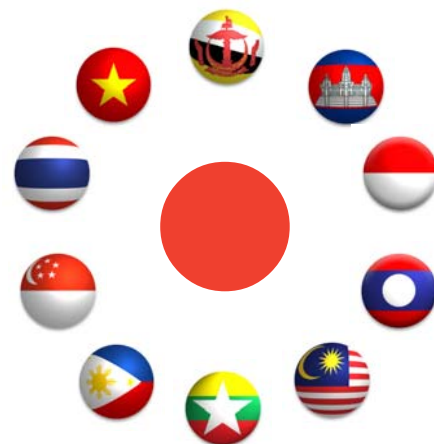
1999

- Cambodia joined ASEAN
- ASEAN Foundation
- Japan-ASEAN Solidarity Fund



1997

- 1st ASEAN Plus Three Summit
- Lao PDR and Myanmar joined ASEAN



2008

- ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP)
- ASEAN Charter
- Cyclone Nargis

2009

- Roadmap for ASEAN Community
- 1st Mekong-Japan Summit

2010

Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity



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1978

- 1st ASEAN-Japan Foreign Ministers Meeting
- ASEAN Cultural Fund



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1981

Establishment of ASEAN-Japan Centre

1984

Brunei Darussalam joined ASEAN



1988

Japan ASEAN Exchange Projects Fund

1990

Cambodia Peace Conference in Tokyo

1995

Viet Nam joined ASEAN



1994

1st ARF Ministerial Meeting



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1992

Japan 1st Participation in UN Peacekeeping Operations (UNTAC, Cambodia)

Milestones

of 40 Years of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation

2011

- Great East Japan Earthquake
- Establishment of AHA Centre
- Opening of Mission of Japan to ASEAN
- Bali Declaration for Enhancing ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership for Prospering Together
- ASEAN-Japan Plan of Action 2011-2015



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2012

- ASEAN Regional Emergency Logistic System
- Kizuna Project



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2013

40 Years of ASEAN-Japan Partnership



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Expanded ASEAN-Japan Partnership

From the initial five nations, ASEAN grew to embrace the entire Southeast Asia. ASEAN-led cooperative forums and dialogues also broadened. Parallel with the region's robust development, the overall ASEAN-Japan cooperation strengthened remarkably, transforming the ties into one of the most important strategic partnership for both sides.

For new and important initiatives such as the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) in 1994 and the East Asia Summit (EAS) in 2005, Japan extended steadfast support and cooperation, and became one of the original members in the inaugural meetings of both ARF and EAS.

Cooperation for Economic Development and ASEAN Connectivity

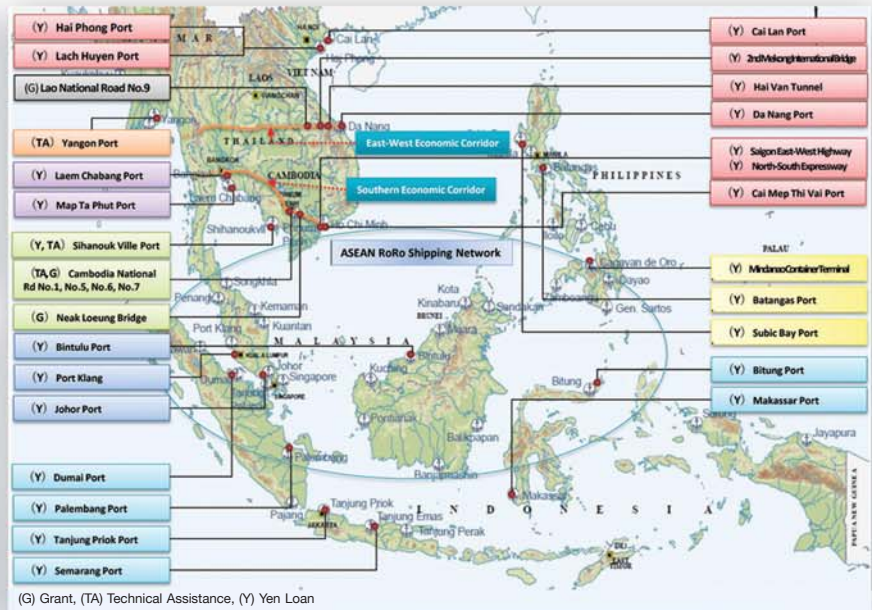
ASEAN region's development has always been a priority for Japan. Japan's assistance through ODA on infrastructure development, such as the economic corridor development in the Mekong region, and human resource training in ASEAN Member States have built the foundation for growth in ASEAN and is linked to the future as basis for today's enhancement of ASEAN Connectivity. Tokyo has set up a Japan Task Force on ASEAN Connectivity and continues to cooperate with ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee for the Implementation of the Master Plan.



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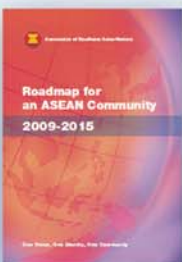


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Partnership in Community Building



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Building upon the "ASEAN Vision 2020" of 1997 and the "Bali Concord II" of 2003, the ASEAN Leaders reaffirmed the Member States' commitment for the establishment of a caring, people-centered ASEAN Community with one vision and one identity. Underlining ASEAN maturity and confidence, the time table for the ASEAN Community was set for 2015.

Through the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), Japan allocated more than USD 400 million to assist ASEAN's integration and community building efforts.



Exchange for the Future

True to the Fukuda Doctrine's "heart-to-heart" spirit, people-to-people contact forms an organic part of the ASEAN-Japan friendship. At the heart of this undertaking is youth exchange program that brings together ASEAN and Japanese youths.

In 2007, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe launched JENESYS, or the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths. With a generous budget of close to USD 200 million, more than 13,000 youths from ASEAN have visited Japan under the JENESYS programme.



Disaster Management Cooperation and the ASEAN-Japan Bond

Both Japan and ASEAN are vulnerable to natural disasters. They include the deadly earthquakes and tsunami in Aceh in 2004, Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar in 2008, and the Great East Japan Earthquake that caused tragedy and unprecedented damages to Japan in 2011.

Japan was among the first to rush aid and assistance to its ASEAN friends in 2004 and 2008. ASEAN returned the favour in 2011 at the time of the Great East Japan Earthquake. A Special ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Meeting was held in April. In June, the Secretary-General of ASEAN led a team of volunteers, the "Caravan of Goodwill," to Japan.

ASEAN-Japan cooperation in disaster management continues in the post-disasters. Japan commenced a new project, "Kizuna," to share Japan's lessons learnt in response to the earthquake and reconstruction efforts among ASEAN and Japanese youths.

Japan provided fund for ASEAN's Task Force for the establishment of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre), equipping it with state-of-the arts technology and information systems. Japan also assisted development of ASEAN Regional Emergency Stockpile System located in Subang, Malaysia.

Japan is committed to continue to work with ASEAN to establish Disaster Management Network for ASEAN, "From Outer Space to Rural Community."

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Kizuna or "Bond"



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