

Japan-ASEAN Exchange Projects (JAEP)

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1. **Background**

At the Japan-ASEAN Summit in December 1987, then Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita announced that Japan would cooperate to promote awareness and understanding of ASEAN among Japanese people and to encourage ASEAN regional studies and ASEAN research cooperation. In order to materialise his commitment, the Japan-ASEAN Exchange Project (JAEP) was established in 1988.

2. **Purpose**

The purposes of the JAEP are:

- (a) to promote awareness and understanding of ASEAN among the Japanese people;
- (b) to encourage ASEAN regional studies;
- (c) to encourage ASEAN research cooperation.

3. **Scale of Contributions**

Japan has contributed a total of US\$ 13 million to the JAEP since 1988.

4. **Projects and Activities financed under the JAEP (Endorsed in 2003 and 2004)**

- Japan-ASEAN International Joint Research Project: Civil Society in Asia and New State Governance
- Japan-ASEAN Symphony Orchestra
- Capacity Building of Women and ICT in ASEAN
- Training Course on Functional Foods for ASEAN Countries
- Consultation Visit by ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment(ASOEN) to Japan
- The 3rd Japan ASEAN Dialogue
- Short Term Exchange Programme for ASEAN High School Students
