

Japan-ASEAN General Exchange Fund (JAGEF)

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The Government of Japan

1. **Background**

On the occasion of the Japan-ASEAN Summit in November 1999, then Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi announced Japan's new assistance measure for strengthening the functioning of the ASEAN-related department of the government in the newer ASEAN Member Countries as well as the ASEAN Secretariat. In order to materialise his commitment, the Japan-ASEAN General Exchange Fund (JAGEF) was established by the Exchange of Notes between then Japanese Foreign Minister Yohei Kono and Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Dy Nien at the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference in July 2000.

(Note) The "Japan-ASEAN Cooperation Promotion Programme (JACPP)," which started in 1983 and had existed until then was incorporated into the JAGEF.

2. **Purpose**

The purposes of the JAGEF are:

- (a) to strengthen the functioning of the ASEAN-related department of the government in the newer ASEAN Member Countries;
- (b) to strengthen the functioning of the ASEAN Secretariat;
- (c) to facilitate effective implementation of Japan's economic cooperation for the ASEAN Member Countries;
- (d) to promote the transfer of technology and inflow of investment from Japan to the ASEAN Member Countries;
- (e) to promote trade and exchange of personnel between Japan and the ASEAN Member Countries.

3. **Scale of Contributions**

Japan has contributed a total of US\$ 7.4 million to the JAGEF since 2000.

(Note) Japan's contribution to the JACPP and JAGEF amounts to over US\$ 15 million.

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

- Attachment programme for CLMV (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam) junior diplomats at the ASEAN Secretariat (Initiative for ASEAN

Integration (IAI) project)

- Inland Waterways and Ferries Transport Training for CLMV Countries
- An Educational Programme to Assist CLMV in Implementing the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transport
- Railways Training Programme for CLMV Countries
- Training on Small Scale Product Processing Unit (SPPU) Utilizing Environmentally Friendly Renewable Energy and Local Resources
- Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building in the Energy Sector in CLMV Countries
- Training Programme on Coal Briquetting Technology and the Use of Briquetting for Households and Small Scale Industries for CLMV Countries
- Upgrading the E-mail Connectivity in Laos and Myanmar
- Programme of the Information Workshop on the AHTN Classification for the Trading Community
- Monitoring Multilateral Investment Issues – Capacity Building Programme: Workshop on Multilateral Investment Issues
- Workshop to Operationalise the ASEAN Customs Valuation Guide (ACVG)
- ASEAN Investment Surveillance Report 2004
- Seminar on Services FDI and Competitiveness in ASEAN: Trends, Impacts and Policy Implications
- Post Clearance Audit: Workshop to Operationalise the PCA Manual Plan of Action and the Blueprint for Implementation of PCA
- Development of Road Map for Integration of Automotive Sector
- Development of Road Map for Integration of Electronic Sector
- Basic Training Course on Investigation in Anti-Money Laundering for ASEAN Law Enforcement Officers
- ASEAN-Japan workshop for Team of Experts in Security Symposium between Japan and ASEAN
- Seminar for ASEAN Mayors on the Framework for Environmentally Sustainable Cities in ASEAN
- Capacity Building for the Public Sector in Laos, Myanmar, and Viet Nam (Component 1)
- Conformity Assessment Workshop
- ASEAN Services Forum
