

Outline of the cooperation proposed by Japan's Foreign Minister Okada in the Fourth Foreign Ministers' Meeting of FEALAC

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I. Cooperation on environment (FROG Initiative)

Protection of forest, the "lungs" of the earth FROG(Fealac Regional Okada Green) Initiative

1. Cooperation to protect tropical forest with Japan's observation satellite "Daichi"

- ✓ Japan will strengthen monitoring on illegal logging of tropical forest by utilizing satellite images. Japan will expand the target countries of the cooperation measures that has already been conducted with countries such as Brazil, and enrich the measures.

2. Support to spread agriculture compatible with preservation of forest (agroforestry)

- ✓ Japan will promote sustainable agricultural and forestry methods that support the living of local population. Japan will strengthen initiatives in the fields of agroforestry and participatory forest management, which has been actively taken in Latin America and Asia. Japan will also seek to find ways for utilization of such agriculture and forestry with FEALAC countries.

Sustainable growth compatible with environment

3. High Level Meeting on Environment Business

- ✓ Japan will host "High Level Meeting on Environment Business" inviting senior policy makers and experts from FEALAC countries. Japan will present its environment-related technology and good practices, and will offer an opportunity to seek possible environment business in FEALAC region.

Introduction of clean energy

4. Cooperation for introduction of new energy

- ✓ Japan will provide cooperation for FEALAC countries to introduce renewable energy (solar, water, etc.).

Spread of "Mottainai" (saving) culture

5. Cooperation for diffusion of energy-saving technology

- ✓ Japan will provide assistance for FEALAC countries to introduce environmental policies and develop human resources, in order to promote energy conservation technology and realize a recycling-based society (3R; reduce, reuse, recycle).

Preparedness for natural disasters

6. Cooperation for prevention and reconstruction from natural disasters

- ✓ Japan will cooperate with FEALAC countries to prevent, mitigate and recover from natural disasters as typhoon, hurricane, etc., incremented by climate change.

II. Measures against economic crisis and realization of inclusive growth

Support for local industry affected by the financial and economic crisis

1. Support for SMEs in Latin America based on the experience in Asia

- ✓ Japan will strengthen measures to support small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Latin America by using know-how accumulated in Asia, in order to promote local economy and realize sustainable growth. This initiative is expected to solidify the industrial base of those countries in a med- and long term.

Fight against poverty and economic inequality

2. Cooperation to reduce poverty and economic inequality of vulnerable people

- ✓ Japan will support the effort to help the poor, most affected by the crisis, through assistance in the areas such as public health and medical care, rural development, infrastructure, etc., from the perspective of human security.

Prevention and control of infectious diseases

3. Promotion of inter-regional exchange of experience on efforts against pandemics

- ✓ Japan will contribute to improving measures against infectious diseases by sharing experience and knowledge between Latin America, which has struggled with the new strain of influenza, and Asia, which has experienced avian influenza and SARS.