




# The Mekong-Japan Initiative for SDGs toward 2030

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- 【Objectives】** ✓ Achieve everlasting prosperity in the Mekong region, which is rich in both natural and human resource.  
 ✓ Achieve the SDGs not only for “us” but also for the future generations.

## 【Priority areas】

<p><b>1. Environmental and urban issues</b></p> 	<p><b>Waste Management:</b> Fiscal and technical support to waste management in the Mekong region.  <b>Marine Plastic litter:</b> Realization of the Osaka Blue Ocean Vision.  <b>Litter in the Mekong river:</b> Conduct human resource development and training in collaboration with the Mekong River Commission (MRC) .  <b>Disaster Risk Reduction in the Mekong basin:</b> Capacity building in the areas of humanitarian assistance and disaster prevention in collaboration with MRC.</p>
<p><b>2. Sustainable natural resource management and utilization</b></p> 	<p><b>Agricultural Productivity:</b> Cooperation toward increasing agricultural productivity.  <b>Water Resources Management:</b> Enhancement of cooperation in data collection and environmental surveys.  <b>Sustainable Forest Management:</b> Capacity building, collaboration with FAO, and other international organizations etc.</p>
<p><b>3. Inclusive growth</b></p> 	<p><b>Education and Human Capital Investment:</b> Human resource development through “Industrial Human Resource Development Cooperation Initiative 2.0”, etc.  <b>Health and Social Welfare:</b> Realization of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) .  <b>Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women:</b> Support to female entrepreneurs, Eradication of human trafficking.  <b>Judicial Cooperation:</b> Capacity building in the area of the justice.  <b>Sustainable Industrialization:</b> Support to MSME, Business matching of MSME.  <b>Tourism:</b> Promotion of tourism sector to create jobs and promote local culture and products.</p>

## 【Approach for cooperation】

1. Region-wide Approach
2. Open Approach (The enhancement of the collaboration with various stake holders in the Mekong region and beyond.)
3. Public-Private Cooperative Approach (Utilization of private sectors’ cutting-edge technologies and knowledge, and private finance.)

## 【Follow-up and review】

**Mekong-Japan SDGs Forum:** Share knowledge among public sector, private sector and academia of Japan and the Mekong countries.