

Fact Sheet: Major Examples of Japan's COVID-19 related Support towards ASEAN

(October 27th, 2021)

The novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has greatly impacted societies and economies in ASEAN countries. ASEAN is situated at the center of the Indo-Pacific region and strengthening ASEAN's capabilities to cope with infectious diseases is not only extremely important from the perspective of ensuring the safety of Japanese people living in the region as well as preventing the spread of infectious diseases in Japan, but also contributes to the Indo-Pacific region as a whole. Furthermore, to promote a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific", it is important to facilitate economic recovery and strengthen resilience in ASEAN countries, which is key to achieving this goal.

From this standpoint, in order to overcome this crisis together with ASEAN through robustly assisting the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework, Japan has supported the establishment of the ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED) and contributed to the "COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund" as well as facilitated investments in the private sector under the "Initiative on Overseas Loans and Investment for ASEAN" and supported the creation of resilient supply chains and the digitalization of industry based on the "Japan-ASEAN Economic Resilience Action Plan." Japan has also assisted ASEAN with vaccine donations (over 16 million doses) (including the doses to be transported), provision of COVID-19 related financial support loans (the total of 195 billion yen (approx. 1.8 billion US dollars)) and grant aid (the total of approx. 32 billion yen (approx. 296.3 million US dollars)) including the "Last One Mile Support," which is aimed at providing cold chain equipment needed to deliver vaccines to vaccination sites (over 2.5 billion yen (approx. 23.1 million US dollars)). The following are the details of Japan's assistance.

1. Japan's COVID-19-related Support towards ASEAN

(1) Support for the establishment of ACPHEED

- In May 2020, Japan donated 49.8 million US dollars to the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF).
- From June to October 2020, Japan conducted the Feasibility Study (FS) in cooperation with experts from various regions and organizations such as

ASEAN, the US, Australia and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Japan is also fully cooperating in developing the detailed design of the Centre for its establishment.

- From October 2021, Japan has been providing training for health officers of ASEAN countries in cooperation with experts from various regions and organizations such as Canada, Australia, the EU, the US, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the WHO. In addition, Japan is proceeding with coordination for dispatching technical experts to the Centre.

(2) Medical Cooperation

- Donation to the COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund
 - In September 2020, Mr. MOTEGI Toshimitsu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan announced that Japan had decided to donate 1 million US dollars as its own contribution (disbursed in June 2021).
 - In July 2021, approximately 390 thousand US dollars was donated collaboratively by Japan, China and the ROK from the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Fund.
- Assistance in medical supplies and equipment and technical cooperation
 - In November 2020, then Prime Minister SUGA Yoshihide announced that Japan would provide assistance worth more than 200 million US dollars in medical supplies and equipment as well as extending technical cooperation to medical research institutions and others. (See 2. below for specific examples of support for each country.)

(3) Support to revitalize the economy

- Financial support loans
 - In November 2020, then Prime Minister SUGA announced that Japan had provided a total of approximately 2.5 billion US dollars worth of financial support loans to ASEAN countries. (As for COVID-19 related loans for each country, see 2. below.)
- Initiative on Overseas Loan and Investment for ASEAN
 - In November 2019, Japan announced that it would launch the Initiative on Overseas Loan and Investment for ASEAN. It was announced that JICA was prepared to provide 1.2 billion US dollars financing aiming to mobilize 3 billion US dollars from the public and private sectors over the next three years (2020-2022).

- Japan is promoting cooperation with other development financial institutions and private financial institutions to expand JICA's overseas investment and financing in the ASEAN region.
- Japan-ASEAN Economic Resilience Action Plan
 - In July 2020, Japan formulated the Japan-ASEAN Economic Resilience Action Plan, which included more than 50 specific projects related to economic and industrial cooperation. Specific progress has been made in each field, such as support for the diversification of supply chains and providing solutions to challenges facing ASEAN by utilizing digital technology.
 - Overseas supply chain diversification support projects (budget amount: 35.1 billion yen (325 million US dollars) in total): Aiming to strengthen the supply chains of Japan and ASEAN, Japan is subsidizing part of the expenses for equipment installation for the purpose of diversifying supply chains, feasibility study for equipment installation, demonstration projects and so forth in the ASEAN region, etc. 81 projects were adopted in 2020, and new 11 projects in 2021. Additional applications are to be invited in the future.
 - Asia Digital Transformation (ADX) Projects (budget amount: 920 million yen (approx. 8.5 million US dollars) in total): Utilizing the strengths of Japanese companies' technologies and know-how, Japan is supporting collaborative projects with companies in ASEAN that contribute to solving social issues in their own countries. 23 projects were adopted in 2020, and Japan is now supporting 40 projects in total with new 17 projects adopted in 2021 in the 10 ASEAN countries.

2. Japan's COVID-19 related Support towards respective ASEAN countries

- Indonesia
 - ✓ Bilateral donation of AstraZeneca vaccines manufactured in Japan: approx. 4.15 million doses
 - ✓ Provision of financial support loan: 50 billion yen (approx. 463 million US dollars)
 - ✓ Grant aid (bilateral as well as through international organizations): approx. 6.9 billion yen (approx. 63.9 million US dollars)

(Example)

- Economic and Social Development Programme: 2 billion yen (approx.

- 18.5 million US dollars) (e.g. provision of bedside X-ray machines)
 - Provision of 2800 oxygen concentrators in collaboration with UNOPS
 - ✓ Provision of equipment through JICA technical cooperation (e.g. oxygen concentrators, ventilators, protective clothing and masks)
- Cambodia
 - ✓ Donation of vaccines through the COVAX facility: approx. 1.01 million doses
 - ✓ Provision of financial support loan: 25 billion yen (approx. 231.5 million US dollars)
 - ✓ Grant aid (bilateral as well as through international organizations): approx. 5.5 billion yen (approx. 50.9 million US dollars)

(Example)

- Economic and Social Development Programme: 2 billion yen (approx. 18.5 million US dollars) (e.g. provision of oxygen generators)
- The Project for Improvement of Referral Hospitals in Siem Reap Province: approx. 2.15 billion yen (approx. 19.9 million US dollars)
- ✓ Provision of equipment through JICA technical cooperation (e.g. real-time PCR machines, thermometers and masks)
- ✓ Provision of Personal Protective Equipment under ASEF stockpile project: approx. 147 thousand items including 6 different types of goods such as isolation gowns

- Thailand

- ✓ Bilateral donation of AstraZeneca vaccines manufactured in Japan: approx. 2.04 million doses
- ✓ Grant aid (bilateral as well as through international organizations): approx. 1.9 billion yen (approx. 17.6 million dollars)

(Example)

- Provision of 868 oxygen concentrators in collaboration with UNOPS
- Provision of equipment through JICA Technical Cooperation (e.g. real-time PCR machines)

- The Philippines

- ✓ Bilateral donation of AstraZeneca vaccines manufactured in Japan: approx. 3.08 million doses
- ✓ Provision of financial support loan: 90 billion yen (approx. 833.3 million US

dollars)

- ✓ Grant aid (bilateral as well as through international organizations): approx. 4.4 billion yen (approx. 40.7 million US dollars)

(Example)

- Economic and Social Development Programme: 2 billion yen (approx. 18.5 million US dollars) (e.g. provision of CT scanners, MRI systems)
- The Programme for COVID-19 Crisis Response Emergency Support (Provision of cold-chain equipment for facilitating vaccine deployment): approx. 700 million yen (approx. 6.5 million US dollars)
- ✓ Provision of equipment through JICA technical cooperation (e.g. real-time PCR machines)
- ✓ Provision of Personal Protective Equipment under ASEF stockpile project: approx. 73 thousand items including 6 different types of goods such as isolation gowns

- Brunei

- ✓ Bilateral donation of AstraZeneca vaccines manufactured in Japan: approx. 100 thousand doses
- ✓ Grant aid (through international organizations): approx. 80 million yen (approx. 740 thousand US dollars)
- ✓ Provision of Personal Protective Equipment under ASEF stockpile project: 50 thousand N95 masks

- Viet Nam

- ✓ Bilateral donation of AstraZeneca vaccines manufactured in Japan: approx. 4.08 million doses
- ✓ Grant aid (bilateral as well as through international organizations): approx. 4.3 billion yen (approx. 39.8 million US dollars)

(Example)

- Economic and Social Development Programme: 2 billion yen (approx. 18.5 million US dollars) (e.g. provision of MRI systems, ICU beds)
- ✓ Provision of equipment through JICA technical cooperation (e.g. ventilators and N95 masks)
- ✓ Provision of Personal Protective Equipment under ASEF stockpile project: approx. 76 thousand items including 5 different types of goods such as isolation gowns

- Malaysia

- ✓ Bilateral donation of AstraZeneca vaccines manufactured in Japan: approx. 1 million doses
- ✓ Grant aid (bilateral as well as through international organizations): approx. 900 million yen (approx. 8.3 million US dollars)

(Example)

- Economic and Social Development Programme: 500 million yen (approx. 4.6 million US dollars) (e.g. provision of syringe pumps)
- ✓ Provision of equipment through JICA technical cooperation (e.g. N95 masks and protective clothing)

- Myanmar

- ✓ Provision of financial support loan: 30 billion yen (approx. 277.8 million US dollars)
- ✓ Grant aid (bilateral as well as through international organizations): approx. 5.7 billion yen (approx. 52.8 million US dollars)

(Example)

- Economic and Social Development Programme: 2 billion yen (approx. 18.5 million US dollars) (e.g. provision of ICU beds, syringe pumps)
- Provision of oxygen concentrators and 14 ambulances in collaboration with UNOPS: approx. 570 million yen (approx. 5.3 million US dollars)
- ✓ Provision of equipment through JICA technical cooperation: (e.g. PCR testing kits)

- Laos

- ✓ Donation of vaccines through the COVAX facility: approx. 620 thousand doses
- ✓ Grant aid (bilateral as well as through international organizations): approx. 2.5 billion yen (approx. 23.1 million US dollars)

(Example)

- Economic and Social Development Programme: 1.5 billion yen (approx. 13.9 million US dollars) (e.g. provision of syringe pumps, hospital beds, incubators)
- Provision of 100 oxygen concentrators, 100 suction units, and 100 bedside monitors in collaboration with UNOPS: approx. 770 million yen

(approx. 7.1 million US dollars)

- ✓ Provision of equipment through JICA technical cooperation (e.g. freezers/refrigerators for vaccines)
- ✓ Provision of Personal Protective Equipment under ASEF stockpile project: approx. 115 thousand items including 6 different types of goods such as isolation gowns