

## Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0

- ◆ On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation (2023), the Government of Japan launched **a comprehensive people-to-people exchange initiative as a Japan Foundation project that will benefit more than 10 million people, especially the next-generation leaders of Japan and ASEAN**, and will implement this initiative intensively over the next 10 years.
- ◆ Through this two-pillar project (“Two-way Intellectual and Cultural Exchange” and “NIHONGO Partners”), the Government of Japan will strengthen **“investment in people”** in both Japan and ASEAN, which are **“heart to heart” partners**, and **develop human resources to co-create the future of Japan and ASEAN**.
- ◆ The project aims to achieve the following:
  1. Build **a strong relationship of trust** between ASEAN and Japan for the future.
  2. Promote two-way exchanges and strengthen **multi-faceted human networks**.
  3. **Address together global challenges**, such as climate change and disaster prevention.
  4. Nurture the next generation to **serve as a bridge between ASEAN and Japan**.
  5. Contribute to the further development of **a multicultural society**.

### Two-way Intellectual and Cultural Exchange

- ✓ Promotion of intellectual dialogue and support for collaborative research on a variety of topics
- ✓ Invitation and exchanges of primary and secondary school teachers
- ✓ Human networking and collaborative projects in the fields of art, theater, music, audiovisual contents (including co-produced film screenings), sports, etc.



Exchange at Sanriku International Art Festival

### NIHONGO Partners

- ✓ Dispatch of “NIHONGO Partners” to support Japanese language classes and introduce Japanese culture
- ✓ Training in Japan for teachers and students from the NIHONGO Partners’ host schools
- ✓ Support for the activities of NIHONGO Partners who have returned to Japan



A NIHONGO Partner with students