



Outcomes of the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation / the Commemorative Summit

1. Commemorative Summit (Tokyo, 17 December 2023)

JOINT VISION STATEMENT ON ASEAN-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION



Subtitle : Trusted Partners

Building on mutual trust, ASEAN and Japan will strengthen the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership that is meaningful, substantive, and mutually beneficial under the following three pillars, embracing ASEAN unity and centrality:

- 1) Heart-to-Heart Partners across Generations**
- 2) Partners for Co-creation of Economy and Society of the Future**
- 3) Partners for Peace and Stability**

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN : 130 cooperation items based on the three pillars

1) Heart-to-Heart Partners across Generations

Youth Exchanges, Cultural Exchanges, Sports, Tourism, Language Learning, Education, Science and Technology, Support for ASEAN Secretariat

2) Partners for Co-creation of Economy and Society of the Future

Economy, Finance, Connectivity, Climate Change, Energy and Critical Minerals, Environment, Disaster Management, Health, Digital, Outer Space, Agriculture and Food Systems, Social Issues

3) Partners for Peace and Stability

Rule of Law, Maritime Security, Defense, WPS·YPS, Disarmament, Human Rights, Terrorism and Transnational Crimes, Cybersecurity, Disinformation, Immigration, Peace Building

Actions for “Peace and Prosperity” through “Co-creation” based on “Trust” announced by Prime Minister KISHIDA on the occasion of Commemorative Summit

1. Heart-to-Heart Partners across Generations

- **“Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation : WA Project 2.0”**
- **Promotion of sustainable researchers network**
- **Networking of young business leaders, Study program in Japan for ASEAN Secretariat officials**

2. Partners for Co-creation of Economy and Society of the Future

- **New Efforts in Public-Private Partnership for Finding Solutions through Co-creation**
 - **Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC) platform**
 - **ASEAN-Japan Co-Creation Initiative for the Next-Generation Automotive Industry**
 - **Boosting the private investment for strengthening connectivity, climate change measures, and support for MSMEs & start-ups**

3. Partners for Peace and Stability

- **Efforts to ensure and strengthen a free and open international order based on the rule of law**
 - **Development of human resources in cybersecurity, Humanitarian assistance through ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Center)**

1. Heart-to-Heart Partners across Generations

Connecting “Heart-to-Heart” relations to the next generation by further fostering mutual understanding through exchanges that benefit both ASEAN and Japan

➤ **“Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0”**

Comprehensive People-to-People exchange programs through Intellectual and Cultural exchanges and “NIHONGO (Japanese language) Partners”, which will benefit more than 10 million people over the next 10 years (40 billion Yen).

➤ **Promotion of sustainable researchers network**

Further promote a sustainable researcher network with ASEAN countries by launching a new project to support initiatives based on common understanding with ASEAN countries, including international joint research and human resource exchange and development (15 billion Yen).

➤ **Networking of young business leaders, Study program in Japan for ASEAN Secretariat officials**

Establishment of Young/Generation Z Business Leaders’ Community for human resources exchanges and collaboration among start-ups, study program in Japan (ex. public policy) for prospective young officials of ASEAN Secretariat, dispatch of young government officials and other personnel of ASEAN to Japan Association for EXPO2025, film co-production

2. Partners for Co-creation of Economy and Society of the Future

Aiming for a resilient economy and society by bringing each other's strengths, finding solutions to mounting challenges and making vitality of both Japan and ASEAN flow back and forth

➤ **New Efforts in Public-Private Partnership for Finding Solutions through Co-creation**

■ **Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC) platform**

Simultaneous achievement of economic growth, energy security and decarbonization/Energy transitions through various pathways towards the common goal of carbon neutrality/policy support and collaboration implemented by Asia Zero Emission Center (to be established at ERIA)

■ **ASEAN-Japan Co-Creation Initiative for the Next-Generation Automotive Industry**

Developing and implementing a master plan to make ASEAN remain a world's central production and export hub for the automobile industry

■ **Boosting the private investment for strengthening connectivity, climate change measures, and support for MSMEs & start-ups**

Promotion of New Efforts such as Introduction of the Co-Creation for Common Agenda Initiative, Starting-up of “ Private Capital Mobilization-type Grant”, Further utilization of Overseas Loans and Investments, aiming to mobilize more than 35 billion US dollars in public and private funds in ASEAN region over the next five years through boosting the private investment.

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3. Partners for Peace and Stability

Contributing to peace and prosperity in the region where people of ASEAN and Japan live together and Co-creating the world where all people enjoy prosperity and human dignity is protected

- **Efforts for a free and open international order based on the rule of law**
 - **Support for development of human resources in cybersecurity at ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Capacity Building Centre (AJCCBC)**
 - **Humanitarian Assistance for the people of Myanmar through AHA Center**
 - **Deploy various efforts in the field of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation based on “Hiroshima Action Plan”, cooperation on law and justice including legal technical assistance, Women, Peace and Security (WPS), cybersecurity, defense exchanges and cooperation and Official Security Assistance (OSA), taking into account the situation in each country**



NIHONGO Partners



Construction of wind power plants
in Vietnam



Japan-ASEAN Ship Rider Cooperation Program 5



2. Cooperation throughout the 50th Year 2023

Each Initiative=Reflected in the Implementation Plan adopted at Commemorative Summit
ASEAN and Japan will work together for its implementation

Sports (Chiang Mai Declaration)

Overview

•Chiang Mai Declaration was adopted at the 4th ASEAN plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Sports in 2023 to strengthen ASEAN-Japan cooperation on sports towards 2030. Its priority areas are: (i)development of physical education teachers, (ii)advancing sports for persons with disabilities, (iii)Increasing participation on women in sports (iv)anti-doping activities and (v)sports management.

Concrete Actions (on sports management)

- Strengthening ASEAN-Japan sports business relations
- Capacity building of sports professionals
- Knowledge exchange on organizing major sports events
- Achieving SDGs through sports



Tourism (Joint Media Statement)

Overview

•Joint Media Statement was adopted at the ASEAN-Japan Tourism Ministers' Special Dialogue in 2023, commemorating the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation. It outlined the direction of future cooperation in the tourism sector in order to promote sustainable tourism and mutual exchanges.

Concrete Actions

- Capacity building and knowledge sharing in sustainable tourism
- Collaboration between governments, the private sector and relevant stakeholders
- Broadening the scope of tourism exchanges across diverse fields



Economy ("ASEAN-Japan Economic Co-Creation Vision" & "Future Design and Action Plan")

Overview

•In view of "co-creation" based on the trust established over the past 50 years, "vision" and "plan" were released at AEM-METI Consultation in 2023. "Vision" charts the next 50 years and the co-creation of future-oriented industries. "Plan" includes measures by the governments of ASEAN and Japan.

Concrete Actions

- Promotion of Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC) platform
- Promotion of the open innovation including through ASEAN-Japan business co-creation
- Networking of young business leaders for next generations
- Development of business environment in ASEAN with ERIA



Economic Cooperation (Japan-ASEAN Comprehensive Connectivity Initiative)

Overview

link: <https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100548816.pdf>

•Prime Minister Kishida newly announced "Japan-ASEAN Comprehensive Connectivity Initiative" at the ASEAN-related Summit Meetings in September 2023 to further strengthen regional connectivity in both hard and soft cooperation.
•Transport infrastructure development projects worth 2.8 trillion yen are being implemented. Capacity building projects will be provided for 5,000 individuals over the next 3 years.

Concrete Actions

•Transport infrastructure development, digital connectivity, maritime cooperation, supply chain resilience, electricity connectivity, human and knowledge connectivity



As for Climate Change, AZEC Summit was held on December 18 (See the attached document)

2. Cooperation throughout the 50th Year 2023 (continued)

Transport (Luang Prabang Action Plan)

Overview

• Luang Prabang Action Plan was adopted at the 21st ASEAN-Japan Transport Ministers Meeting in 2023 to further strengthen transport cooperation over the next 10 years, commemorating the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation and the 20th Year of ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership.

Concrete Actions

• Projects such as human resource development and technical assistance being implemented under the 5 pillars (Resilient Supply Chains, Enhancing People-to-People Connectivity, Decarbonization and Sustainable Transport, Inclusive and Accessible Transport, Safe and Secure Transport).



Agriculture (MIDORI Cooperation Plan)

Overview

• Midori Cooperation Plan was adopted at the Meeting of ASEAN-Japan Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry in 2023 to implement cooperation projects by utilizing Japan's technologies and experience. It aims to contribute to the resilient and sustainable agricultural & food systems and food security in ASEAN.

Concrete Actions

- JCM utilizing Alternate Wetting and Drying Technology to reduce methane generation from paddy fields
- Automatic steering technology using GPS to improve productivity
- Reduction of fertilizer through automatic plotting technology and soil diagnosis of farmland using satellite data



Environment (SPACE*)

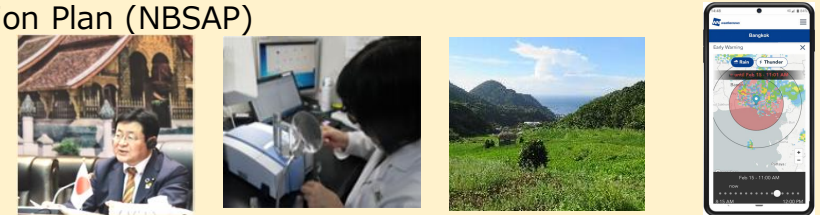
Overview

*SPACE: Strategic Program for ASEAN Climate and Environment

• SPACE was launched at the ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change in 2023, aiming to address 3 unprecedented global crises: climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss.

Concrete Actions

- Climate change: Climate-related financial disclosures, "Fukuoka-Method" methane reduction, early warning systems through PPP
- Pollution: Plastic pollution countermeasures enhancement, development of e-waste related laws and regulations
- Biodiversity loss: Development of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)



Justice (Joint Statement·Work Plan)

Overview

• "Joint Statement" was adopted at the ASEAN-Japan Special Meeting of Justice Ministers in 2023 as guidelines for ASEAN-Japan cooperation in the field of law and justice.

• First time to adopt ASEAN-Japan political document in this field.

Concrete Actions

• Legal technical assistance, ASLOM-Japan Consultation on a regular basis, use of international arbitration and mediation, cooperation in criminal justice, systematic and institutional exchange of legal experts, and promotion of the rule of law including improving access to justice and intellectual property dispute resolution.





Cooperation throughout the 50th Year 2023 (13 ministerial-level meetings)

Date	Place	Meeting name (■ Listed on the previous pages ★ special meeting for 50th Year)	
February 10	Philippines	ASEAN Digital Ministers' Meeting with Japan	
May 2	Republic of Korea	ASEAN-Japan 50th Anniversary Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Special Meeting	★
July 6	Japan	ASEAN-Japan Special Meeting of Justice Ministers (AJSMJ) ■	★
July 13	Indonesia	ASEAN-Japan Foreign Ministers' Meeting	
August 22	Indonesia	The 29th AEM-METI Consultation ■	
August 22	Indonesia	ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime	
August 24	Laos	ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change (AJMDEC) ■	
September 1	Thailand	The Fourth ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Sports (4th AMMS Plus Japan) ■	
(September 6)	Indonesia	(The 26th ASEAN Japan Summit)	
October 4	Malaysia	The First Meeting of ASEAN-Japan Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AJMAF) ■	★
October 11-12	Vietnam	The Third ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (3rd AMMDM Plus Japan)	★
October 27-29	Japan	ASEAN-Japan Tourism Ministers' Special Dialogue ■	★
November 10	Laos	ASEAN-Japan Transport Ministers' Meeting ■	
November 15	Indonesia	ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting	8

3. Implementation of Japan's Commitment



Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) Fact Sheet

What's JAIF?

- ◆ Established in 2006 with Japan's initial contribution of 70 million USD to assist the integration efforts of ASEAN Member States and community building and narrowing development
- ◆ Over 860 million USD contributions from Japan since 2006
- ◆ More than 570 projects implemented or on-going

**Japan's New Contribution of 100 million USD to JAIF
(March 2023)**

[Examples of Cooperation Projects for AOIP Mainstreaming]

1. Support for Functions of ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC)

- Employment of ASEC Officers for monitoring AOIP cooperation, WPS
- Development of E-learning Training for ASEC Officers



2. Human Resource Development of Young Government Officials of ASEAN

- Master's Degree Programme for Attachment Programme Graduates
- Contribution to ASEAN Junior Fellowship Fund
- Timor-Leste's new participation to Attachment Programme



3. Implementation of Japan's Commitment

Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) Fact Sheet

3. AOIP Cooperation in Four Priority Areas (Project Examples)

Maritime Cooperation

- Training of VTS Operators
- Support for Reduction of Marine Plastic Debris

*VTS: Vessel Traffic Services



Connectivity

- GNSS Implementation Plan Training (GIPTA)
- Support for Expanded Application of ASEAN Guiding Principles for Quality Assurance and Recognition of Competency Certification System (AGP)

*GNSS: Global Navigation Satellite System



SDGs

- Support for Implementation of ASEAN Declaration on Sports and SDGs, ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Food Security
- Promotion of Rule of Law (ex. legal technical assistance, capacity building)



Economy

- Cooperation on Disaster Management in the Indo-Pacific through AHA Centre
- Support for Start-Ups (Digital Economy, Clean Energy)
- Development of Climate Change Strategies
- Promotion of Tourism (Wellness Tourism, EXPO2025)



*AHA Centre: ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management