

OVERVIEW

- Japan established a new cooperation framework “Official Security Assistance (OSA)” in April 2023, for the benefit of armed forces and related organizations of like-minded countries for the purpose of deepening security cooperation. OSA is the latest addition to Japan’s assistance programme, entirely different from “Official Development Assistance (ODA)” which is for the economic and social development of developing countries.
- Japan provides equipment and supplies as well as assistance for infrastructure development to partner countries with a view to strengthening their security and deterrence capabilities for the international peace and security.
- OSA is referred to in the new “National Security Strategy” approved by the Cabinet on December 16, 2022.

ASSISTANCE POLICIES

- OSA projects are limited to areas not directly related to international conflict. They include:
 - 1) **Activities for ensuring peace, stability and security based on the rule of law**
Ex. Monitoring and surveillance in territorial waters and airspace, counter-terrorism, counter-piracy, etc.
 - 2) **Humanitarian activities**
Ex. Disaster response, search and rescue, lifesaving, medical care, transport of relief goods, etc.
 - 3) **International peace cooperation operations**
Ex. Capacity building to participate in Peacekeeping operations, etc.
- OSA will be carried out under the following conditions to ensure appropriate and transparent implementation. Agreements with recipient countries will be concluded for each programme.
 - 1) Appropriate information disclosure
(*Classified information will not be disclosed from the security point of view .)
 - 2) Assessment and monitoring of programme
 - 3) Appropriate control including prohibition of extra-purpose use
 - 4) Conformity with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter