

Pillar 3 : Multi-layered Connectivity

Case (35): Digital cooperation in the post-pandemic era

1. Basic concept

- As the social conditions is drastically changing due to the impact of COVID-19 and other factors, the field of "smart cities" which utilize digital technology to solve urban issues, is expected to grow globally in the future. Efforts are underway with particular emphasis in ASEAN countries in a rapid urbanization.
 - DFFT is important for both data free flow and data safety and security. Prime Minister KISHIDA made a policy speech in December 2021, and expressed his commitment to promote international rule-making for the realization of DFFT.
- ⇒ **Involved in the realization of smart cities in ASEAN to contribute to the vibrant growth in accordance with the actual conditions of the regions and cities, as well as achieving peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific through ensuring free, fair and safe cyberspace and DFFT.**

2. Items of cooperation

- Utilization of the JASCA website, introduction of good practices at the High-level Meeting of the Japan Association for Smart Cities in ASEAN
- Conducting the survey on the project formation for the Smart City supported by Japan ASEAN Mutual Partnership (Smart JAMP)
- Utilization of the "ASEAN Smart City Planning Guidebook"
- Promoting cooperation in view of coordination between Japan's Vision for a Digital Garden City Nation Realization and Singapore's Smart Nation Initiative (the Japan-Singapore Experts Level Meeting on Digital Economy Cooperation was held in December 2022)
- Promoting the establishment of legal systems on data flow and utilization in developing countries and improvement of data infrastructure, etc.
- Pursuing the ideal Society 5.0 urban model across the region that covers FOIP

(Examples) International standardization of urban models (ISO, etc.); sparking up discussions about FOIP urban communities as well as establishing the mechanisms for mutual collaboration

■ Japan Association for Smart Cities in ASEAN (JASCA)

The association was launched in 2019 for the purpose of cooperation with the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN)*1
As of December 2022: 312 members



■ High-level Meeting of the Japan Association for Smart Cities in ASEAN

The meeting has been held annually since 2019, with the purpose of effectively providing information about good practices of the smart cities in Japan, Japanese companies information, etc., as well as promoting the realization of smart cities in ASEAN.



The 4th High-level Meeting
(Co-chairman and representatives of cities in ASEAN countries)

■ Smart City supported by Japan ASEAN Mutual Partnership (Smart-JAMP)

Support through coordination among Japanese relevant ministries toward the realization of the ASEAN smart cities concept. Proposed at "The 2nd High-level Meeting of the Japan Association for Smart Cities in ASEAN"

■ ASEAN Smart City Planning Guidebook

The guidebook was prepared in cooperation with the ASEAN Secretariat and ASCN member cities with the aim of supporting the resolution of urban issues and the realization of smart cities in ASEAN, while sharing concepts such as DFFT.



*1 ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN)

This is a framework in ASEAN established by Singapore's proposal in 2018, for the purpose of cooperating for smart cities development. ASEAN member countries selected three cities (from 26 cities in 10 countries) as model cities to promote the initiatives on smart cities.