

Pillar 2 : Addressing Challenges in an Indo-Pacific Way

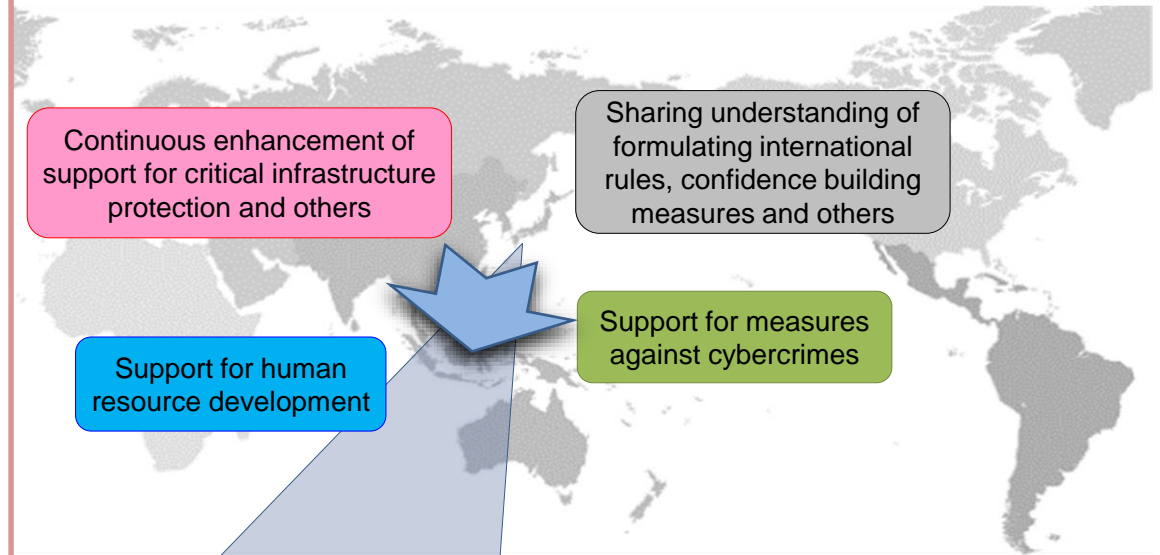
Case (23): Ensuring a free, fair and secure cyberspace

1. Basic concept

- As the digital economy permeates the world, with the increase of malicious activities in cyberspace, including cyberattacks and the spread of disinformation, the importance of ensuring a free, fair, and secure cyberspace has been increasing ever.
 - Strengthening the cyber security in the Indo-Pacific, home to more than half of the world's population and a growth engine for the global economy, has the significance of providing a foundation indispensable to social and economic activities in the region, as well as reducing international cybersecurity vulnerabilities and risks to the entire world, including Japan.
 - The Cybersecurity Strategy Headquarters in 2021 decided to promote capacity building particularly in the Indo-Pacific region.
- ⇒ **Ensuring peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region by strengthening capacity building in the field of cybersecurity from a cross-governmental perspective.**

2. Items of cooperation

- Sharing understanding of formulating international rules, confidence building measures and others
(Examples) ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting; JICA (Knowledge Co-Creation Program; Information sharing on efforts on disinformation(Workshops))
- Continuous enhancement of support for critical infrastructure protection and others.
(Examples) AJCCBC; Industrial Control Systems Cybersecurity Week for the Indo-Pacific region; JICA (project-type technical cooperation, Country / Knowledge Co-Creation Program); table-top exercise led by the ministries, etc.
- Support for measures against cybercrimes
(Examples) Cybercrime Dialogues; support for capacity building of law enforcement and other agencies such as through UNODC and ICPO; criminal justice-related training; JICA (Country / Knowledge Co-Creation Program), etc.
- Support for human resource development
(Examples) Human resource development program led by the ministries; JICA (project-type technical cooperation; Country / Knowledge Co-Creation Program), etc.



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