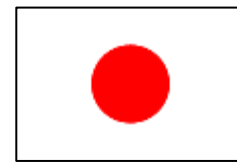




Joint Vision Statement on 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation



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:

Key areas of cooperation listed in the Implementation Plan

Heart-to-Heart Partners across Generations

- Youth Exchanges
- Cultural Exchanges
- Sports
- Tourism
- Language Learning
- Education
- Science and Technology
- ASEAN Headquarters Support

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

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



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Heart-to-Heart Partners across Generations



Youth Exchanges

(JENESYS and SSEAYP)

Overview (JENESYS) (Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths)

• It aims to promote mutual trust and understanding between the youth of ASEAN and Japan and to build a basis for future friendship and cooperation.

Concrete Actions

• Expand international and intergenerational people-to-people connectivity under invitation, dispatch, and online exchange programs in a variety of fields including politics, economics, society, culture, and sports.

JENESYS



ASEAN-Japan Students Conference

Overview (SSEAYP) (The Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program)

• This joint project between Japan and ASEAN member countries launched in 1974 that is aimed at fostering leaders in the globalizing society through living together on board.

Concrete Actions

• Ship program for the first time in 5 years since the Covid-19 pandemic;

- Period: Nov 4 - Dec 11, 2024 (38days)
- Participants: approx.160 youths from Japan and ASEAN member countries
- Ports of call: Ho Chi Minh City(Vietnam) and Jakarta(Indonesia)
- Discussion themes: 6 fields have been selected from "Implementation Plan of the Joint Vision Statement on ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation *Trusted Partners*"



Cultural Exchanges

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

Overview

• 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.

Concrete Actions

- Promotion of intellectual dialogue on global issues
- Human networking and collaborative projects in the fields of art and culture
- Dispatch of "NIHONGO Partners" to secondary or other schools in ASEAN countries and Training in Japan for the teachers and the students (counterparts) invited from ASEAN countries



ASEAN-Japan Youth Forum



Japanese Film Festival (Indonesia)



NIHONGO Partners (Vietnam)



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Heart-to-Heart Partners across Generations



Sports (Chiang Mai Declaration)

Overview

- To commemorate the 50th anniversary, the Declaration unanimously adopted at the Fourth ASEAN-Japan Sports Ministers Meeting in September 2023 .
- Aiming to expand Japan-ASEAN sports cooperation towards 2030, the Declaration includes the development of quality physical education teachers and coaches, increasing participation of women in sports, advancing sports for persons with disabilities, and anti-doping activities, as well as the expansion of the areas of priority to include cooperation in the field of sports management.

Concrete Actions

- Project to develop quality physical education teachers' education and advance sports for persons with disabilities.
- Project to promote gender equality in sports (Sport for Tomorrow (SFT)).
- Policy planning and capacity building support for the development of sports coaches (SFT).
- ASEAN Football4SDGs project (JAIF).
- Support for the Southeast Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization.



Dispatch of Referees to ASEAN Para Games



Gender Equality Promotion Project Workshop



Tourism

Overview

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

Concrete Actions

- Collaboration with ASEAN countries to share best practices on sustainable tourism.
- Cooperation on capacity building training, human resource exchange in the field of tourism, and development and quality improvement of tourism products in cooperation with ASEAN-Japan Center, JICA, and other related organizations.
- Expanding tourism exchange across diverse fields.





Heart-to-Heart Partners across Generations



People-to-people Exchanges, Science and Technology

Overview

• Promote close personal exchange and human resource development to further strengthen mutual trust and understanding and foster multilayered exchanges and networks.

Concrete Actions

- Support for the **Asia KAKEHASHI Project + (plus)** to increase the number of students invited from ASEAN, provide scholarships for both incoming international students and outgoing Japanese students, establish overseas centers for the strategic acceptance of international students and promote cooperation with related institutions. Support for the development of international joint degree programs, etc., to promote inter-university exchange with quality assurance, support for proceeding with consideration of measures to stimulate student exchange at the ASEAN+3 meeting on mobility and quality assurance in higher education, and support for the establishment of the online international education platform that serves as a gateway to supporting international students from acceptance to retention.
- Launch of a master's degree program for graduates of the **Attachment Program**, and participation of Timor-Leste in the Attachment Program.
- Start of exchange of administrative officials, strengthening of cooperation with **SEAMEO** (Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization) and promotion of joint projects

- In the “**Networked Exchange, United Strength for Stronger Partnerships between Japan and (NEXUS)**”, implement personnel exchanges, joint research, and strengthen hub functions.
- Continue to promote the “**Sakura Science Program**” as a youth exchange in the field of science and technology.
- Invite young researchers who have just completed or are about to complete their doctoral degrees to Japan under the “**Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan**”. In 2025, “Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan (Short-term (PA) which focuses on inviting researchers from the ASEAN/Africa region was launched.
- Promote the “**Work Plan on Cooperation in Culture and Arts**” (January 2022) agreed upon at the Japan-ASEAN Culture Ministers' Meeting (cooperation in the fields of cultural heritage protection and copyright, etc.) and exchanges in the film field and other fields.





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Economy

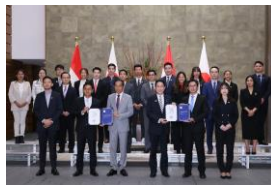
(ASEAN-Japan Economic Co-creation Vision)

Overview

• The ASEAN Economic Ministers - METI Consultation held on 22nd August 2023 reached an agreement on the "vision" to jointly create industries that will shape the future for the next 50 years, and "plan" outlining specific initiatives under the vision by the ASEAN-Japan governments from the perspective of "co-creation" based on trust.

Concrete Actions

- To strengthen the network of the next generation of business leaders, the **ASEAN-Japan Young and Generation Z Business Leaders Summit** was held in Japan, in December 2023.
- To improve the business environment infrastructure in ASEAN, **Asia Zero Emission Centre, ERIA Digital Innovation and Sustainable Economy Centre (E-DISC), etc. were launched.**
- To promote open innovation between ASEAN and Japan, Japan proposed the "**ASEAN-Japan AI Innovation Co-Creation Roadmap**" at the ASEAN Economic Ministers-METI Consultation in September 2024.
- To develop the Masterplan for ASEAN-Japan **Next Generation Automotive Industry.**



Finance

Overview

- The ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Meeting in May 2024 adopted a joint statement formally agreeing to establish the Emergency Loan Facility (RFF), the first new facility of its kind since 2014.
- The RFF will contribute to the rapid recovery of the affected countries through the Japan-led Disaster Risk Financing (DRF).

Concrete Actions

- Led the establishment of **RFF**, which has been a priority of ASEAN countries.
- Regarding the **ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO: Economic Surveillance Organization)**, a new deputy director has been appointed to take charge of thematic surveillance of the increasingly important financial sector and other areas.
- Welcomed the substantial progress on **ABMI** and **DRF**.
- **Driving concrete progress on the Asian Bond Markets Initiative (ABMI: Fostering Bond Markets in Local Currencies)** and the **DRF**.
- Provided insurance coverage for countries affected by Typhoon Yagi in September 2024 through the use of the **DRF**.



ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting (Georgia)



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Transportation (Luang Prabang Action Plan)

Overview

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

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).
- New initiatives under the AJTP will be adopted in November 2024, that will work with human resource development on Aids to Navigation (AtoN) and support to decarbonize aviation sector.



Indonesia
Jakarta MRT North-South Line

Manila, Philippines
GNSS Education and Training

Maintenance of aids to navigation



Connectivity (Japan-ASEAN Comprehensive Connectivity Initiative)

Overview

- 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**
 - Advanced projects, such as Metro Manila Subway and Jakarta MRT (East-West Line).
- **Digital connectivity and maritime cooperation**
 - Launched the Co-creation for common agenda initiative in the digital field for Cambodia.
 - Cooperate through ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Capacity Building Centre (AJCCBC).
- **Supply chain resilience, electricity Connectivity**
 - Cooperate with ASEAN Center for Energy (ACE) .
- **Human and knowledge connectivity**
 - Accept trainees to EXPO 2025 Osaka, Kansai



AJCCBC:
JICA's technical cooperation project



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Energy and Climate Change

(Asian Zero Emission Community (AZEC))

Overview

- Proposed by Japan in January 2022, with the aim of sharing the philosophy that Asian countries will decarbonize and work together to advance energy transitions. The First AZEC Ministerial Meeting was held among 11 partner countries in March 2023.
- AZEC promotes regional decarbonization through projects and policy coordination under the principles of “achieving carbon neutrality through various of pathways” and “achieving decarbonization, economic growth, and energy security simultaneously”.

Concrete Actions

- **The first AZEC Leaders Meeting** was held in Japan on December 18, 2023, on the occasion of the Special Summit for the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation.
- Approaches such as “achieving carbon neutrality through various pathways” and “achieving decarbonization, economic growth, and energy security simultaneously” were confirmed as AZEC principles.
- **The second AZEC Ministerial Meeting** was held in Indonesia on August 21, 2024. Initiatives to promote decarbonization in the power, transport, and industry sectors were adopted, and the “Asia Zero Emission Center” was launched in ERIA to serve as a platform for regional decarbonization. Around 70 MOUs were also announced.
- Concrete decarbonization projects are underway through public-private partnerships.



Environment

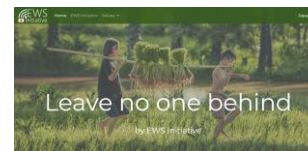
(Strategic Program for ASEAN Climate and Environment (SPACE))

Overview

- SPACE was launched in 2023, aiming to address 3 unprecedented global crises: climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss.

Concrete Actions

- **Climate change:** Climate-related financial information disclosure, Fukuoka-method methane reduction, introduction of early warning systems through public-private partnerships (surveys in ASEAN).
- **Pollution:** Plastic pollution countermeasures enhancement (marine plastic debris mapping database AOMI available since May 2024), Promoting sustainable e-waste management and recycling (including development of regulatory frameworks, private-sector collaboration)
- **Biodiversity loss:** National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) revision support, knowledge sharing on good practice of NBSAP implementation



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Use of secondary nature



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Disaster Management

Overview

• Implementation of the ASEAN-Japan Work Plan on Disaster Management 2021-2025

Concrete Actions

- The project on “Integrating climate change projections into floods, drought and landslide risk assessments with focus on spatial approach (DRR-CCA)”.
- ASEAN-Japan Public-Private Seminar on Innovative Policies and Technologies for Disaster Risk Reduction.
- The Pilot Project on Utilization of State-of-Art Communication Technologies for CBDRM and Disaster Emergency Management.
- The project on “Promotion of database linkage and capacity enhancement through utilization of Global unique disaster IDentifier (GLIDE).
- The Disaster Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN (DELSA) project.
- The project on “Strengthening ASEAN’s Collective Response Capacity through the Enhancement of the Capacity Building of the Regional ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT).
- AHA Centre Executive (ACE): Leadership in Emergency and Disaster Management Programme (ACE-LEDMP).
- The Mid-Term Review of the Implementation of AWP 2021-2025.
- The project proposal on the Development of AADMER Work Programme 2026-2030.
- Planned dispatch of an expert to the AHA Center.



ACE-LEDMP Training at Hyogo Prefectural Government



CBDRM+ICT Workshop with Local Community



Digitalization

Overview

• Broaden the “Hiroshima AI Process”, facilitate Open RAN usage and support regional capacity building on cybersecurity to promote DX, digital connectivity and cybersecurity, throughout the ASEAN region.

Concrete Actions

Took the following actions based on the “**ASEAN-Japan Digital Work Plan for 2024**” formulated at the “**ASEAN Digital Ministers' Meeting with Japan**” (ADGMIN+J*) :

- Launched the “**Hiroshima AI Process Friends Group**” (some ASEAN Member States (AMS) have joined) on the occasion of the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting to promote collaboration in AI governance.
- Signed Memorandum of Cooperation with some AMS and implemented some pilot projects with funds contributed by Japan to strengthen the supply chain of 5G networks in ASEAN with **Open RAN**.
- Supported capacity building for officials from government and critical infrastructure sectors in AMS through periodic training on cybersecurity organized by the **ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Capacity Building Centre (AJCCBC)**.



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Agriculture

(ASEAN-Japan MIDORI Cooperation Plan)

Overview

- Contribute to the resilient and sustainable agricultural & food systems and the regional food security.
- Implement cooperation projects with Japan's technologies and experience.

Concrete Actions

- A draft JCM methodology for Alternate Wetting and Drying (AWD) to reduce methane emissions from rice paddy fields in the Philippines was completed and published in June 2024. The development will be disseminated to other ASEAN countries in the future.
- Reducing fertilizer through satellite data with automatic plotting technology and soil diagnosis was demonstrated, and will be extended (Thailand).
- ICT-based AWD will be examined this year (Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam).



Others

Concrete Actions

- Conduct a health policy survey in the ASEAN region through ERIA research regarding **persons with developmental disabilities** to identify policy needs; Facilitate exchanges among the parties concerned, experts, and government officials by developing guidelines to improve the quality of life of parents of people with developmental disabilities.
- Plan to dispatch Japanese experts to the Secretariat of the ASEAN Center for Communicable Disease Control and Prevention (**ACPHEED**).
- Establish a Digital Platform (JADi) to integrate information on digital **start-ups and SMEs** in ASEAN and Japan; Conduct capacity building on digital technology enhancement for start-ups and SMEs.
- Promote investment in the region by Japanese companies through the **JBIC Global Investment Enhancement Facility**.





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Partners for Peace and Stability



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, which was the first time to adopt ASEAN-Japan political document in the field.

Concrete Actions

- ASLOM-Japan Consultation on a regular basis (The 3rd consultation is to be held in October 2024.).
- Strengthening the use of international arbitration and mediation.
- Launch of ASEAN-Japan Criminal Justice Seminar (The 1st seminar is to be held in December 2024.).
- Criminal Justice Forum for Asia and the Pacific on a regular basis (The 3rd forum was held in June 2024.).
- Systematic and institutional exchange of legal experts.
- Judicial Symposium on Intellectual Property (JSIP) follow-up seminar (to be held in December 2024).
- Launch of the joint study on Business and Human Rights for exchange students from ASEAN countries (The 1st joint study was held in August 2024.).
- Workshop organized by AICHR and SEANF, using JAIF.



Joint Research on “Business and Human Rights” Criminal Justice Forum for Asia and the Pacific



Defense

Japan-ASEAN Ministerial Initiative for Enhanced Defense Cooperation (JASMINE)

Overview

• Japan proposed JASMINE* during the ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers’ Informal Meeting in 2023 to advance the cooperation to a new level, in line with the spirit of “Vientiane Vision 2.0,” which presents direction of defense cooperation with ASEAN.

*Four Pillars of JASMINE: (1) Japan-ASEAN to carry out efforts to create a security environment that does not allow any unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force or coercion, (2) continue and expand the Japan-ASEAN defense cooperation, (3) to pursue further friendship and opportunities between Japan and ASEAN defense officials, (4) to support defense cooperation between ASEAN, Japan, and the Pacific Island countries

Concrete Actions

- “The 6th Japan-ASEAN and Timor-Leste Ship Rider Cooperation Project” and “the 2nd Japan-Pacific Island Countries Ship Rider Cooperation Project” : seminars on international maritime law and WPS aboard JS Izumo. Promoted mutual understanding. (Jun 2024)
- “The 4th Professional Airmanship Program (PAP)”: lecture on Air Domain Awareness and base visit for air force officers from ASEAN countries. Contributed to ensuring rule of law. (Jul 2024)
- “The 3rd Japan-ASEAN Cybersecurity Cooperation Project” and “the 2nd Japan-ASEAN Cyber International Law Seminar” : contributed in improving incident response capability and shared the understanding on the importance of rule of law. (Jul 2024)



Ship Rider Cooperation Program (JS Izumo)



PAP (Tokyo)



Cyber Security Cooperation Program (Viet Nam)



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Transnational Crimes

Overview

- The 9th ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime was held in August, 2024, in Laos

Concrete Actions

- Japan and ASEAN Member States exchanged views on countering transnational crime including cybercrime, organized fraud such as online and telephone fraud, investment/romance fraud via social media, and terrorism.
- A joint statement which emphasizes on the enhancement of cooperation to combat transnational crime including organized fraud, and on the abduction issues was adopted.



Others

Concrete Actions

- Conduct training on **maritime law enforcement**.
- Scheduled capacity building workshop to promote **WPS** in the area of disaster prevention and response.
- Promote **mine and UXO countermeasures** (South-South cooperation project in the Mekong region).



Project for strengthening operational capacity of UXO Lao in Laos