

1. Track Record

The Origin of "Japanese-style ODA," which Emphasizes Self-Help and Developing Infrastructure and Human Resources

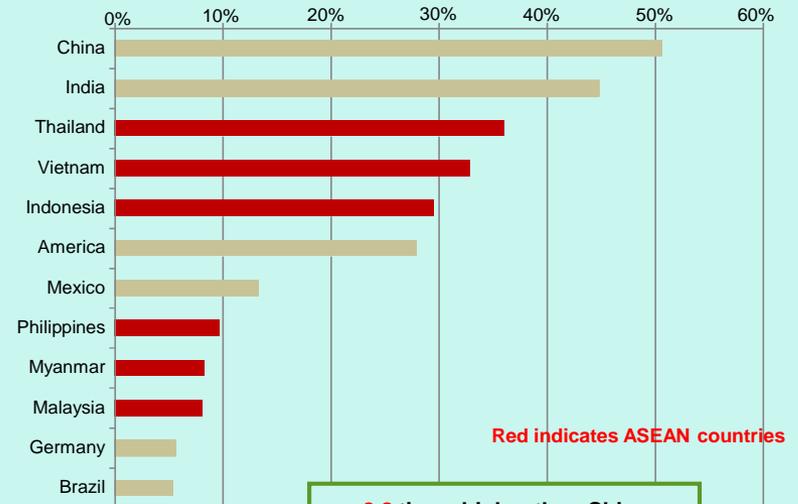
- Asia accounted for 61.1% of all bilateral ODA in 2019, with much of that being provided to Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries.
- Japan supports efforts to overcome the challenges ASEAN is facing and promote integration further. In addition, it places importance on supporting development of quality infrastructure and industrial human resources, in order to strengthen intraregional connectivity and develop the basic infrastructure for industry. Brunei and Singapore have achieved growth and graduated from being recipient countries. Thailand, Malaysia, etc. have also grown enough to engage in South-South cooperation.
- Making use of Japan's ODA, ASEAN has achieved remarkable economic progress, developing into a huge market with a total GDP of around US\$3 trillion. It is becoming a powerful market and an attractive investment destination for Japanese companies.
- As a step toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Mekong-Japan Foreign Ministers' Meeting in July 2020 announced the "KUSANONE Mekong SDGs Initiative." In FY2020, Japan announced that it would continue to provide Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects on a scale of 1 billion yen per year.

Countries and Regions Japanese Manufacturers Consider to Be Promising for Business Expansion in the Medium Term (About Three Years) (2018: Multiple answers possible)

Source: The graph was created based on the "Report on Overseas Business Operations by Japanese Manufacturing Companies" (FY2018) by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation.

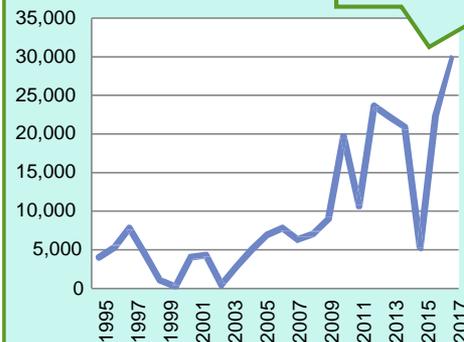
Note 1: A questionnaire survey of manufacturers with (in principle) at least three overseas subsidiaries (of which at least one is a production base).

Note 2: Responses from 431 companies regarding promising countries and regions for business expansion in the medium term.



2.8 times higher than China
6.2 times higher than South Korea

(million dollars)



Japan's Economic Activities in the ASEAN Region
(Source: MOFA website)
✓ Japanese companies (number of bases):
8,147 (2013)
⇒ 12,545 (2017)

Japan's direct investments in ASEAN
(Based on international balance of payments, net and flow)
(Source: JETRO, 2018)

2. Results

Achieving Economic Growth through Organic Links between ODA, Trade, and Investment



Contributing to political stability and peacebuilding

Japan is supporting the Mindanao peace process by means of both political cooperation and economic cooperation through ODA. Specifically, in addition to supporting the development of human resources and economic development, it is also helping to provide elementary and junior high schools, clinics, and vocational training centers.



As part of the peacebuilding and educational support on Mindanao in the Philippines, Japan is also strengthening the water and sanitation aspects, such as promoting handwashing at schools (in cooperation with UNICEF; photo: UNICEF).

Photo provided by: JICA

Shelter Construction: Providing support for displaced people in Marawi City on the island of Mindanao, the Philippines, which was catastrophically destroyed in the armed conflict in 2017.



(in cooperation with UN-HABITAT: Photo UN-Habitat)

Develop Legislation in Developing Countries

- Japan has provided support for the development of legal and judicial systems in developing countries, by supporting their lawmaking, system development.
- These assistance provide support for the self-help efforts of developing countries, based on the rule of law, as well as the establishment of the foundations that are essential for developing countries to achieve sustainable growth.
- Japan has supported drafting of civil laws in Cambodia, Nepal, Vietnam and Laos.

3. Overcoming Challenges

Environmental and Social Considerations

Environmental and resident-relocation issues arising from infrastructure development



JICA Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations

Based on these guidelines, due consideration is given to the impact on the environment and local communities when implementing ODA.

[Examples of Implementation Based on the Guidelines]

- National Road No. 1 Improvement Project in Cambodia (Relocation of residents)
- New Bohol Airport Construction and Sustainable Environment Protection Project in the Philippines (Environmental considerations)



New Bohol Airport

Fight against COVID-19

- ◆ **Bilateral**
 - Covid-19 Crisis Response Emergency Support Loan
 - Provision of medical equipment
 - Training for medical workers
- ◆ **Multilateral**
 - Strengthening of health care systems
 - Establishment of cold chains

- ◆ **the ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases**
 - a hub for the region's fight against infectious diseases, through strengthening of ability to prepare, identify and respond to public health emergencies.
 - Japan provides US \$50 million for establishing the Centre.
 - In November 2020, Prime Minister SUGA co-announced the establishment of the Centre.

Future Priority Policies

- **Strengthening connectivity between and developing industrial infrastructure in Southeast Asian regions: development of quality infrastructure and industrial human resources**
- **Internal stability and safety: the rule of law, maritime safety and law enforcement, cyber security, etc.**
- **Eliminating intraregional and domestic disparities: poverty reduction, health, women, etc.**
- **Building a sustainable society: disaster prevention, environmental and climate change, etc.**



Providing a 15-m-class high-speed boat for the Philippine Coast Guard (Philippines)



Investment in Japan ASEAN Women Empowerment Fund (Myanmar) (Source: JICA)

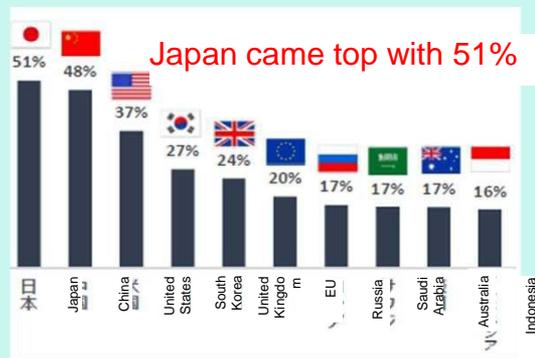


Neak Loeung Bridge (Tsubasa Bridge) (Cambodia)

High Esteem for Japan's Contributions

Public opinion poll on Japan in the 10 ASEAN countries (2019)

Q: Which of the following countries would you consider an important partner to [your country] in the future?



A: 51% answered "Japan."