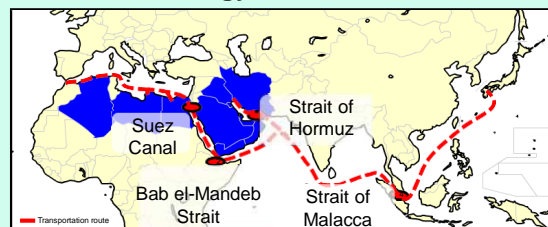


1. The Importance of the Region for Japan

- A key region for logistics: a treasure trove of energy resources, located on Japan's sea lanes
- Approx. 90% of the crude oil and 20% of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) imported into Japan
- The Strait of Hormuz and Suez Canal are key regions for global logistics
- Violent extremism in the Middle East also affects Japan's security
- Stability in Afghanistan is essential not only for regional stability, but also for security in the international community as a whole as it fights against terrorism
- Acting as a responsible global player (proactive contribution to peace)



Peace and stability in the Middle East are directly linked to the stability, security, and prosperity of Japan.

2. Track Record and Results

- At the G7 Ise-Shima Summit in 2016, Japan announced that it would provide a total of approx. \$6 billion in **comprehensive support toward stability in the Middle East** over the course of three years from 2016 to 18, including the development of around 20,000 human resources. It went on to steadily implement the plan.

Supporting stabilization in the Middle East

- Support toward economic development, social stability, etc.
- In order to address youth unemployment, regional disparities, and other issues underlying social instability, Japan trained around 20,000 personnel over the course of three years. Examples of areas this has contributed to include: public sector reform; creating employment through the promotion of industry, etc.; rural development; and improving the quality of education.

Dispatching JICA experts and other humanitarian aid teams

- Japan dispatched JICA experts and other humanitarian aid teams to refugee camps and the countries and communities hosting them. Through this, it contributed directly to human resource development, regional development, etc. **Around 50 personnel** were dispatched over the course of **three years**.

Accepting Syrian international students

- In order to provide educational opportunities to young people in Syria deprived of the chance to go to school by the crisis there, Japan accepted **up to 150** Syrian international students over the course of **five years**. This action leveraged JICA's technical cooperation, etc.

Examples of Specific Action

- Support that also contributes to entry into the Middle East by Japanese companies

Basrah Refinery Upgrading Project in Iraq
The Borg El Arab International Airport Extension Project in Egypt
Bosphorus Rail Tube Crossing Project in Turkey Etc.

- Fostering pro-Japanese sentiment
- High esteem for Japanese technology
- Held in high esteem by the international community



Basrah Refinery



Bosphorus Rail Tube Crossing



The Borg El Arab Int'l Airport
(3D rendering)

- Support for Afghanistan

As a major donor for Afghanistan's self-reliance in terms of security and development, Japan has provided a total of approx. \$6.9 billion in assistance since 2001, with a view toward the "Transformation Decade" up to 2024. At the Geneva Conference on Afghanistan in November 2020, Japan announced that it would work on providing assistance from 2021 to 2024, maintaining the amount comparable to the past four years (180 million USD per year), subject to Afghan government's own reform efforts.

- Improving the ability to maintain security: strengthening the police capacity, etc.
- Supporting development: support for agricultural and rural development, infrastructure development, education and health, human resource development, etc.

- Peace in the Middle East (Support for Palestine)

Since the Oslo Accords in 1993, Japan has provided a total of more than \$2.1 billion in assistance to Palestine.

- Improved stability and quality of life for civilians
- Strengthening the administrative and fiscal capacity
- Promoting sustainable economic growth

Promoting unique efforts, including the "Corridor for Peace and Prosperity" initiative, the "Tourism Corridor" projects under the initiative, and the "Conference on the Cooperation among East Asian Countries for Palestinian Development" (CEAPAD)



Ministerial meeting on support for UNRWA
(Attended by Minister Motegi)