

New Concept of Mekong Region Development

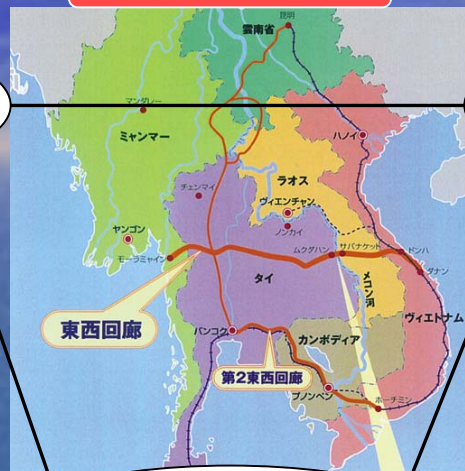
- Japan has attached great importance to, and actively supported the Mekong region development.
- Japan has taken the strong initiative in promoting the Mekong region development through measures such as establishing the Forum for the Comprehensive Development of the Indo-China.

It is necessary to undertake the comprehensive regional development based on clear visions.

Three Visions

Reinforcing regional integration

Harmonizing with environment



Attaining sustainable economic growth

Japan aims to expand the dimensions of its cooperation through an integrated approach of economic cooperation and trade-investment.

Expanding approaches

Expanding actors

Expanding areas of cooperation

Enhancing Economic Cooperation;

- Japan's cooperation to the Mekong region development is expected to reach approximately US\$ 1.5 billion over the coming three years.
- The cooperation includes the two East-West Corridors, transportation infrastructures, and other projects.
- Japan will send missions for policy dialogue with concerned countries and organisations.

Integrated approach

Coordinated implementation

Promoting Trade and Investment;

- Japan will promote Japanese enterprises' trade-investment activities in the region and assist nurturing the private sector in the new member countries.
- Japan will support the efforts of the new member countries toward the economic integration.
- Japan will help the countries of the region to develop their own bond markets.

Strengthening Consultation and Coordination;

- Japan will further collaborate with ASEAN countries as well as with such international organizations as the ADB.
- Japan will review these cooperations with ASEAN countries on such occasions as the ASEAN+3 meetings, ASEAN-PMC and IDEA.