

Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation



Foreign Ministers' Meeting IV

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



FEALAC (Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation)

Unique forum to strengthen bi-regional interaction

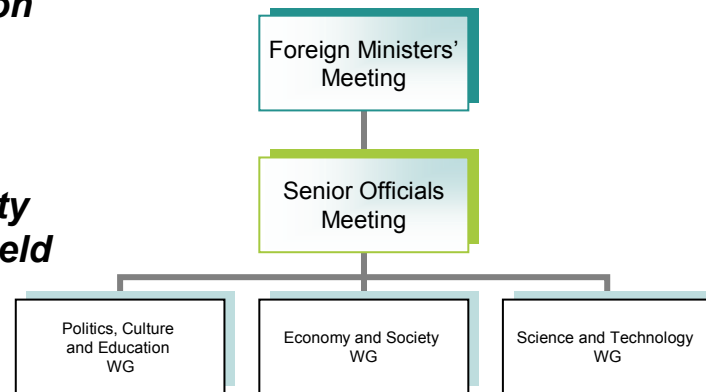
- The Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) was established in 1999 to strengthen cooperation between East Asia and Latin America.

The key objectives of FEALAC:

- To increase mutual understanding, trust of political dialogue and friendly cooperation among member states with a view to enriching and sharing experiences and developing new partnerships.
- To tap the potential of multidisciplinary cooperation, inter alia, in economics, trade investment, finance, science and technology, environment protection, culture, sport, and people-to-people exchanges.
- To expand common ground on important international political and economic issues with a view to working together in different international fora in order to safeguard our common interests.

Overall agenda covering politics, economy and science & technology

- The member countries exchange views on a wide range of issues in the Foreign Ministers' Meeting.
- Three Working Groups (Politics, Culture and Education WG; Economy and Society WG; Science and Technology WG) are held once a year to share the best practices.



33 members in the most dynamically developing regions

Asia

Australia
Brunei
Cambodia
China
Indonesia
Japan
Korea
Laos
Malaysia
Myanmar
New Zealand
Philippines
Singapore
Thailand
Viet Nam

Latin America

Argentina
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Guatemala
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Uruguay
Venezuela

33 countries build a bridge across the Pacific Ocean

FEALAC projects to promote bi-regional exchange and cooperation

- Each member country carries out various projects with an interregional scope to enhance cooperation between East Asia and Latin America.



Politics, Culture and Education WG

- Young Parliamentarians Forum
- Journalist Invitation Program
- Workshop on World Drug Problem
- Seminar on Counter-Terrorism
- Student Exchange Programs
- Forum of University Presidents
- etc.

Economy and Society WG

- FEALAC Website
- Meeting on Eco-tourism
- Seminar on Clean Development Mechanism
- Projects on Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
- Training course on management
- Training course for poverty reduction
- etc.

Science and Technology WG

- Workshops on renewable energy
- Workshops on natural disaster management
- Cooperation for the prevention of HIV/AIDS and epidemic diseases
- etc.

Ten years with steady progress

- The past three Foreign Ministers' Meetings show the advancement of the Forum.
- The Fourth meeting will provide vision for the future of FEALAC.



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2001 Mar. Foreign Ministers' Meeting I / Chile

EALAF was officially renamed FEALAC (Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation), and the Framework Document for the foundation of FEALAC was adopted, which contained the purpose, principles, and operative direction of the forum.

2004 Jun. Foreign Ministers' Meeting II / Philippines

The Manila Plan of Action, which proposed a concrete course in fostering mutual understanding and cooperation between the two regions, was adopted.

2007 Aug. Foreign Ministers' Meeting III / Brazil

The Brasilia Ministerial Declaration and Programme of Action was adopted. In this declaration, the member countries outlined a concrete proposal regarding the future direction and action plans for the further development of FEALAC.

2010 Jan. Foreign Ministers' Meeting IV Tokyo

16th & 17th

Issues to be addressed

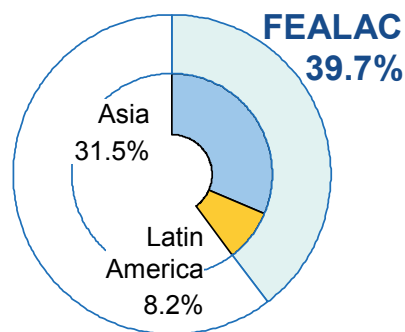
- Environment and Sustainable Development
- Economic and Financial Crisis
- Social Inclusion
- Future vision of FEALAC

FEALAC's potential, in numbers

-Key indicators show the weight of FEALAC in the world

Population (2007)

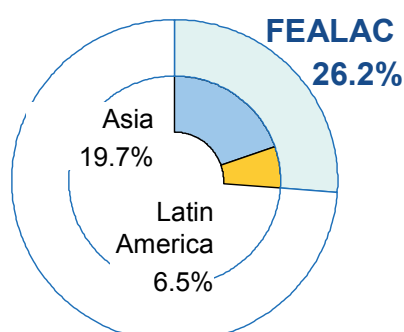
2.6 bil/6.6 bil



(World Bank: World Development Indicators 2009)

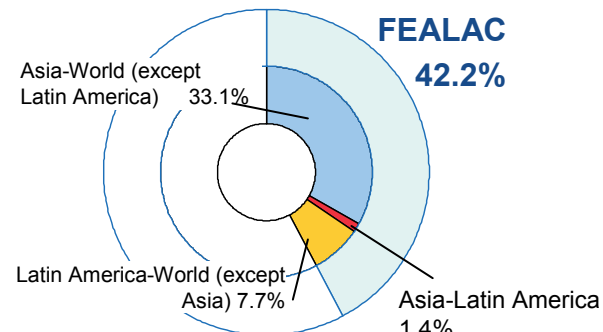
GDP (2007)

\$ 14 tril/54 tril



Trade (2007)

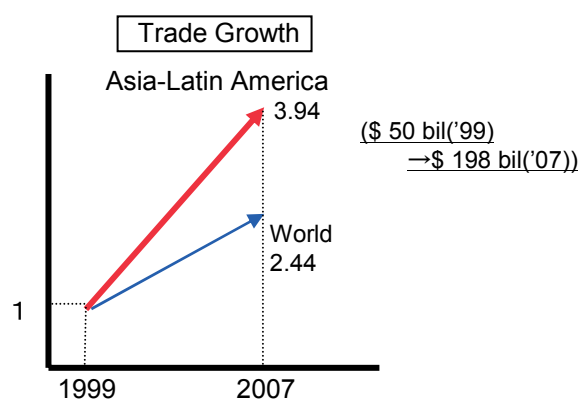
\$ 5.8tril/13 tril



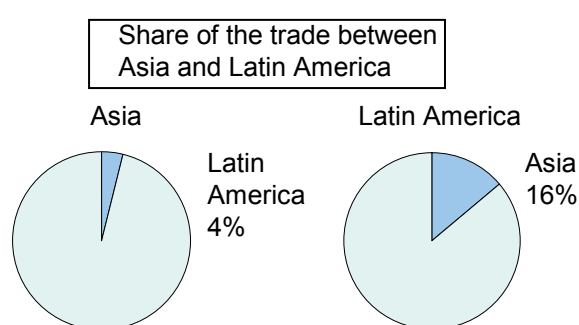
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- Bi-regional trade far outgrows the world average, but this dynamism has yet to be exploited

The bi-regional trade has **quadrupled** since the establishment of FEALAC



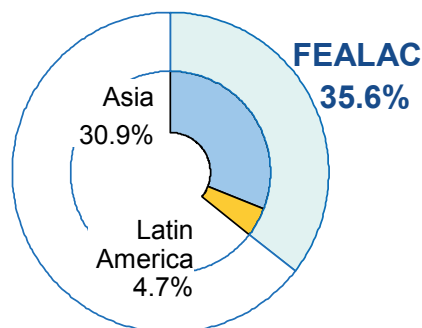
Both regions remain modest trade partners with each other



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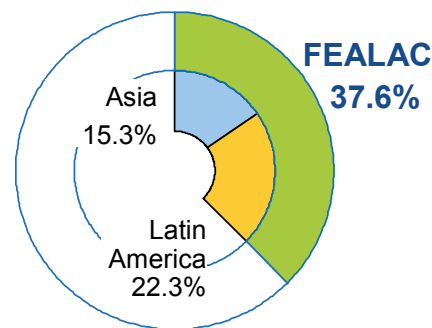
- FEALAC has the potential and responsibility to tackle environmental issues

CO₂ emissions (2006)
9,963 mil/28,002 mil (tonnes of CO₂)



(IEA:CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion (2008 Edition))

Forest area (2005)
14.8 mil/39.4 mil (km²)



(World Bank: World Development Indicators 2009)

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