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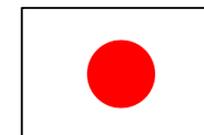
# ASEAN and Japan

## - Beyond the 50<sup>th</sup> Year of Friendship and Cooperation -

49<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Japan Business Meeting (AJBM)  
AJBM Singapore and KEIZAI DOYUKAI

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# (Agenda)

1. What have ASEAN and Japan achieved together?
2. What are the common challenges of ASEAN and Japan?
3. What steps will ASEAN and Japan take together?

# 1. What have ASEAN and Japan achieved together?

## (Starting cooperation)

1973 ASEAN-Japan dialogue on synthetic rubber

## (Announcing a vision, followed by industrialization & expansion of ASEAN)

1977 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit, Fukuda Doctrine (“Heart to Heart” relationship)

## (Overcoming the financial crisis)

1997 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN+3 Summit / 2000 Chiang Mai Initiative / 2010 Multilateralization

## (Supporting the ASEAN Community)

2006 Japan ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF)

2008 Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

2011 AHA Centre (Disaster Management)

2020 Commitment to support for ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED)

# (Fukuda Doctrine)

- First, Japan, a nation **committed to peace, rejects the role of a military power**, and on that basis is resolved to contribute to the peace and prosperity of Southeast Asia, and of the world community.
- Second, Japan, as a true friend of the countries of Southeast Asia, will do its best for consolidating the **relationship of mutual confidence and trust based on "heart-to-heart" understanding** with these countries, in wide-ranging fields covering not only political and economic areas but also social and cultural areas.
- Third, Japan will be an **equal partner of ASEAN and its member countries**, and **cooperate positively with them in their own efforts to strengthen their solidarity and resilience**, together with other nations of the like mind outside the region, while aiming at fostering a relationship based on mutual understanding with the nations of Indochina, and will thus contribute to the building of peace and prosperity throughout Southeast Asia.



Speech by PM Fukuda in Manila on 18 August 1977 (Credit: Cabinet Public Affairs Office)

## 2. What are the common challenges of ASEAN and Japan?

- **Peace, Stability and Prosperity in the Indo-Pacific**
  - ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP)
  - Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)
  - Share relevant fundamental principles
- **Emerging cross-cutting global issues**
  - Energy, decarbonization and circular economy
  - Digital economy
  - Health, ageing and well-being
  - Disaster management etc.

# (ASEAN-Japan Main Deliverables Related to AEC in 2023)

Date	Name	Place	Deliverables
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	ASEAN-Japan Digital Ministers' Meeting	Philippines	- AJ Digital Work Plan 2023 - Launch of Next Phase of AJ Cybersecurity Capacity Building Centre
20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Announcement of New Plan for FOIP	India	- JAIF new contribution of 100million USD
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	ASEAN-Japan Special Finance Ministers' and Central Bank Governors' Special Meeting	Korea	- AJ commitment document on the 4 policy issues (digitalization, etc.)
30 <sup>th</sup> Jun	ASEAN-Japan Business Week	Tokyo	- MOU (ASEAN-BAC-JETRO): Young Business Leader/Fast Track/ AZEC
22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	ASEAN-Japan Economic Ministerial Meeting*	Indonesia	- AJ Economic Co-Creation Vision and Future Design and Action Plan
24-25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	ASEAN Ministers on Energy Related Meeting	Indonesia	- MOU (ACE-JETRO) & MOC (ACE-JICA)
24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change	Lao PDR	- Strategic Program for ASEAN Climate and Environment (SPACE)
6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	ASEAN-Japan Summit/ ASEAN Indo-Pacific Forum	Indonesia	- Establishment of AJ Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) - JA Comprehensive Connectivity Initiative
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	ASEAN-Japan Special Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture	Malaysia	- ASEAN-Japan MIDORI Cooperation Plan
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	ASEAN-Japan Tourism Ministers' Special Dialogue	Tokyo	- Joint Media Statement on sustainable tourism and mutual exchange
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	ASEAN-Japan Transport Ministers Meeting	Lao PDR	- New action plan for the next decade
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Symposium for Promoting Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture and Food System through Innovation	Indonesia	- Showcasing examples of AJ agricultural innovation cooperation - ASEAN-JICA Food Value Chain Development Project Kick Off
13-15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Young Business/Gen-Z Business Leaders' Summit AJ Business Co-Creation Forum	Karuizawa Tokyo	- Operationalization of AJ Future Design Action Plan
<b>16-18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit**</b>	<b>Tokyo</b>	<b>- Vision Statement and Implementation Plan</b>

\* METI's contribution to the Establishment of ERIA Digital Innovation and Sustainable Economy Centre (E-DISC) was welcomed.

\*\* Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC) Leaders Meeting will be convened in a margin of the AJ Commemorative Summit.

**Three Pillars of a New ASEAN-Japan Partnership for Cooperation**

**I. Shaping a regional order which is free, open, rules-based and fair**

Cooperate in establishing a fair regional order based on rules based on AOIP and FOIP. Maintain, enhance the role of ASEAN architecture and ASEAN centrality and unity. (e.g. jointly promote efforts to ease tensions in the region over the long term; strengthen the ASEAN architecture; support the strengthening of the ASEAN Secretariat's organization and functions; promote security cooperation)

**II. Building a society which fulfills economic development, sustainability and fairness**

Create an Indo Pacific region as an ecosystem for building a society of inclusiveness and diversity which generates aspiration for development, sustainability and fairness and interconnecting cooperation in multiple areas. (e.g. maintain and strengthen a free, open and fair economic order; development through economic revitalization and advancement; cooperate for social development and equity; building a sustainable and resilient society.)

**III. Foster mutual understanding and trust as the foundation for a new ASEAN-Japan partnership**

Renew our network and connect our new generations. Bring our civil societies closer together as our engine to transform ASEAN-Japan relations by create a web of networks that invites new and critical actors from our changing society, due to economic development, social maturation and diversification. (e.g. Exchange programs on various profession for the new generation among ASEAN and Japan; which includes cross sectoral high-skill transnational professional networks)

**Initiatives to realize the above**

Utilize the existing cooperation schemes for ASEAN or consider their successors or new mechanisms; advance cooperation schemes and projects by utilizing the public and private resources besides ODA.

# ASEAN-Japan Economic Co-Creation Vision

~A New Vision Looking Ahead to the Next 50 Years~

Develop a society that is “safe, prosperous and free” through fair and mutually beneficial economic co-creation based on the trust that has been built over the past 50 years

## Three Fundamental Concepts to Support the Vision

Sharing practices for development and overcoming challenges

Be grounded in diverse realities and geopolitical conditions

Circulating human resources to bring innovation together

## ~Four Pillars of Action to Realize the Vision

Realizing Sustainability to Balance Diversity and Inclusiveness

Promoting Open Innovation beyond Borders

Strengthening Cyber-Physical Connectivity

Building an Ecosystem in Co-Creating Dynamic Human Capital

Further Utilize ERIA

Strengthen ASEAN and Japan cooperation in both the public and private sectors and promote co-creation projects

- ✓ Interactively link the Growth and Innovation models that reflect the strengths of each country
- ✓ Demonstrate the co-creation relationship of ASEAN and Japan as one of the models to be pursued globally
- ✓ Contribute to the establishment of a free, fair and open regional economic order

# Overview of Future Design and Action Plan

## Cyber-Physical Connectivity

- Supply chain upgrading through digital technology
- Trade digitalization in the ASEAN region
- Capacity building for cybersecurity

## Dynamic Human Capital

- Building a network of young business leaders of ASEAN and Japan such as through Young/Z-gen Leaders' summits
- Human resource development through Industry-academia collaborative programs etc.

## Promoting Open Innovation

- Promote co-creation of businesses (Asia DX program, Fast Track Pitch, etc.)
- Support for foreign companies entering the Japanese market

## Realizing Sustainability

- Promote decarbonization through Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC)
- Promote energy transition through Asia Energy Transition Initiative (AETI)
- Cooperation for realizing circular economy in ASEAN region.

# 3. What steps will ASEAN and Japan take together?

## (1) Co-Create Practical Solutions under AOIP

- Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) 3.0
- Japan-ASEAN Comprehensive Connectivity Initiative
- Asia Zero Emissions Community (AZEC) initiative
- Strategic Program for ASEAN Climate and Environment (SPACE)
- ERIA's Digital Innovation and Sustainable Economy Centre (DISC)
- ASEAN-Japan MIDORI Cooperation Plan
- Support for ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED)
- Disaster management, etc.

# 3. What steps will ASEAN and Japan take together?

## (2) Promoting Exchange for “heart to heart” Connection

- WA Project
- Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS)
- Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program (SSEAYP)
- Young/Z-Generation Business Leaders’ Summit
- The ASEAN University Network/Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network (AUN/SEED-Net)
- Japan-ASEAN Science, Technology and Innovation Platform (JASTIP)

# (Upcoming Events for ASEAN and Japan)

December ASEAN-Japan **Economic Co-Creation Forum** @Tokyo

**Young/Generation-Z Business Leaders Summit** @Karuizawa

ASEAN-Japan **Commemorative Summit** @Tokyo

※Schedule Image	12/13 (Wed)	12/14 (Thu)	12/15 (Fri)	12/16 (Sat)	12/17 (Sun)	12/18 (Mon)
Special Summit (Leaders)				←————→		
<b>ASEAN-Japan Economic Co-Creation Forum</b>				←→		
Young/Generation-Z Business Leaders Summit	←————→			↑	↑	
				Engagement		