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ASEAN-Japan Centre

AJC and ACT held the ASEAN's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Reception in Japan



Ambassadors to Japan from all 10 ASEAN Member States and SG Fujita with H.E. Mr. Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan (middle with red flower), H.E. Mr. Hirohumi Nakasone, President of the Japan-ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Exchange Group (right with red flower), and H.E. Mr. Natsuo Yamaguchi, Chief Representative of the New Komeito Party (left with red flower) at the ASEAN's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Reception held in Tokyo on November 21, 2017

As closing of a series of activities organized in 2017, including economic seminars, symposiums and events, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC) organized a reception in association with the ASEAN Committee in Tokyo (ACT) on November 21, 2017 in Tokyo, Japan.

The reception was graced by some 300 distinguished guests, including H.E. Mr. Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan; H.E. Mr. Hirohumi Nakasone, President of the Japan-ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Exchange Group; H.E. Mr. Natsuo Yamaguchi, Chief Representative of the New Komeito Party; and Ambassadors of all 10 ASEAN Member States to Japan.

It started with the opening remarks by Mr. Masataka Fujita, Secretary General of the AJC, who welcomed the guests on behalf of the organizers, and pledged the AJC's further efforts to strengthen ASEAN-Japan economic partnership. It was followed by remarks by the guest of honor, H.E. Mr. Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, who congratulated the ASEAN's golden jubilee and emphasized the importance of ASEAN to Japan. He reaffirmed the Japan's continued commitment to further enhance the ASEAN-Japan

relations. H.E. Mr. Nguyen Quoc Cuong, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Japan and incumbent Chairperson of the ACT, made a toast and expressed appreciation to the Japanese government and people for the unwavering support and assistance extended to ASEAN over the past 50 years.

The reception served as an opportunity to reconfirm valuable friendship and cooperation between the ASEAN Member States and Japan.



Mr. Masataka Fujita, Secretary General of the ASEAN-Japan Centre (left), H.E. Mr. Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan (middle) and, H.E. Mr. Nguyen Quoc Cuong, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Chairman of the ASEAN Committee in Tokyo (right) delivering a speech



ASEAN's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Reception held at Imperial Hotel, Tokyo

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