

ASEAN-Japan: Partnership for Growth

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Key Messages

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AEC at glance



CHINA
1,390M



INDIA
1,317M



ASEAN
642M



EU
510M



USA
326M

5th

largest economy in the world, 3rd in Asia with a combined GDP of US\$2.8 trillion in 2017.

3rd

largest market in the world with a total population of over 642 million, behind only China and India.

Young population - over half are under 30 years of age.



ASEAN COMMUNITY

ASEAN Community Blueprints

APSC

ASCC

AEC

Initiative for ASEAN Integration

ASEAN Connectivity

“An ASEAN Community shall be established comprising *three pillars*, namely *political and security cooperation, economic cooperation, and socio-cultural cooperation* that are closely intertwined and mutually reinforcing for the purpose of ensuring durable peace, stability and shared prosperity in the region”

- Bali Concord II, 2003

AEC Blueprints 2015 2025

AEC BP 2015 (2008-2015)

- Single Market and Production Base
- Competitive Economic Region
- Equitable Economic Development
- Integration into the Global Economy

AEC BP 2025 (2016-2025)

- A highly Integrated and Cohesive Economy
- A competitive, Innovative and Dynamic ASEAN
- Enhanced Connectivity and Sectoral Cooperation
- A resilient, Inclusive and People-Oriented, People-Centred ASEAN
- A global ASEAN

Key AEC outcomes in 2018

Addressing current challenges and issues confronting ASEAN



ASEAN and the 4th Industrial Revolution: is the region ready?

- ❑ Variations in member countries' level of readiness; need for ASEAN to focus on key areas - **infrastructure, regulatory frameworks, skills upgrading, engagement with stakeholders**

Responding to the challenges of the digital economy:

- ❑ Signing of the **ASEAN Agreement on e-Commerce**
- ❑ Endorsement of the **ASEAN Digital Integration Framework**



ASEAN position in terms of trade tensions and increasing protectionism:

- ❑ Deepening market integration through the AEC
- ❑ Strengthening external engagement through the FTAs

“Advancing Partnership for Sustainability”



Equip ASEAN in preparation for the 4IR

1. ASEAN Digital Integration Framework Action Plan
2. ASEAN Innovation Roadmap 2019-2025
3. Guideline on Skilled Labour/Professional Services Development in Response to 4IR
4. ASEAN Declaration on Industrial Transformation To Industry 4.0
5. Digitalization of ASEAN Micro Enterprises



Enhance ASEAN's connectivity through Trade, Investment, and Tourism

6. ASEAN Single Window (ASW)
7. Local Currency Settlement Framework
8. ASEAN Infrastructure Financing Mechanisms
9. ASEAN Gastronomy Tourism Master Plan
10. The Conclusion of RCEP in 2019



Enable Sustainable Economic Development in ASEAN

11. Promoting Sustainable Fisheries through ASEAN Cooperation
12. Roadmap for ASEAN Sustainable Capital Market
13. The Establishment of ASEAN R&D Network Center on Biofuels and Bioenergy

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership



- Negotiations launched in 2012
- 25 rounds of negotiations to date
- 7 chapters concluded.
- Outline in the Statement of 1st RCEP Summit
- 2nd RCEP Summit in 2018:
 - Welcomed substantial progress made
 - Noted negotiations entered final stage
 - Committed to conclude in 2019
- 2 March 2019, Ministers endorsed RCEP Work Plan 2019 and Work Programme 2018
- Intersessional meetings before 26th round

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Fukuda Doctrine: Japan's Diplomatic Principles for ASEAN

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Japan rejects the role of a military power

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Japan will do its best for consolidating the relationship of mutual confidence and trust based on “heart-to-heart”

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Japan will be an equal partner of ASEAN

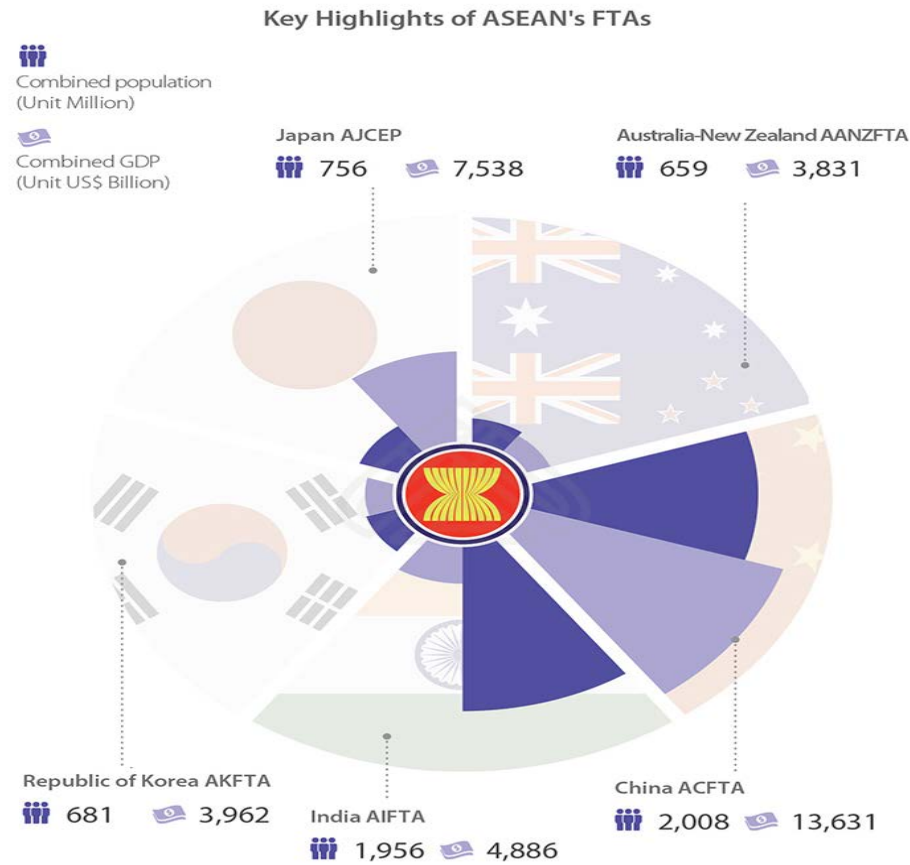


VISION STATEMENT ON ASEAN-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION

Shared Vision, Shared Identity, Shared Future

- **Partners for Prosperity**
 - enhance the utilisation of the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement and the implementation of the ASEAN-Japan 10-Year Strategic Economic Cooperation Roadmap
 - enhance ASEAN Connectivity and a wider regional connectivity
 - cooperation in air and maritime linkages between ASEAN and Japan
- **Partners for Quality of Life**
 - cooperation in science, technology and innovation, information and communications technology and cyber security
 - partnership in agriculture, food security, energy security, nuclear safety, environmental protection and water resources management
 - improving healthcare systems
 - attainment of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 and beyond
- **Heart-to-Heart Partners**
 - mutual trust and “heart-to-heart” understanding
 - cultural and art exchange, and people-to-people exchanges in tourism, youth, and sports
 - cooperation in education, including, among others, language learning
 - preserving diverse cultures and traditions

ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership



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- Came into force in December 2008
- Coverage: goods, services, investment, economic cooperation
- Tariff liberalization: 90.4% over 10 years
- Signing of First Protocol to Amend AJCEP



Japan as a Development Partner

- Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF)
 - attachment program for CLMV officials at the ASEAN Secretariat
 - Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS)
 - ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre)
- ASEAN-Japan 10-Year Strategic Economic Cooperation Roadmap
 - bilateral economic cooperation
 - ASEAN economic integration
 - cooperation for integrating the region into the global economy
- AEM-METI Economic and Industrial Cooperation Committee or AMEICC
 - industrial human resources development
 - SME cooperation
 - new industries and investment

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While our governments are committed to creating a sound and sustainable business environment in the region, a stronger business-to-business engagement is just as important.

(a) Despite the dynamism of our partnership, global challenges compel both sides to work extra harder to ensure that we are able to hurdle or cushion the impact of those challenges to our partnership.

The ASEAN Secretariat stands ready to collaborate with the Centre in exploring platforms where governments and businesses work together towards a sustainable and inclusive partnership.

Thank You!