

# ASEAN-Japan Economic Cooperation 2022

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### **ASEAN-Japan Economic Cooperation**

**Conducted Review this year** 

#### ASEAN-Japan Economic Resilience Action Plan ~July 2020~

## I. Sustaining the close economic ties developed by ASEAN and Japan

- Affirm that ASEAN-Japan worked very closely on various crises in the region.
- Overcome the economic challenges through continued and close collaboration.

## II. Mitigating the adverse impact of COVID-19 on the economy

- Make utmost efforts to prevent stagnation of economic activities
- Provide essential goods to the global market.
- Encourage the use of digital technology

### III. Strengthening economic resilience

 Realize resilient supply chains to achieve a better balance of risk management and cost competitiveness.

#### Looking ahead to Post COVID-19

Asia Energy Transition Initiative (AETI) ~May 2021~

ASIA-Japan Investing for the Future Initiative (AJIF) ~Jan 2022~

- 1. Offer effective solutions to the **reality** faced by ASEAN countries
- 2. Create foundations for <u>sustainable</u> economic societies, using <u>innovation</u> of <u>the private sector</u> to the maximum extent
- 3. "<u>Co-create</u>" the region's future through collaboration with local businesses and partnerships <u>between ASEAN countries and Japan</u>
- →Strongly promote new future-oriented investment ("Future Investment")

#### Examples of Progress and Updates on Japanese Cooperation in ASEAN

[Government]

#### Promoting ASEAN & Japan collaboration

- With the addition of 28 new projects, a total of 68 projects were supported to solve social challenges through utilization of digital technologies.
- So far a total of 103 projects have been adopted for <u>strengthening supply chain</u> resilience.

#### Promoting business in ASEAN

Held the ASEAN-Japan Business Week 2022 to raise awareness of ASEAN's potential among Japanese companies and push overseas business expansion to ASEAN.

#### **Promoting RCEP**

Comparing the <u>number of certificates of origin</u> <u>issued</u> in the first 6 months after the EIF of all Japan's EPAs, <u>the most were issued for RCEP</u>.





[Private Sector]

#### Healthcare

- Sumitomo Corporation entered the Managed Care Business in Vietnam by investing in the Insmart Joint Stock Company of Vietnam.
- Mitsui & Co. plans to build a <u>healthcare data business</u> in Asia through partnership with IHH Healthcare, one of Asia's largest private hospital groups.

#### Sophistication of Manufacturing

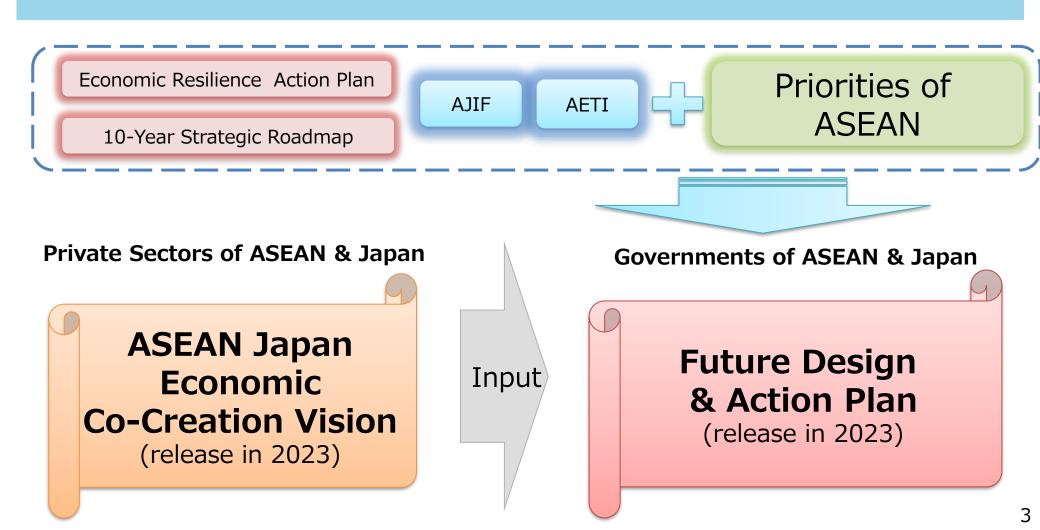
- <u>DMG Mori</u> established the Cambodia-Japan Digitalized Manufacturing Centre (CJDM) to provide <u>high-quality</u> professional training solutions for Industry 4.0.
- ➤ <u>Toyota</u> launched the xEV Center in Indonesia to <u>advocate</u> <u>vehicle electrification</u> and showcase green initiatives and technology.

#### Energy

- The <u>pilot project of the electrified vehicle ecosystem</u>, the EV Smart Mobility – Joint Project, initiated by five official distributors of automotive brands - <u>Mitsubishi</u> <u>Motors, Nissan, FUSO, Isuzu, and Toyota</u> - has started operating in Bali.
- ▶ <u>JERA</u> invests in Philippine power company Aboitiz Power
  Corporation aiming to contribute to Philippines' <u>stable</u>
  power supply and its low cost & speedy decarbonization. 2

### **Proposal for AEM-METI**

- As 2023 marks the 50th year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation,
   Japan proposes for ASEAN and Japan to create a vision and action plan for our economic relations for the future.
- At today's AEM-METI, we aim to agree on the work plan toward 2023.



#### The Direction toward Future ASEAN-Japan Economic Cooperation

#### Solve common challenges of ASEAN and Japan

#### 3. Create industries contributing to sustainable economies and societies

- Carbon neutral / energy security
- Food security

- Disaster resilience
- Healthcare

etc.

# 1. Create foundations for industry and trade (e.g., physical connectivity)

- Logistics infrastructure to leverage both urban and rural areas
- Global supply chains and industry clusters
- EPAs to support commercial distribution in the region etc.

Fusion of cyber and physical layers

# 2. Create foundations for digital transformation and co-creating innovation

- Develop digital infrastructure, data flow, and usage rules
- Networking for human capitals like young entrepreneurs of the next generation
- Environment for open innovation / joint research etc.

The strength built from the past

The keys for growth

## Possible Projects for Future ASEAN-Japan Economic Cooperation (utilization of three "100"s)

- 1. Sophistication of supply chain infrastructure utilizing digital technology
  - Project to build data linkage and sharing infrastructure for supply chain sophistication
  - ✓ Create 100 cases of data utilization for supply chain sophistication
  - ✓ Sharing good practices of data utilization among above-mentioned 100 use-cases
- 2. Development and networking of entrepreneurs conducting business in ASEAN-Japan
  - Mutual exchange of Next-Gen Innovators
  - Events to <u>network 100 young business leaders</u> of ASEAN and Japan
  - NEXI's new finance scheme to support Asian startups collaborating with JETRO's cross-border open innovation business platform "J-Bridge"
  - 3. Co-create business which contribute to solving social challenges
- Contribute to co-creation of 100 businesses solving social challenges such as food security as well as easier access to healthcare