



**VISION STATEMENT ON ASEAN-JAPAN
FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION**
Shared Vision, Shared Identity, Shared Future

WE, the Heads of State/Government of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Japan;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of the Joint Declaration for Enhancing ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership for Prospering Together (Bali Declaration);

NOTING the Five Principles of Japan's ASEAN diplomacy announced by the Prime Minister of Japan on 18 January 2013;

COMMITTED to the principles, common values and norms stipulated in the ASEAN Charter and the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC);

HEREBY reaffirm that ASEAN and Japan strengthen cooperation in the following four areas of partnership:

Partners for Peace and Stability

We reaffirm our enhanced commitment for the maintenance of peace, security, and stability, which is in the regional and global interests through:

- Further maintaining the stance as peace-loving nations and strengthening peace-oriented values through, *inter alia*, respect for universally recognised principles of international law, and upholding the principle of moderation;
- Resolving disputes by peaceful means including through dialogue and consultations, renunciation of the threat or use of force and in accordance with universally recognised principles of international law;
- Enhancing dialogue and cooperation to promote the rule of law, good governance, democracy, and human rights; and
- Strengthening cooperation on disaster management, UN Peacekeeping Operations, non-proliferation and disarmament, counter-terrorism, transnational crime and maritime security, among others.

Partners for Prosperity

We are committed to further enhancing our comprehensive economic partnership through:

- Strengthening cooperation in areas of mutual interest related to trade in goods, trade in services and investment, including to enhance the utilisation of the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement and the implementation of the ASEAN-Japan 10-Year Strategic Economic Cooperation Roadmap;
- Supporting efforts to enhance ASEAN Connectivity and a wider regional connectivity, as well as the utilisation of enhanced connectivity by business sectors, further promoting sustainable economic development, knowledge-based and innovation-driven industries, and continuing cooperation to narrow the development gap in the region; and
- Strengthening cooperation in air and maritime linkages between ASEAN and Japan in the region as well as ensuring freedom and safety of navigation and overflight, in accordance with the universally recognised principles of international law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and the relevant standards and recommended practices by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

Partners for Quality of Life

We are committed to promoting human resource development and overcoming socio-economic and environmental issues by:

- Promoting cooperation in science, technology and innovation, information and communications technology and cyber security;
- Strengthening partnership in agriculture, food security, energy security, nuclear safety, environmental protection and water resources management;
- Enhancing cooperation to eradicate poverty and tackle challenges arising from climate change, disasters, urbanisation, and aging population;
- Sharing experience and knowledge in improving healthcare systems toward universal health coverage, social safety-net, and in empowering women to participate in political, economic, and socio-cultural development; and
- Continuing to cooperate for the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 and beyond, as well as enhancing human security in line with UN General Assembly Resolution 66/290, in particular to further improve the well-being and livelihood of the peoples of ASEAN and Japan.

Heart-to-Heart Partners

We will continue to strengthen mutual trust and “heart-to-heart” understanding as well as nurture friendship by:

- Promoting cultural and art exchange, and people-to-people exchanges in tourism, youth, and sports;
- Enhancing cooperation in education, including, among others, language learning; and
- Preserving diverse cultures and traditions.

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