

Renewed Roadmap for Japan in ASEAN for Strategic Economic Cooperation

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Japan's renewed roadmap for its cooperation toward ASEAN began to be formulated as the revision of the Tokyo Declaration for the Dynamic and Enduring ASEAN-Japan Partnership in the New Millennium (2003) began in 2010 with an objective of strengthening their friendly relations and to assist the establishment of the ASEAN Community. Among the three communities, Political-Security, Economic, and Socio-Cultural Communities, which form the ASEAN Community, Japan's effort has been concentrated in assisting the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community. Some of the programs that Japan has committed in providing financial and technical assistance include the enhancement of connectivity in ASEAN and the narrowing development gaps in ASEAN. This presentation discusses the current state of Japan's economic cooperation toward ASEAN, its motivation, and makes preliminary assessment of its achievement.