

**SUMMARY RECORD OF TWENTY-THIRD ASEAN AND JAPAN
SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICIALS MEETING
(23rd STOM+Japan)**

19 November 2024, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

INTRODUCTION

1. The Twenty-Third ASEAN and Japan Senior Transport Officials Meeting (23rd STOM+Japan) was held on 19 November 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
2. The Meeting was attended by delegates from all ASEAN Member States and Japan. Timor Leste joined as observer. Staff members from the ASEAN Secretariat were also present. The list of delegates appears as **ANNEX 1**.

AGENDA ITEM 1 : ASSUMPTION OF CO-CHAIRPERSONSHIP

3. Dato' Jana Santhiran Muniayan, Secretary General, Ministry of Transport of Malaysia and Mr. Takahashi Toru, Special Representative for International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, co-chaired the Meeting.
4. Dato' Jana Santhiran Muniayan, in his Opening Remarks, commended several initiatives under ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership (AJTP) across its five (5) pillars. He highlighted that in responding to the external effects of global supply chain, the AJTP has conducted capacity building programs on transport resilience to ensure uninterrupted flow of goods and services across all mode of transport. He also highlighted several key initiatives, e.g. ASEAN-Japan Cruise Promotion Program and ongoing negotiation of ASEAN-Japan Air Services Agreement, which would aim to enhance travel options and foster mutual understanding strengthening people-to-people connectivity between both regions. He further elaborated that with the urgent call to decarbonise transport sector, ASEAN and Japan have made significant strides in promoting green logistics, sustainable aviation fuels, and eco-friendly maritime initiatives. He also underscored the importance of investing in transport infrastructure projects, which are inclusive, highly safe and secure, to ensure that transportation system would serve all members of society, while also protecting lives and enforcing stability and reliability, such as through ASEAN-Japan Inclusive Transport, Seafarer Cooperation, Road Traffic Safety and Aviation Security projects. Lastly, he reiterated ASEAN's commitment to strengthen transport partnership with Japan towards a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable transport networks in the region. The full text of his Remarks appears as **ANNEX 2**.
5. Mr. Takahashi Toru, in his Opening Remarks, which appears as **ANNEX 3**, expressed gratitude to Malaysia for hosting and chairing the meeting. He highlighted that Japan and ASEAN have undertaken various cooperative projects under the AJTP, which was also noted by Leaders from ASEAN and Japan at the 27th ASEAN-Japan Summit this year, marking the importance of ASEAN-Japan transport cooperation. He commended the endorsement of Luang Prabang Action Plan 2024-2033 which would support implementation of KLTSP and its successor document through the activities laid out in the annual AJTP Workplan. He underscored the importance of deliberating deliverables and new initiatives under AJTP at this meeting for successful adoption by ASEAN and Japan Transport Ministers. Lastly, he wished for a productive meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2 : ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. The Meeting considered and adopted the Agenda which appears as **ANNEX 4**.

AGENDA ITEM 3 : BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT

7. The Meeting was held in plenary.

AGENDA ITEM 4 : DECISIONS/FOLLOW-UP REQUIREMENTS FROM THE 22nd ASEAN-JAPAN STOM LEADERS CONFERENCE, 26-27 JUNE 2024, NAGASAKI, JAPAN

8. The Meeting was briefed by Japan on the decisions and follow-up actions required arising from the 22nd ASEAN-Japan STOM Leaders Conference held on 26 – 27 June 2024 in Nagasaki, Japan, which appears as **ANNEX 5**, among others on: (i) proposed AJTP Work Plan for 2024-2025; (ii) new Initiatives and deliverables of existing projects under the AJTP; (iii) status report of ASEAN-Japan Regional Air Services Agreement; and (iii) gender mainstreaming in transport initiatives.

9. The Meeting deliberated progress of activities under AJTP Workplan, including new initiatives and deliverables, as well as progress of ASEAN-Japan Regional Air Services Agreement and the following transpired:

(a) Proposed AJTP Workplan for 2024-2025

10. The Meeting considered and adopted the annual AJTP Workplan for 2024-2025, which appears as **ANNEX 6**, consisting of initiatives and projects to support implementation of Luang Prabang Action Plan 2024-2033 across five (5) pillars namely (i) resilient supply chains, (ii) enhancing people-to-people connectivity, (iii) decarbonisation and sustainable transport, (iv) inclusive and accessible transport and (v) safe and secure transport.

(b) New Initiatives Under the AJTP

11. The Meeting considered and adopted two (2) new initiatives under the AJTP, which jointly appear as **ANNEX 7**, with the following details:

I. Human Resource Development on Aids to Navigation (AtoN)

The purpose of this project is to establish the AtoN Training Center in Viet Nam, and to train AtoN managers, who can respond to current and future changes in water areas of the ASEAN region.

II. Development of ASEAN-Japan Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme / CORSIA Eligible Fuel (CEF) Certification Guidebook – Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) feedstock diversification and certification

The initiative is to diversify SAF feedstock and enhance knowledge of SAF certification process among authorities and economic operators in ASEAN. The Guidebook will provide summaries of the finding collected through Japan's proposal of new feedstock to ICAO.

(c) Deliverables of Existing Projects Under the AJTP

12. The Meeting considered and adopted the output documents of the following three (3) deliverables under the AJTP, which jointly appear as **ANNEX 8**:

I. Outcome Document of Project for Safe and Efficient Transport

This project aims to expand cooperative projects on transport safety and share the latest trends in transport technology through high-level seminars held in ASEAN Member States. Seven high-level seminars were held since 2012, with over 100 participants from governments and private enterprises from ASEAN Member States and Japan attending each seminar.

II. Completion Report of Joint Hydrographic Survey of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore

The Report provides update on electronic navigational charts for the safety of navigation and protection of marine environment in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. The updated data on electronic navigational charts were published in July 2023.

III. Guidelines for Maritime Safety Information Provision Service to Small Boats in the ASEAN region

The Guidelines would serve as a reference for ASEAN Member States' government agencies in establishing systems that provide safety-related information, such as meteorological and oceanographic conditions, as well as vessel traffic situations, focusing on small boats that are not equipped with air traffic radio communication (AIF) or very-high frequency (VHF) radio communication devices, such as fishing boats and leisure boats.

13. With regard to gender mainstreaming, the Meeting noted that the 22nd ASEAN-Japan STOM Leaders Conference recognised the importance of integrating gender mainstreaming issues into transport planning to enhance transport inclusivity and suggested to strengthen gender mainstreaming in ASEAN transport initiatives.

14. The Meeting noted information from ASEAN Secretariat on the ongoing development of ASEAN Transport Sectoral Plan 2026-2030 (ATSP), as the successor of KLTSP, and the need for possible synergy between Luang Prabang Action Plan 2024-2033 / AJTP and ATSP. Japan was informed that the ATSP would consist of five (5) Strategic Measures in air, land, maritime, transport facilitation and sustainable transport, focusing on the following 30 proposed Activities, as follows:

- (i) Air Transport: Aviation Market Development, Aviation Safety, Aviation Security, and Air Traffic Management;
- (ii) Land Transport: Railway Network Development, ASEAN Highway Network (AHN), and Road Safety;
- (iii) Maritime Transport: Maritime Services, Container Circulation, RO-RO Network, Maritime Safety and Security, Inland Waterways Transport, Marine Pollution, and Search and Rescue (SAR);
- (iv) Transport Facilitation: implementation of ASEAN Transport Facilitation Agreements, i.e. goods in transit transport (AFAFGIT), inter-state goods transport (AFAFIST), multimodal transport (AFAMT), cross-border transport of passengers by road vehicles (CBTP), Mutual Recognition of ASEAN Member States Domestic Driving Licenses, and Cold Chain Logistics;
- (v) Sustainable Transport: Alternative Fuels, Smart Technologies (including AI); Capability Building for Sustainability, Accessibility and Resilience; Electric Vehicles (EV); electrification of Heavy-Duty Vehicles (HDV), Low-Carbon Transport Modes, Fuel Economy, Monitoring GHG Emissions, Green Freight Logistics, and Reverse Logistics.

15. In addition to the above Activities mentioned in para. 14, as of November 2024, a total of 120 Supporting Activities have been identified, with discussions currently ongoing for expected finalisation

by 15 August 2024. Japan was also informed that the 30 proposed Activities would become part of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Strategic Plan 2026-2030.

16. The Meeting underscored the importance of fostering synergy between initiatives and projects under the AJTP and the ATSP. In this regard, the Meeting agreed to request the ASEAN Secretariat and the relevant STOM Working Groups to engage with Japan to explore possible assistance that could be included in the AJTP during the finalisation of the Supporting Activities of the ATSP. The Meeting expressed appreciation on Japan's interests in supporting various initiatives under the ATSP and that Japan would inform ASEAN Secretariat on the way forward to support implementation of ATSP after its internal consultation.

17. The Meeting appreciated Japan's support for the implementation of KLTSP and looked forward to the continuous support for the implementation of post-2025 transport initiatives under the ATSP.

Action by: ASEAN Member States, Japan and ASEAN Secretariat

(d) Status Report of ASEAN-Japan Regional Air Services Agreement (AJ-RASA)

18. The Meeting noted that the negotiation on AJ-RASA is still ongoing. The Philippines, the lead country coordinator of ASEAN for air transport engagement with Japan, would continue to coordinate with Japan to discuss the way forward for the AJ-RASA negotiations. ASEAN looked forward to achieving good progress towards the conclusion of a more liberal and mutually beneficial ASEAN-Japan Air Services Agreement.

19. The Meeting considered and adopted the Summary Record of the 22nd ASEAN-Japan STOM Leaders Conference held on 26 – 27 June 2024 in Nagasaki, Japan, which appears as **ANNEX 9**.

AGENDA ITEM 5 : THE 23rd ASEAN-JAPAN STOM LEADERS CONFERENCE

20. The Meeting was informed by Japan that the 23rd ASEAN-Japan STOM Leaders Conference would be held on 23-26 June 2025 in Tokyo, Japan. The Meeting noted information from Japan that this event would deliberate progress of initiatives and projects under AJTP and could be used as opportunity to discuss the synergy of AJTP with those initiatives under the ATSP.

Action by: ASEAN Secretariat and Japan

AGENDA ITEM 6 : PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR THE 22nd ASEAN AND JAPAN TRANSPORT MINISTERS (22nd ATM + JAPAN) MEETING

21. The Meeting considered and agreed to submit the draft agenda and draft Joint Ministerial Statement of the 22nd ATM+Japan Meeting, which jointly appear as **ANNEX 10**, to the 22nd ATM+Japan Meeting for consideration and adoption.

Action by: STOM+Japan

AGENDA ITEM 7 : DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

22. Myanmar informed the Meeting that the 24th STOM+Japan Meeting would be held in 2025 in Myanmar in hybrid mode. The exact date and venue would be informed to ASEAN Member States and Japan through the ASEAN Secretariat.

Action by: Myanmar

AGENDA ITEM 8 : CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF SUMMARY RECORD

23. The Meeting considered and adopted the Summary Record of the 23rd STOM+Japan held on 19 November 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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The Meeting thanked Malaysia and the ASEAN Secretariat for the excellent arrangements made for this meeting.

