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The Summit took note of the substantive progress of ASEAN-Japan cooperation over the previous decades and reaffirmed the commitment to further strengthen the ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership based on the "heart-to-heart" relationship of mutual trust and "equal partnership". Japanese Prime Minister recalled his extensive visits to the region over the past years. ASEAN Leaders also congratulated Japan for the successful organization of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic games.

As ASEAN and Japan are approaching the golden jubilee of friendship and cooperation, the Leaders welcomed Japan's intention to hold a Special Summit in Japan in 2023 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation.

The ASEAN Leaders thanked Japan for its support for ASEAN's COVID-19 response initiatives, especially the contribution of USD 1 million to the COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund and USD 50 million for the establishment of the ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED).

ASEAN reiterated appreciation for Japan's support for the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP) and encouraged Japan to undertake more practical cooperation projects in the four key areas identified in the AOIP and as outlined in the Joint Statement of the 23rd ASEAN-Japan Summit on Cooperation on the AOIP.


The Leaders concurred to enhance cooperation in important areas such as climate change, clean energy, Universal Health Coverage (UHC), transnational crime, counter terrorism, cybersecurity, trade and investment, connectivity, MSMEs, digital transformation, and human resource development. The Meeting welcomed Japan's ratification of RCEP in June this year.



The Meeting also discussed regional and international issues of common concern and interest.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister noted with satisfaction the remarkable progress of ASEAN-Japan cooperation and affirmed support for Japan's proposal to convene the ASEAN-Japan 50th Anniversary Commemorative Summit in Japan in 2023. He also expressed appreciation for Japan's substantial support for ASEAN's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic including the support for the establishment of ACPHEED as well as the COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund. Bilaterally, Samdech Techo Prime Minister reiterated Cambodia's appreciation to Japan for providing COVID-19 vaccines, medical equipment and ambulances, as well as financing to support socio-economic recovery and growth.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister encouraged Japan to continue promoting the linking and synchronizing of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025 and the Expanded Partnership for Quality Infrastructure. He also encouraged Japan to further support the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan IV.

Samdech Techo Prime Minister also recalled the visit to Cambodia in 2014 of H.E. Fumio Kishida, who was then foreign minister of Japan, to inaugurate the first Japanese AEON mall that is now is preparing to open its third branch. Samdech Techo Prime Minister said Cambodia will be pleased to welcome H.E. Kishida to Cambodia again in 2022 for the Summits during Cambodia's ASEAN chairmanship. 



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