



# JICA-ASEAN Regional Cooperation Meeting (JARCOM)

**Briefing Presentation  
JARCOM Secretariat**

# Outline of Presentation



- What is JARCOM?
  - mission, main activities, approaches
- JARCOM annual procedures
- Project formulation support facility
- Cooperation modalities and the results
- Cooperation with ASEAN (Initiative for ASEAN Integration: IAI)

# What is JARCOM?



- Needs-oriented project formulation support mechanism to promote South-South Cooperation among ASEAN members
- An annual process of participatory project identification, formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation
- Annual Meetings are organized to review the annual process and to facilitate direct needs-resource matching and negotiation

# JARCOM members



Cambodia



Philippines



Indonesia



Singapore



Lao PDR



Thailand



Malaysia



Vietnam



Myanmar



Timor-Leste  
(observer)

\***Brunei Darussalam** has not yet participated in JARCOM

# JARCOM's Mission



## Our mission is

To rectify socio-economic development gaps among ASEAN countries through JICA's technical cooperation schemes

## Thus, our main focus is

To support capacity building of less developed countries/areas in ASEAN by mobilizing resources within the region (intra-regional cooperation)

## But we are thinking to do more...

# JARCOM Main Activities



- Support identification of priority needs of member countries and facilitate a match with best recourses available in ASEAN region
- Provide resource information (on going courses, training institutions, experts and lecturers) through website and other media
- Provide technical and financial support to project formulation activities (studies and workshops)
- Monitor and review regional activities
- Cooperate with other regional initiatives

# Project Identification Approaches



## ■ Needs-oriented approach

This is the principal JARCOM approach. JARCOM assists identification of member countries' priority development needs in order to address ASEAN intra-regional gaps

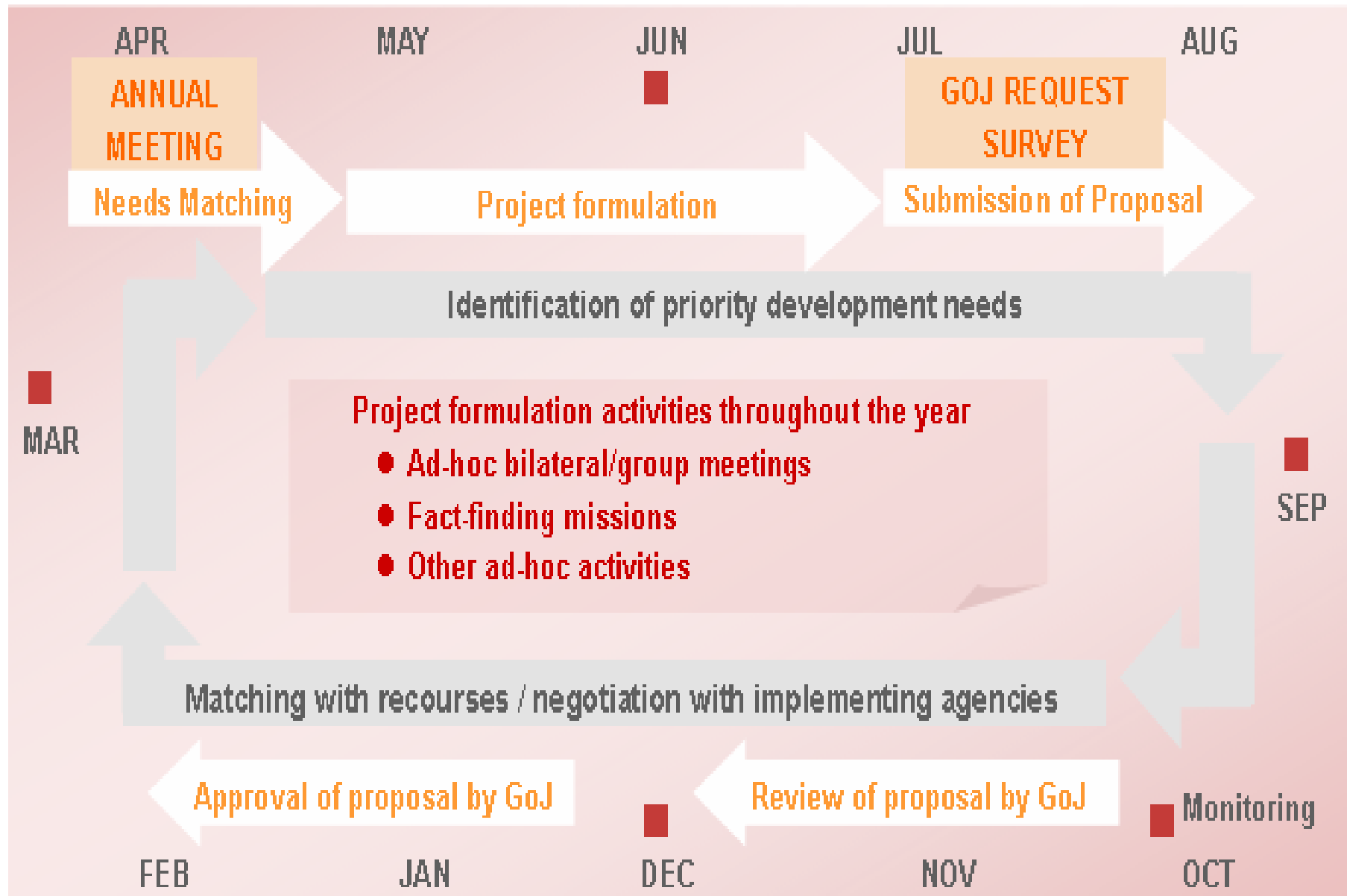
## ■ Offer-based approach (partnership approach)

JARCOM also supports resource countries' initiatives to propose projects in line with their cooperation policies and comparative advantages. Such projects are often implemented in partnership between JICA and resource countries

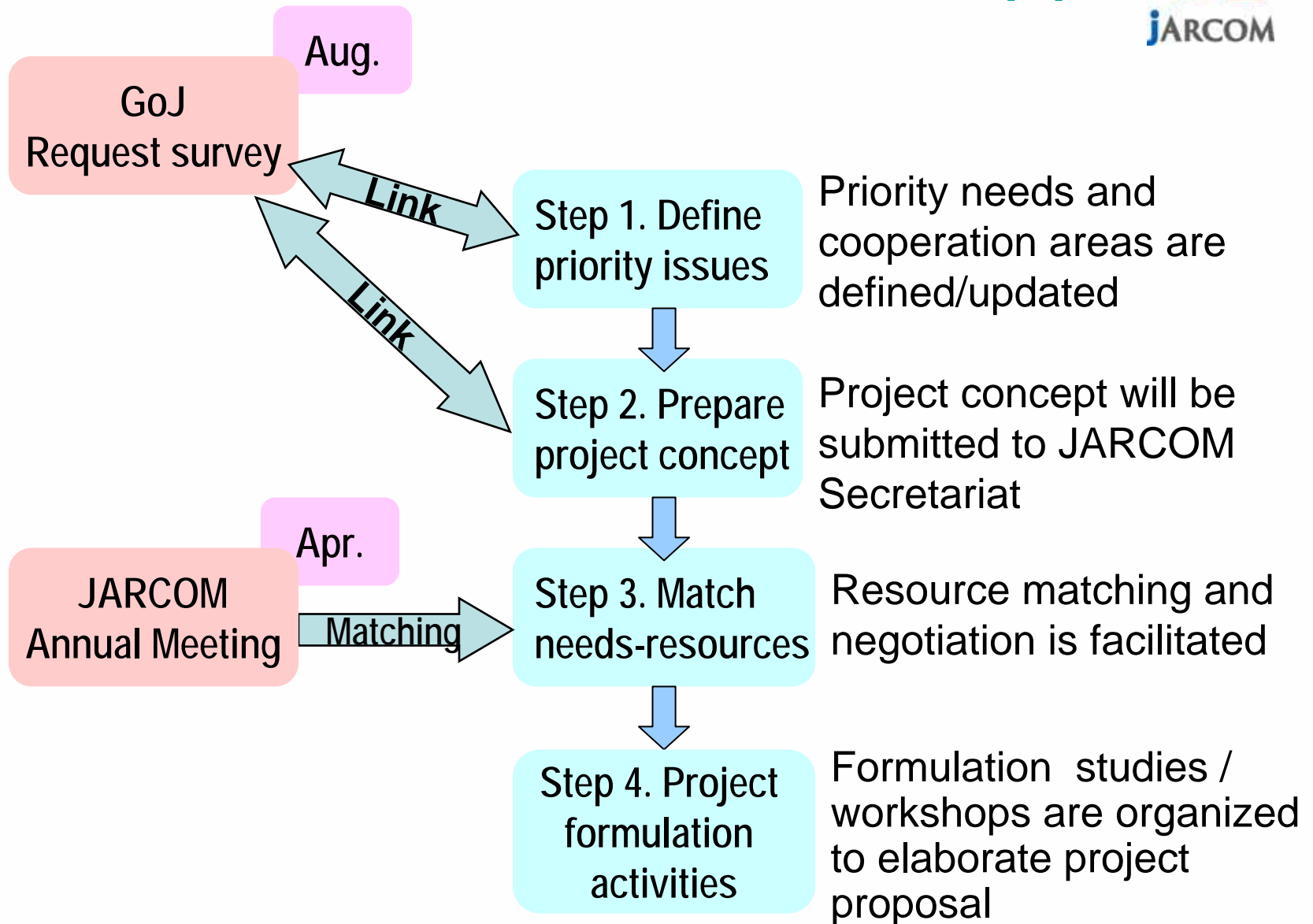
## ■ Regional approach

JARCOM seeks the ways to tackle priority regional issues that would benefit entire region and expedite ASEAN integration. Project in this category should address transboundary issues which are best tackled with regional cooperation and collaborative efforts.

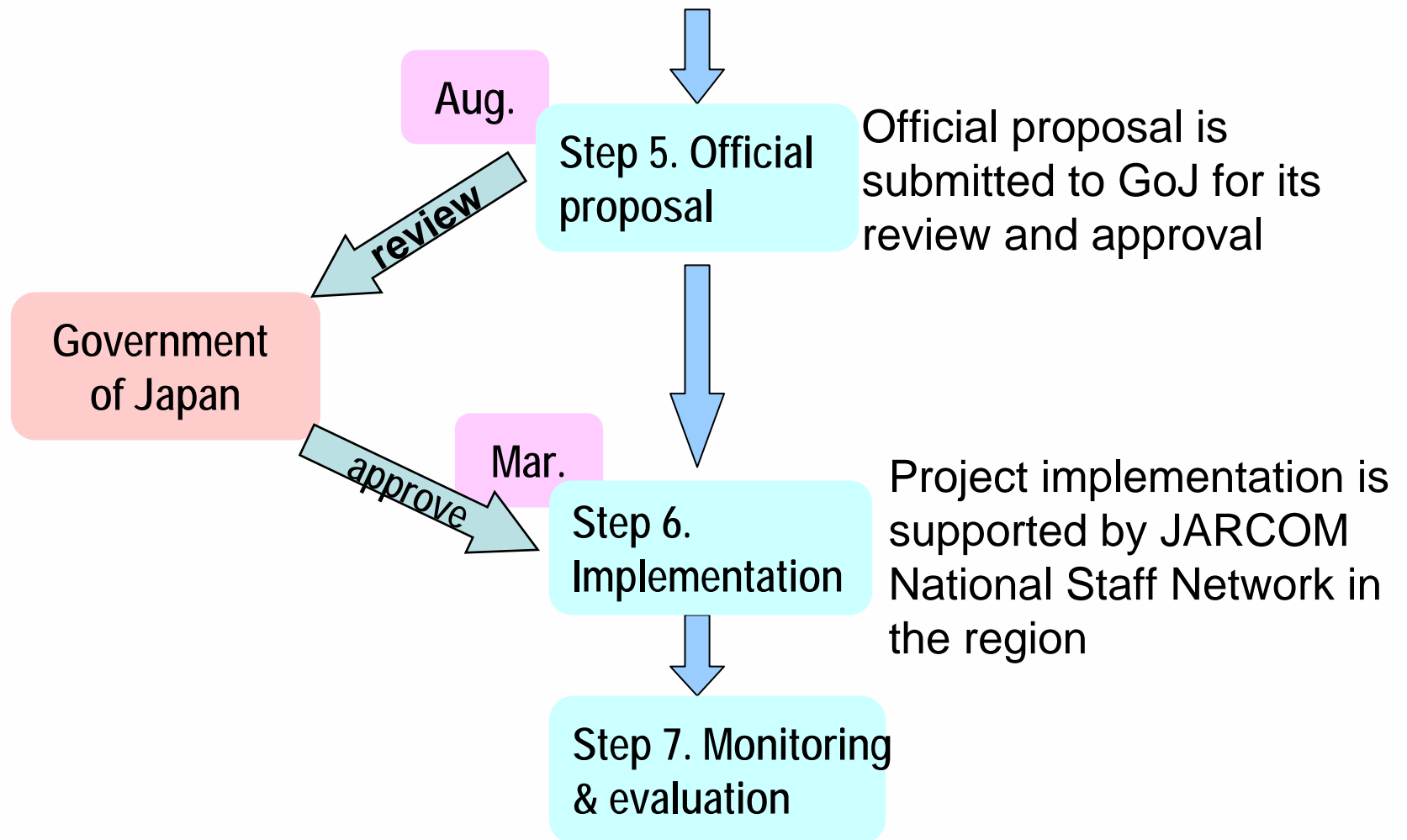
# JARCOM Annual Procedures



# JARCOM Annual Procedures (1)



# JARCOM Annual Procedures (2)





# Support Facility for Project Formulation Activities

# JARCOM Project Formulation Tool (1)

## “ASEAN Regional Cooperation Programme”

### - JICA’s regional project formulation budget



- Established in October 2004
- Mobilized for JARCOM project formulation activities since 2004
- 10 proposals were submitted and approved by JICA in JFY 2004
- Application should be submitted by JICA Offices in member countries to JARCOM Secretariat (in JICA Regional Support Office for Asia)
- JARCOM Secretariat will monitor the implementation of the proposed activities

# JARCOM Project Formulation Tool (2)

## “JARCOM Website”

([www.jarcom.net](http://www.jarcom.net))

- A Web-based Information Management System
- Up-to-date information on on-going regional training courses
- Guide to JARCOM procedures and tools
- Latest JARCOM news and events
- Archive of past meetings and related documents
- Staff introduction / interviews

# JARCOM Project Formulation Tool (3)

## “JARCOM National Staff Virtual Network”

- Consisting mainly of JICA National Staff in charge of operation and management of JARCOM projects
- Email-based discussions on the operational improvements of regional project implementation
- Ensure smooth TCTP trainees selection procedures
- Ensure consistency and continuity of TCTP operation by enhancing national staff capability and initiatives



# Modalities for Regional Cooperation and Records of implemented projects

# Cooperation Modalities

## JICA's South-South Cooperation



- 1. Third Country Training Programme (TCTP)** is a training programme implemented in collaboration between resource countries in ASEAN and JICA.
- 2. Third Country Expert (TCE)** is a JICA's programme to send experts from a resource country other than Japan to a beneficiary country
- 3. Technical Cooperation Projects (TCP):** Any combination of TCTP and TCE inputs can be included under Technical Cooperation Project (TCP) as a form of South-South Cooperation

# 1. Record of TCTP (Third Country Training Program) in JFY 2004

- **57** courses were implemented for CLMV and Timor-Leste between April 2004-March 2005
- **556** trainees from CLMV and **14** from Timor-Leste participated in these courses
- Implementing countries are Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam under cost-sharing with JICA
- Wide range of subjects covered based on the needs of beneficiary countries and available resources in the region

## 2. Record of TCE (Third Country Experts) in JFY 2004

- 7 Experts from Thailand sent to Lao PDR

### 3. Record of Regional Technical Cooperation Project (TCP)



- **The HIV/AIDS Regional Coordination Center Project (RCC)** has been formulated based on the common needs submitted by CLMV countries. The Project is operational since 2004 and being implemented by ASEAN Institute for Health Development (AIHD), Mahidol University in Thailand

# Pipeline Projects for 2005/6

## (Results of 4<sup>th</sup> JARCOM – Vietnam April 2005)

- **49** regional project concepts were discussed at the 4<sup>th</sup> JARCOM in April 2005
- **10** proposals for project formulation activities were submitted to JARCOM secretariat
- **24** projects are under positive consideration
- **2** additional regional project concepts were submitted to JARCOM Secretariat, which are under matching process
- **2** regional common issues (“harmonization of customs procedures” and “Peace building”) are being considered



# Cooperation with ASEAN

## Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI)

# Cooperation with IAI (1)

## Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) is

- A policy framework addressing development divide and accelerating the economic integration of CLMV countries **(sharing the objectives)**
- IAI Work Plan Projects to support capacity building of CLMV countries consist of “soft” projects (studies and training) **(similarity of cooperation schemes)**



**narrow the gaps**

# Cooperation with IAI (2)

## 5 JARCOM Projects registered under IAI Work Plan



<b>Projects</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Donors</b>
Role of government and markets in transition economies moving towards market economy	Regional economic integration	Singapore and JICA
Traffic management	Infrastructure (transport)	Singapore and JICA
Promotion of rural electrification	Infrastructure (energy)	Lao PDR and JICA
Digital Telecommunication Network Operation & Maintenance Technology	ICT	Vietnam and JICA
Environmental Protection for CLMV Countries	Human resource development	Malaysia and JICA
Irrigation System Management Training Programme for CLMV Countries	Human resource development	Malaysia and JICA

# Thank You for Your Attention



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