

South-South Cooperation

South-South Cooperation is defined as mutual cooperation aimed at fostering self-sustaining development, involving deepening relations among developing countries while conducting technical and economic cooperation.

Through JARCOM, JICA supports South-South Cooperation within ASEAN countries to narrow the intra-regional development gap. JARCOM members with comparative advantages in human and institutional resources are encouraged to make these resources available to other members who need them for capacity development.

Initiative for ASEAN Integration

The Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) is a policy framework which aims to contribute to narrowing the development gap within ASEAN. Efforts are currently underway to implement the IAI Work Plan adopted by ASEAN Leaders in Phnom Penh in 2002.

Sharing the same mission, JARCOM supports the implementation of the IAI Work Plan, which focuses on four priority areas, namely: infrastructure, human resource development, ICT, and regional economic integration. Several JARCOM projects which are in line with IAI objectives are so far registered as IAI Work Plan projects.

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JICA-ASEAN REGIONAL COOPERATION MEETING

WHAT IS JARCOM?

JICA-ASEAN Regional Cooperation Meeting (JARCOM) is a need-oriented project formulation support mechanism to promote South-South Cooperation among ASEAN member countries with support from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Annual Meetings are organized by the member countries and JICA to facilitate an interactive process of need-resource identification and matching, project formulation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.

MISSION AND PRIMARY ACTIVITIES

The Mission of JARCOM is to narrow socio-economic gaps among ASEAN countries through JICA's technical cooperation activities. To contribute to this Mission, JARCOM facilitates and coordinates following activities:

- 1) Assist identification of priority needs of member countries and facilitate a match of these needs with appropriate resources of countries with a comparative advantage;
- 2) Provide information on resources (i.e. on-going training courses, training institutions, resource persons) available in the member countries;
- 3) Providing technical and financial support to project formulation activities (e.g. fact-finding missions, project formulation seminars) based on agreements among member countries and JICA;
- 4) Monitor and review the regional cooperation activities implemented under the JARCOM framework, and disseminate "lessons learned" for improvement; and
- 5) Collaborate with other regional cooperation initiatives such as the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) and Mekong Region Development, which are in line with the mission of JARCOM.

COOPERATION MODALITIES AND PROCEDURES

To facilitate regional cooperation, JARCOM mainly uses **Third Country Training Programmes (TCTP)** and **Third Country Experts (TCE)**, under JICA's technical cooperation framework. Other cooperation modalities include **Technical Cooperation Projects (TCP)**.

JARCOM follows a needs-oriented approach in project formulation. Government focal points of beneficiary countries identify their priority needs and submit them to the JARCOM Secretariat located in JICA Regional Support Office for Asia (in JICA Thailand Office). They often also identify potential resource countries (or training institutions). The Secretariat supports governments and JICA Offices in matching these needs with potential resource countries. It also supports project formulation activities, such as fact-finding missions and project formulation seminars. Official project requests are usually submitted in August to the Japanese Government for approval. Such yearly activities are monitored and reviewed by all members during Annual Meetings.



Third Country Training Program (TCTP) on Acid Deposition Monitoring and Assessment in Thailand

MEMBER COUNTRIES

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	MYANMAR
CAMBODIA	PHILIPPINES
INDONESIA	SINGAPORE
LAO PDR	THAILAND
MALAYSIA	VIETNAM
	TIMOR-LESTE (observer)

