

AGREEMENT ON COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP  
AMONG JAPAN AND MEMBER STATES OF THE ASSOCIATION  
OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS

Chapter 8  
Economic Cooperation

Article 52  
Basic Principles

1. The Parties shall, subject to the availability of resources as well as their respective applicable laws and regulations, promote cooperation under this Agreement for their mutual benefits in order to liberalise and facilitate trade and investment among the Parties and to promote the well-being of the peoples of the Parties, taking into account the different levels of economic development among ASEAN Member States.

2. The Parties shall promote regional and sub-regional development through economic cooperation activities including capacity building, technical assistance, and other such activities as may be mutually agreed upon among the Parties.

Article 53  
Fields of Economic Cooperation

The Parties, on the basis of mutual benefit, shall explore and undertake economic cooperation activities in the following fields:

- (a) Trade-Related Procedures;
- (b) Business Environment;
- (c) Intellectual Property;
- (d) Energy;
- (e) Information and Communications Technology;
- (f) Human Resource Development;
- (g) Small and Medium Enterprises;

- (h) Tourism and Hospitality;
- (i) Transportation and Logistics;
- (j) Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry;
- (k) Environment;
- (l) Competition Policy; and
- (m) Other fields as may be mutually agreed upon among the Parties.