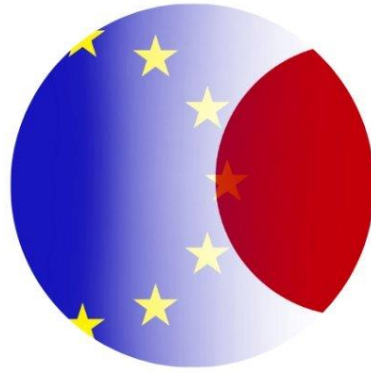


The Japan-EU Strategic Partnership



April 13th, 2021, AFET

MASAKI Yasushi

Ambassador, Japanese Mission to the EU

Topics for the Japan-EU Strategic Partnership

- **The Indo-Pacific** (CFSP annual report, Jan 2021)
- **Connectivity** (Connectivity and EU-ASIA report, Jan 2021)



September 2019, Brussels

Europa Connectivity Forum

Signing of the "Japan-EU Partnership for Sustainable Connectivity and Quality Infrastructure"



August 2016, Nairobi, Kenya

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The then Prime Minister ABE Shinzo introducing Japan's vision for a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific"

What makes the Indo-Pacific Free and Open?

- Rule-based international Order
- Inclusive partnership of like-minded partners



November 2019, Tokyo
International Symposium on the Law of the Sea
*The then State Minister for Foreign Affairs
SUZUKI Keisuke addressing the participants*



November 2019, Thailand
22nd ASEAN-Japan Summit
Japan-ASEAN Joint Statement on Connectivity

Progress

- ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific
- CPTPP
- RCEP , etc...



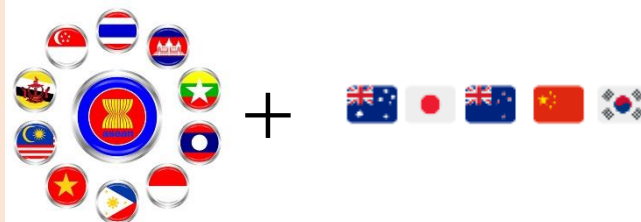
January 2019, Tokyo
The first commission meeting of the CPTPP



November 2020
23rd Japan-ASEAN Summit
Joint-statement on Cooperation on the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific

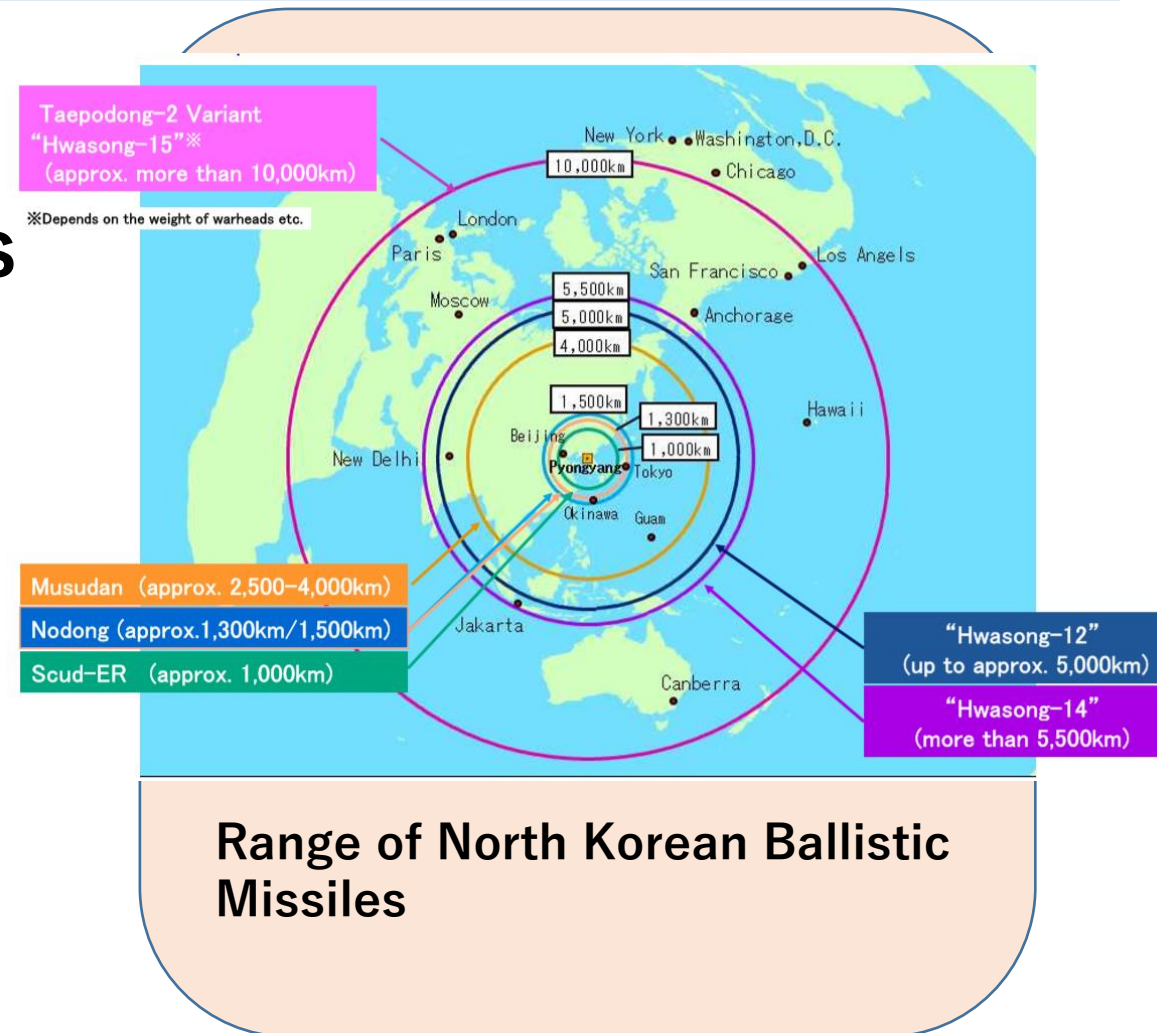


November 2020
4th RCEP Leaders' Meeting
Signing of the RCEP



Challenges to the rule-based international order

- Freedom of Navigation
- Unilateral change to the status quo by force or coercion
- Economic Coercion
- Human rights, democracy
- Infringement of UNSC resolutions



Working with like-minded partners

To maintain and reinforce the rule-based international order,

- Alliances
- ASEAN, South Asia, etc...
- Quad
- Europe, EU



October 2021, Djibouti
Japan-EU Joint Port Call



August 2018, Singapore
25th ASEAN Regional Forum



May 2019, Indian Ocean
Joint Exercise "La Perouse"



Connectivity for Resilience (1)

Japan and the EU are natural partners. Why?

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- **Achievements and Trust**
- **A head start for tangible results**
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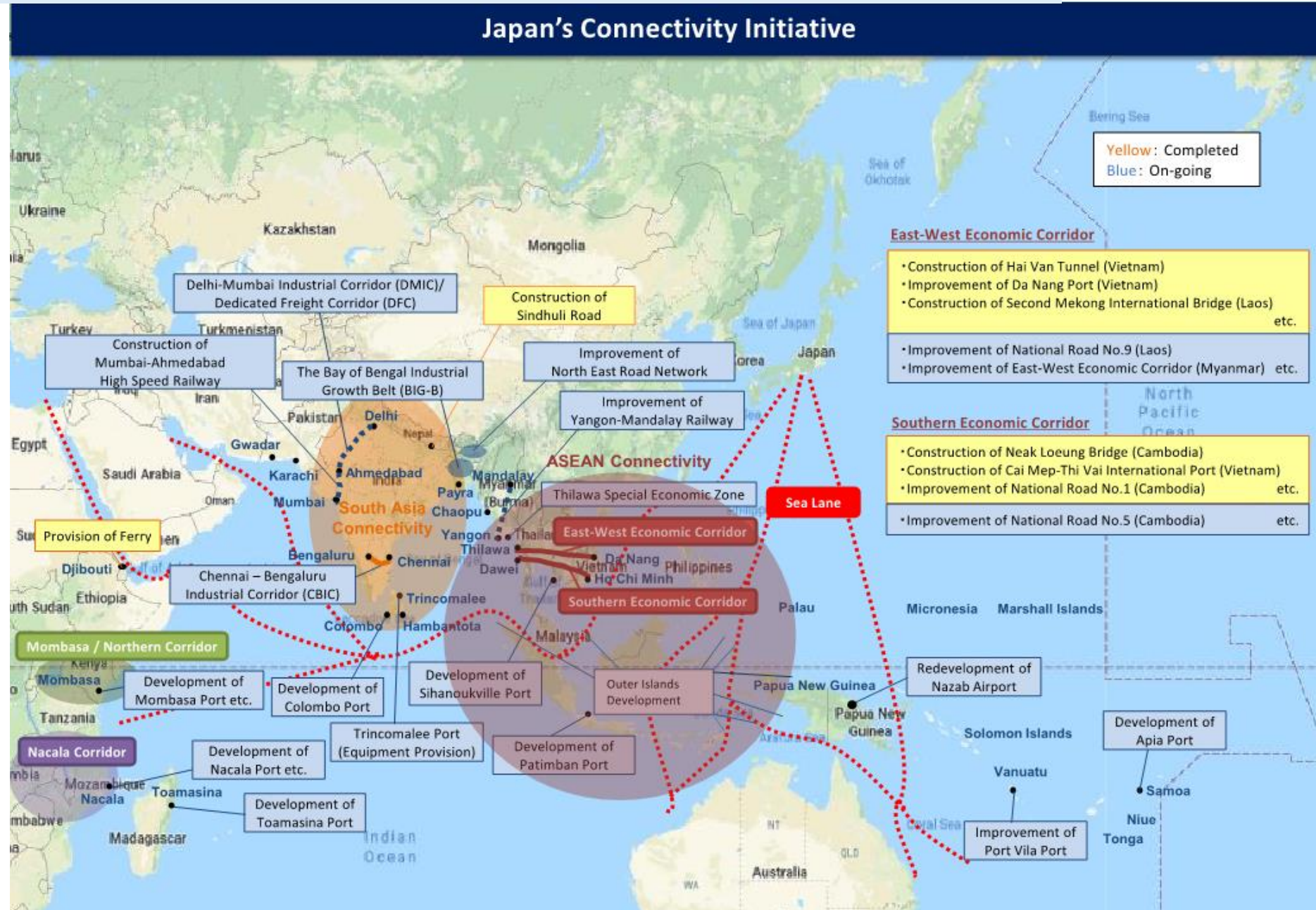


September 2019, Brussels
The Europa Connectivity
Forum

Connectivity for Resilience (2)

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Connectivity for Resilience (3)

Japan and the EU are natural partners. Why?

- Shared strategy
- Achievements and Trust
- A head start for tangible results
- **Forging inclusive partnerships**



2021 March, VTC

“Quad” Leaders’ Meeting

The Quad Vaccine Partnership

The Quad Climate Working Group

The Quad Critical and Emerging Technology Working Group



2019 June, Osaka, Japan

G20 Osaka Summit

*G20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure,
Data Free Flow with Trust*

Conclusion

- **The EP's role is vital for the Japan-EU Strategic Partnership**



November 2019,
39th Japan-EU Inter-parliamentary meeting



Thank you for your attention!