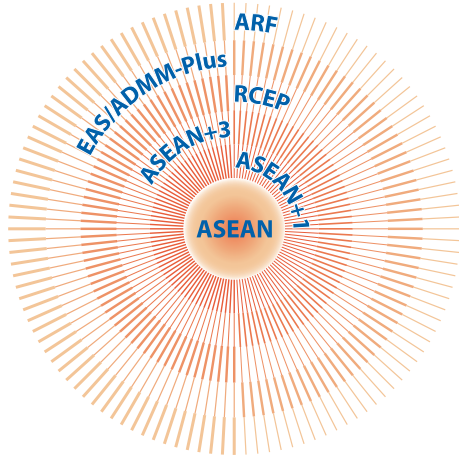
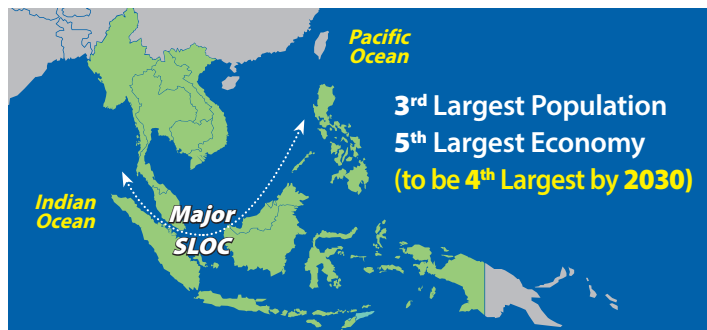


Importance of Cooperation with ASEAN

ASEAN plays a central role in the regional architecture as the anchor of multilateral cooperation



Strategically located between the Indian and Pacific Oceans, ASEAN possesses immense growth potential



ASEAN and the ROK has evolved into indispensable partners to each other since establishing dialogue relations in 1989

No. 2 Trading Partner	No. 2 FDI Destination	17,000 Korean local branches and subsidiaries in ASEAN	No. 1 ODA Partner	No. 1 Travelling Destination

ASEAN-ROK partnership is the **nexus** of cooperation for freedom, peace, and prosperity in the region

Milestones of ASEAN-ROK Partnership

- 1989** Sectoral Dialogue Partnership
- 1991** Full Dialogue Partnership
- 1997** Inaugural ASEAN+3 Summit and ASEAN-ROK Summit
- 2004** Comprehensive Cooperation Partnership
- 2006** Conclusion of AKFTA
- 2009** Inauguration of ASEAN-Korea Centre
- 2009** 1st ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit
- 2010** ASEAN-ROK Strategic Partnership
- 2012** Establishment of the ROK Mission to ASEAN
- 2014** 2nd ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit
- 2017** Opening of ASEAN Culture House
- 2019** 3rd ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit
- 2022** Launch of Korea-ASEAN Solidarity Initiative



BACKGROUND

ASEAN is ROK's key partner in building a free, peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific region



K A S I

Korea-ASEAN Solidarity Initiative

President Yoon Suk Yeol announced KASI at the 23rd ASEAN-ROK Summit in November 2022 as ROK's regional policy tailored to ASEAN



KASI aims to foster a more comprehensive partnership with ASEAN spanning political-security, economic and social-cultural cooperation

8 Core Lines of Effort

Eight core lines of effort that support ASEAN's major initiatives and goals and are in line with the three key visions of ROK's Indo-Pacific Strategy—freedom, peace, prosperity—have been identified to realize KASI's goal of building a robust substantive and strategic partnership between ASEAN and the ROK



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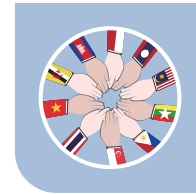
PROSPERITY

- 1 Upgrade ASEAN-ROK Partnership & Strengthen Bilateral Relations with ASEAN Member States
- 2 Enhance ASEAN-ROK Cooperation within ASEAN-led Mechanisms
- 3 Expand ASEAN-ROK Comprehensive Security Cooperation
- 4 Promote ASEAN-ROK Strategic Coordination
- 5 Expand Cooperation in Future & Emerging Areas for Shared Prosperity and Development
- 6 Jointly Address & Respond to Regional and Global Challenges
- 7 Promote Future Generation Exchanges as Drivers of Future Prosperity
- 8 Increase ASEAN-ROK Cooperation Resources



1 Upgrade ASEAN-ROK Partnership & Strengthen Bilateral Relations with ASEAN Member States (AMS)

- establish Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) in 2024
- strengthen bilateral relations with AMS based on the varying priorities of each country
- support capacity building of Timor-Leste for building a stronger ASEAN Community



2 Enhance ASEAN-ROK Cooperation within ASEAN-led Mechanisms

- promote regional cooperation through active engagement in ASEAN-led mechanisms
- strengthen cooperation on the AOIP
 - support mainstreaming of four priority areas
 - launch flagship project on AOIP cooperation



3 Expand ASEAN-ROK Comprehensive Security Cooperation

- increase cooperation in maritime and cyber security areas
- expand cooperation with individual AMS on defense industry and military logistics



4 Promote ASEAN-ROK Strategic Coordination

- strengthen ASEAN-ROK defense cooperation
 - expand ASEAN-ROK defense consultations
 - implement ROK-ASEAN Defense Cooperation Plan
 - strengthen engagement in ADMM+ activities
- continue close cooperation on ROK's North Korea policy and North Korean nuclear issue



5 Expand Cooperation in Future & Emerging Areas for Shared Prosperity and Development

- increase cooperation on future industries, including digitalization and e-mobility etc.
- explore upgrade of ASEAN-ROK FTA to ensure relevance in the evolving economic landscape
- foster a network of cooperation to strengthen economic security in the region



6 Jointly Address & Respond to Regional and Global Challenges

- support ASEAN's efforts to tackle climate change and environmental issues
- bolster ASEAN's preparedness and resilience in public health emergencies
- strengthen sub-regional cooperation for sustainable development in the region



7 Promote Future Generation Exchanges as Drivers of Future Prosperity

- strengthen cooperation on human resources development
 - expand scholarship and P2P exchanges
 - support women empowerment and TVET
- reinvigorate cooperation in culture, tourism and sports sectors



8 Increase ASEAN-ROK Cooperation Resources

- increase ASEAN-related cooperation funds to 48 million USD per annum by 2027
 - ASEAN-ROK Cooperation Fund (AKCF): 32 million USD
 - Mekong-ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF): 10 million USD
 - BIMP-EAGA-ROK Cooperation Fund (BKCF): 6 million USD
 - ※ contribution of 200 million USD in 5 years (2022-27)
- expand ODA in the ASEAN region



“For the past 30 years, ASEAN and the ROK have advanced together overcoming challenges through collective efforts...our partnership has been a journey of cooperation and trust anchored on our shared interests”

“As a true friend to ASEAN...the ROK is committed to further bolstering our solidarity and cooperation through the Korea-ASEAN Solidarity Initiative”

President Yoon Suk Yeol's remarks at the 23rd ASEAN-ROK Summit (11 November 2022)

Building on the impressive achievements of the past 30 years of **ASEAN-ROK partnership**, **KASI** aims to **strengthen substantive and strategic ties** that is mutually beneficial

Through these efforts, **KASI** will contribute to **freedom, peace and prosperity in ASEAN**, the **ROK** and the overall **Indo-Pacific region**