

Outcomes of the 18th ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Policy Meeting

The 18th ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Policy Meeting (hereinafter "Policy Meeting") was held over two days from Wednesday, October 8, to Thursday, October 9, 2025.

The Policy Meeting has been held annually since 2009 with the purpose of enhancing international collaboration on cybersecurity among ASEAN member states (hereinafter "AMS") and Japan.

In this year's Policy Meeting, AMS and Japan exchanged information on the direction of the cybersecurity policy initiatives, reviewed the outcomes of collaborative activities being promoted between AMS and Japan, and discussed the direction of future collaborative activities.

1 Date and Time

Date and Location:

October 8 (Wed) to 9 (Thu), 2025, in Tokyo, Japan

Co-Chairs:

Japan (Prof. TAKAMIZAWA Nobushige, senior fellow at the SASAKAWA Peace Foundation, visiting professor at The University of Tokyo)

Lao People's Democratic Republic (Mr. Khamla Sounnalat, director general, Department of Cyber Security, Ministry of Technology and Communications [MTC])

Attendees:

Cybersecurity and telecommunications-related government agencies of AMS, the ASEAN Secretariat

Japan's National Cybersecurity Office (NCO), the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)

2 Main Achievements

The future policy directions of ASEAN member states, the ASEAN Secretariat, and Japanese ministries promoting cybersecurity policy were shared, along with the outcomes of the collaborative activities agreed upon at last year's policy meeting. It was confirmed that these collaborative activities will be promoted in the future. As a result, it was agreed to further strengthen future cooperation between ASEAN and Japan, including public-private partnerships.

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| - ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Policy Reference | - ASEAN-Japan Cyber Exercise |
| - Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Workshop | - Joint Awareness Raising |
| - Joint Government-Industry-Academia | - Capacity Building |
| - Voluntary Mutual Notification Program | - Working Group Steering |

3 Upcoming Schedule

The 19th Policy Meeting is scheduled to be held around October next year in Thailand.