



South China Sea in the Indo-Pacific concept

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Japan's FOIPS

A New Foreign Policy Strategy: "Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy"

"Diplomacy that takes a panoramic perspective of the world map"

"Proactive Contribution to Peace" based on the principle of international cooperation

Based on the accomplishments of the Abe Administration, Japan intends to further improve and expand these diplomatic concepts

"Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy"

A key for stability and prosperity of the international community is dynamism that is created by combining

"Two Continents" : Asia that is rapidly growing and Africa that possess huge potential of growth; and

"Two Oceans" : Free and open Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean

⇒ broaden the horizon of Japanese foreign policy by envisioning the above as an overarching, comprehensive concept

Africa

■ Full of potential

- population around 1.1 billion (15% of global population)
→ around 2.5 billion in 2050
- account for 30,000,000 km² (22% of global area)
- high economic growth rate (4.2% on average (2002-2013))
- rich in natural resources and promising markets

⇒ progressing as a "developing continent" whereas still challenged by poverties and terrorism etc.

Japan will provide nation-building support in the area of development as well as politics and governance, in a way that respects the ownership of African countries, and not by forcing on or intervening in them

Improve "connectivity" between Asia and Africa through free and open Indo-Pacific, and promote stability and prosperity of the region as a whole



※ To make the "Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy" into shape, Japan will strengthen strategic collaboration with India, which has a historical relationship with East Africa, as well as the US and Australia.

Asia

- Increase of awareness of confidence, responsibility and leadership, as well as democracy, rule of law and market economy taking root in South East and South Asian countries

⇒ Currently expanding its success to Africa and bring out the potential of Africa as a "global main player" through a free and open Indo-Pacific

Japan will expand infrastructure development, trade and investment, and enhance business environment and human development from East Asia as a starting-point, to the Middle East and Africa

Indo-Pacific Major shipping lanes



A Concise Dictionary of FOIP Language

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