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The Prospects of Non-Traditional Security Cooperation in Southeast Asia

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We face many kinds of common crises such as natural disasters, infectious disease, climate change, food security, terrorism and others in the world as well as in Asia. Therefore, we need to protect ordinary people based on humanitarian assistance beyond border. However, we are sometimes restricted its activities because of the non-interference principles. On the other hand, we can realize it by introducing the concept of the non-traditional security (NTS) cooperation.

I focus on the natural disaster issue. Japan is one of the most suffering countries regarding natural disaster. We can remember the serious damage by earthquake of Kobe area in 1995, Northeast area in 2011 and others. And we suffered from typhoon damage every year like other areas. Today JICA promotes to cooperate with disaster risk reduction with sustainable development by the policy “Disaster Resilient Society for All.”

On the other hand, ASEAN Regional Forum: ARF takes a serious view of the suffering from natural disaster. ARF proceeds a collaboration of efforts civilian authorities and the military in organizing a large-scale disaster relief exercise. Moreover, it promotes exchange of expertise and practices in disaster management among ARF members. My presentation aims at prospecting cooperation beyond border in Southeast Asia based on NTS cooperation.

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