

Outline of Thematic Group

1. Maritime Security and the Rule of Law

Free, open and stable seas, supported by a maritime order based on the rule of law, are essential for peace and prosperity in the international community as a whole. The principles of the Charter of the United Nations, such as respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, the peaceful settlements of disputes in accordance with international law, and renunciation of the use of force, are becoming increasingly important. In light of the importance of free, open and stable seas, we will deepen our knowledge of compliance with international law in the field of maritime security, peaceful resolution of disputes, the current state of maritime security, environmental protection and sustainable use of marine resources, and consider measures and possibilities that should be taken together in Asia.

2. Climate Change and Energy

Climate change and the natural disasters it brings are major issues all over the world, including ASEAN and Japan. The Asian region is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change and faces various natural disasters and environmental problems. On the other hand, promoting sustainable energy policies is essential for the region's economic growth and environmental protection. While promoting climate change measures, it is necessary to work toward ensuring a stable supply of energy and reducing energy costs. Through the discussion, we will understand international efforts to combat climate change, expand our knowledge of joint strategies within the region and sustainable energy strategies, and consider measures and possibilities that should be taken in Asia.

3. Education and Cultural Preservation

Cultural heritage plays an important role as something that has historical, social, and economic value for each country and region. However, there are many cases where such cultural heritage is at risk due to climate change, urbanization, and natural and man-made disasters. We will learn about education to promote understanding of traditional cultures and regional cultures, and about the technologies and efforts for protecting and preserving tangible and intangible cultural heritage, and through discussion, we will consider how we should pass on culture in the future.