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## ASEAN-Japan Centre Honoured with Certificate of Merit from Viet Nam's Foreign Minister

AJC Secretary General Dr. Hirabayashi Received the Certificate of Merit from H.E. Mr. Pham Quang Hieu, Ambassador of Viet Nam to Japan on 17 December 2024

Tokyo-- The ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC) received the **Certificate of Merit conferred by Viet Nam's Minister of Foreign Affairs** in recognition of its significant contributions to the development of the Vietnam-Japan relationship.

This prestigious accolade reflects the AJC's unwavering commitment to fostering deeper economic, cultural, and social ties between the two nations. The AJC has actively facilitated collaboration through various initiatives aimed at addressing emerging challenges and unlocking new opportunities. These include connecting Japanese small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to Viet Nam's local governments to address socio-economic needs through innovative solutions. The AJC's efforts focus on areas such as green supply chains, sustainable agriculture, and smart logistics, all of which Viet Nam's economic and environmental goals.

In addition to enhancing trade and investment, the AJC has prioritized strengthening cooperation between local governments in Japan and Viet Nam. By creating platforms for dialogue and collaboration, the AJC aims to bridge communities and facilitate knowledge-sharing to foster mutual growth.

This recognition further motivates the AJC to intensify its efforts and reaffirm our commitment to enhance the Viet Nam-Japan partnership. The AJC looks forward to continuing to serve as a bridge, bringing governments, businesses, and communities together to build a sustainable and prosperous future for both nations.

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