

JAPAN – NORTH MACEDONIA

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Brief history of our friendship and ties

- 1963 Skopje earthquake Mr. Kenzo Tange contributes for reconstructions
- 1967 Kosta Balabanov visits Japan and establishes Macedonian-Japan Friendship Association
- 1991 Japan opens Liaison Office in Skopje
- 1996 GGP starts
- 2001 1st Cultural Grant /2021 2nd Cultural Grant
- 2003 JICA constructs Zletovica Dam
- 2015 Embassy of North Macedonia opened in Tokyo
- 2017 Embassy of Japan opened in Skopje
- 2018 Prime Minister Abe announces Western Balkans Initiative
- 2019 25 Years of the establishment of the diplomatic relations
- 2019 JETRO Business mission visits North Macedonia
- 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games (Chigasaki hosts North Macedonian Team and participates in Bitola Small Monmartre)
- 2022 Foreign Minister Osmani visits Japan/Technical Cooperation Agreement signed
- 2023 60 years since Skopje earthquake
- 2024 30 years of Diplomatic relations
- 2025 EXPO 2025 (Osaka)

Western Balkans Cooperation Initiative



Launched by Prime Minister ABE Shinzo during his visit to South-eastern Europe in **January 2018**.

Six non-EU countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia).

In the framework of the Japanese initiative for cooperation with Western Balkans, Japan is fully committed to support North Macedonia in the socio-economic development which is exceptionally important for the euro-integration.



73 schools & kindergartens

64 hospitals & clinics

36 specialized vehicles

8.577.538 EUR

171 projects

Japanese people are pleased and proud to help Macedonian people to have better conditions. We do this through the Japanese program of Grant assistance for Grass root and Human Security Projects or GGP as one of the pillars of our cooperation in North Macedonia.

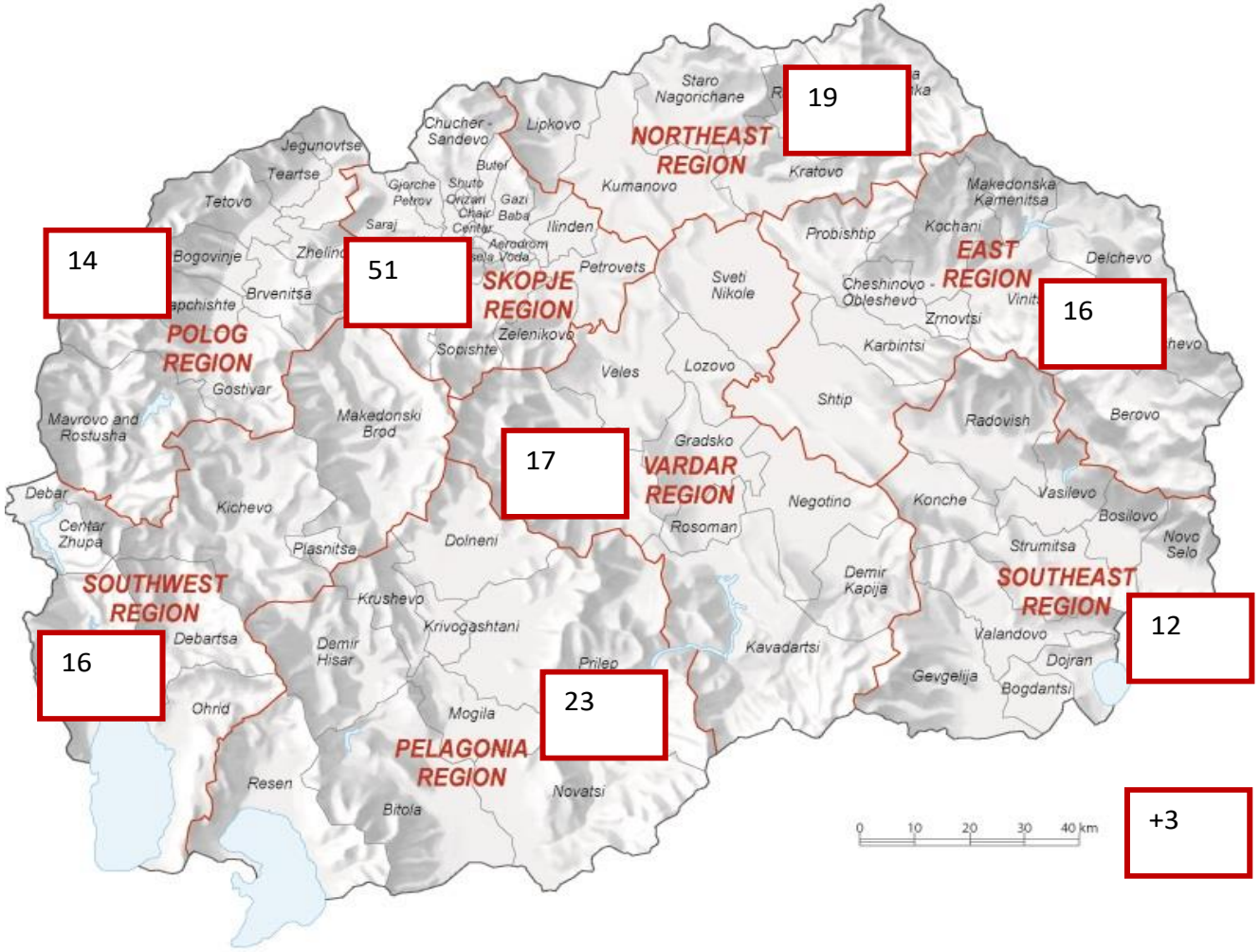
Since 1996, Japan has supported 171 projects worth 8.5 million euro, in the health, education and environment area, among which 23 were signed in the last 12 months.

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GGP in North Macedonia

FY	Total amount (EUR)	No. of projects
1996	225,228.90	6
1997	266,805.23	8
1998	218,239.72	6
1999	494,206.01	10
2000	346,845.78	7
2001	427,390.14	9
2002	202,968.00	4
2003	411,579.00	10
2004	386,883.00	7
2005	353,942.00	8
2006	216,520.00	4
2007	97,194.00	2
2008	341,328.00	8
2009	125,238.00	3
2010	124,000.00	2
2011	183,498.00	3
2012	225,473.00	4
2013	245,300.00	4
2014	259,997.00	4
2015	302,020.00	5
2016	368,626.00	6
2017	428,066.00	9
2018	431,885.70	9
2019	527,923.00	10
2020	**540,453.00**	10
2021	**825,929.00**	13
26 years	8,570,535.48 donated	171 projects



*Refurbishing and equipping over **73 schools** and **64 health institutions** and **34 vehicles** for maintenance and waste management in **51 municipalities**.*

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GGP FY2020 – Japanese grant for North Macedonia

N.	Beneficiary	Municipality	Name of Project	Donation	EUR
1.	University Clinic for Infectious Diseases and Febrile Conditions – Skopje	Skopje	The Project for Procurement of the Medical Waste Recycling Machine for the University Clinic for Infectious Diseases and Febrile Conditions – Skopje	medical waste machine	€ 65,801.00
2.	City General Hospiral "8-mi Septemvri"	Skopje	The Project for Improvement of Medical Services through Ultrasound Procurement for City General Hospital "8-mi Septemvri" – Skopje	ultrasound	€ 60,985.00
3.	Health Center Skopje	Skopje	The Project for Improvement of Emergency Medical Equipment for the Public Health Institution Health Center Skopje	emergency aid kit	€ 40,420.00
4.	General Hospital Debar	Debar	The Project for Improvement of the Medical Equipment of the Public Health Institution General Hospital with Extended Activity Debar	x-ray	€ 34,576.00
5.	General Hospital Kumanovo	Kumanovo	The Project for Improvement of Medical Services through Procurement of Ultrasound System for Public Health Institution General Hospital Kumanovo	ultrasound system	€ 54,094.00
6.	General Hospital Gostivar	Gostivar	The Project for Improvement of Medical Services through Procurement of X-ray for Public Health Institution General Hospital "D-r Ferid Murad" – Gostivar	x-ray	€ 60,635.00
7.	General Hospital Kochani	Kochani	The Project for Improvement of Medical Equipment of the Public Health Institution General Hospital with Extended Activity Kochani	ultrasound and fetal heart rate monitor	€ 47,863.00
8.	General Hospital Gevgelija	Gevgelija	The Project for Improvement of Medical Services through Procurement of X-ray Machine for Public Health Institution General Hospital with Extended Activity Gevgelija	x-ray machine	€ 60,698.00
9.	General Hospital Veles	Veles	The Project for Improvement of Medical Services through Procurement of X-ray Machine for Public Health Institution General Hospital Veles	x-ray machine	€ 60,748.00
10.	Health Center Sveti Nikole	Sveti Nikole	The Project for Provision of Ambulance for Public Health Institution Health Center Sveti Nikole	Ambulance vehicle	€ 54,633.00

GGP FY2021 – Japanese grant for North Macedonia

N.	Beneficiary	Municipality	Regions	Donation	EUR
1	PHI General Hospital Struga	Struga	South-West	Ultrasound	50.822
2	Municipality of Bosilovo	Bosilovo	South-East	Waste management vehicle	67.820
3	PHI General Hospital Ohrid	Ohrid	South-West	Mobile x-ray	60.188
4	PHI City General Hospital 8th of September	City of Skopje - Karposh Municipality	Skopje	Angiograph	100.886
5	The University Clinic of Radiotherapy and Oncology	City of Skopje - Centar Municipality	Skopje	Refurbishment of the department for Radiotherapy	79.286
6	Municipality of Brvenica	Brvenica	Polog	Waste management vehicle	67.026
7	Primary School “Blazhe Koneski”	Veles	Vardar	Roof refurbishment	71.712
8	Municipality of Zhelino	Zhelino	Polog	Backhoe loader	64.158
9	PHI Clinical Hospital Shtip	Shtip	East	Mobile x-ray	55.882
10	Primary School “Dr. Vladimir Polezhinoski”	Kichevo	South-West	Refurbishment of the windows, doors and toilets on the ground and first floor of the school building	80.593
11	PHI Clinical Hospital Bitola	Bitola	Pelagonia	Ultrasound	52.779
12	PHI Institute for Rehabilitation of Hearing, Speech and Voice - Skopje	City of Skopje - Centar municipality	Skopje	Equipment for autism therapy (4 machines)	21.471
13	Kindergarten Detelinka	Kriva Palanka	North-East	Refurbishment of the kitchen, electricity, halls on the ground and first floor and 2 toilets and 2 playrooms on the first floor of object Proletna Rosa	53.306
	Total grant assistance FY2021				**825.929**

Projects and Grants

The Japanese Government supported the fight against the COVID-19 and has provided medical equipment worth 813,000 EUR for the Macedonian clinics and hospitals.





The Zletovica Dam constructed by JICA now is contributing to supply pure water to local citizens and industry, in partnership with Slovenian Government and a Slovenian company.

Since 2017, JICA is also implementing the project on Capacity Building for Ecosystem Based Disaster Risk Reduction through Sustainable Forest Management in North Macedonia (ECO-DRR) aimed at Natural Environment Conservation, together with the national Crisis Management Center agency, the PE Macedonian Forests and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy.







Our countries also cooperate in the field of culture. Few months ago, I had the honor to attend a concert called “Arigato”, or *Thank you* in Japanese, organized by the National Opera and Ballet, which received this year new instruments and professional equipment for light and sound from Japan.

This June we have a jubilee of the Japan’s cinema week. The 15th edition in Skopje starts on June 10, and the 3rd edition in Bitola starts on June 16.





















North Macedonia has a lot of potential to have an important strategic role in the Western Balkans especially in the energy sector.

Therefore, we are working on creating stronger business relations, which is my big challenge.

Additionally, I am certain that our partnership will continue to grow strong through political dialogue and high level visits.



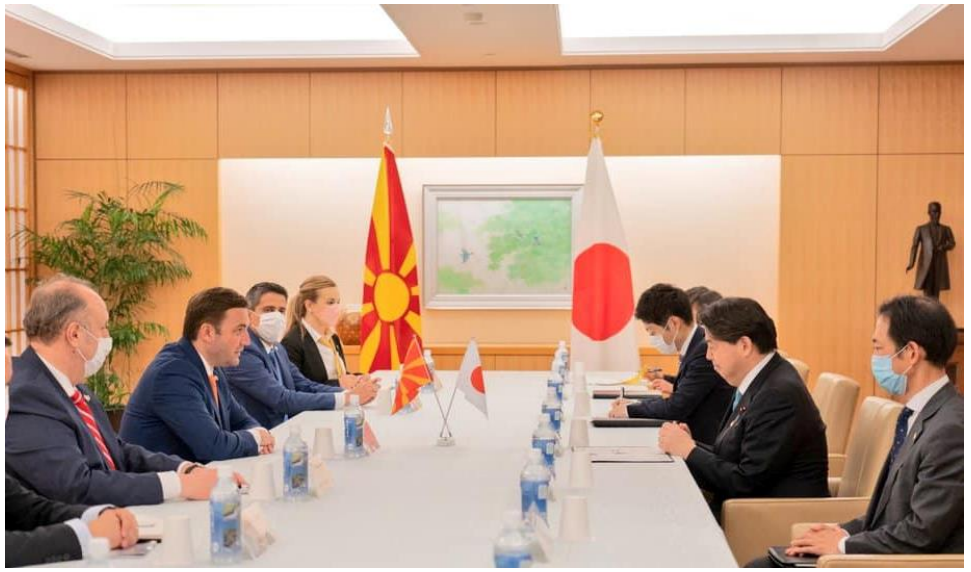




Minister Osmani visits Japan (May 30-31, 2022)

- Firm commitment of bilateral cooperation and promote Western Balkans Initiative for EU integration
- Technical Cooperation Agreement signed
- Cooperation in International affairs







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- Promoting business partnership (JETRO hosts business forum)
- EXPO 2025 in Kansai-Osaka (North Macedonia announce its participation)



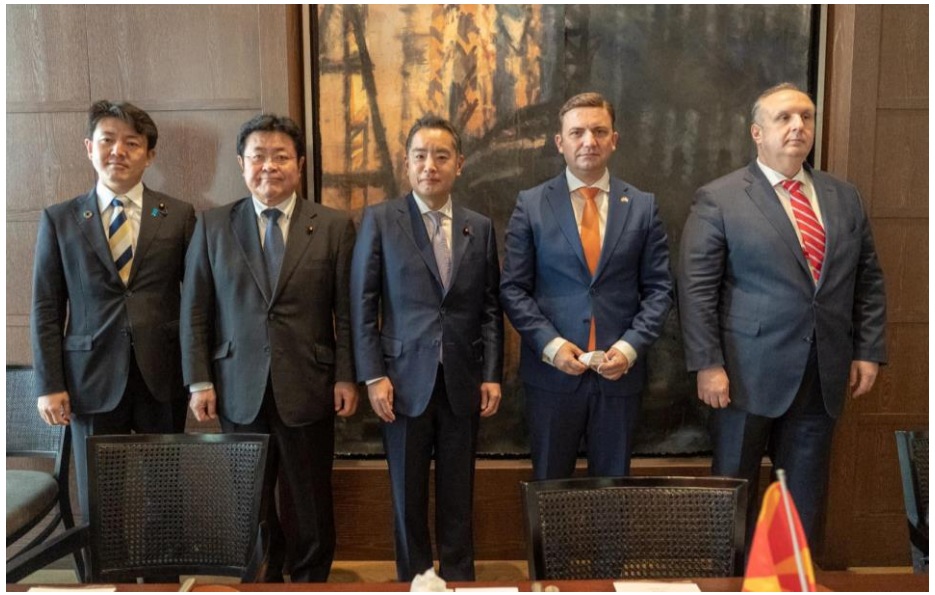




Minister Osmani visits Japan (May 30-31, 2022)

- Visits Crown Prince Akishino
- Meets with the Parliamentary Group





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