

## Japanese Perspectives and Approaches regarding Myanmar issue

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## Japan's Basic Policy toward Myanmar

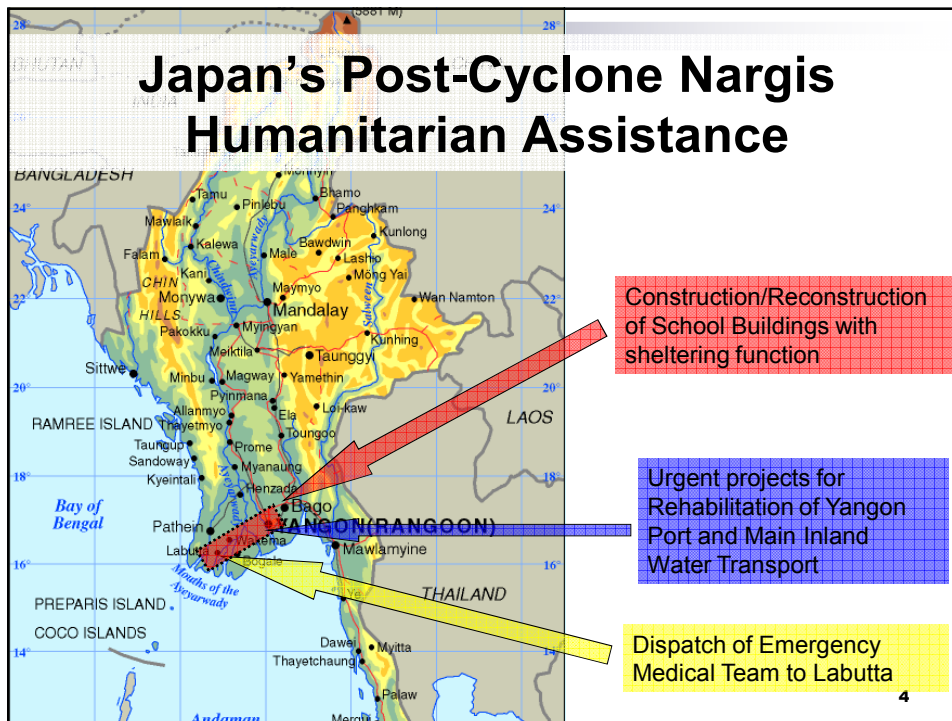
1. Retaining **Dialogue**
  - To urge the Government of Myanmar to promote **Democratization**. (democratization with all the relevant parties inclusive, release of all the political detainees, reconvene dialogue between the Government and the opposition, etc.)
2. **Providing Limited Economic Assistance**
  - Limited from 2003 for concerns regarding the situation in Myanmar.
  - (1) Highly urgent and humanitarian projects, (2) Human resource development for the democratization and the economic reform, and (3) Projects for CLMV countries or the whole ASEAN are exceptionally implemented.
3. Cooperating with **UN and international community**

## Japan's Humanitarian Assistance in Myanmar

- Humanitarian Assistance for the Cyclone Nargis Disaster: approx. 46 Million Dollars
- Its Focused Areas:
  - Agriculture
  - Construction of School Buildings
  - Disaster Risk Reduction

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## Japan's Post-Cyclone Nargis Humanitarian Assistance



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## Effective Approach to Myanmar (1)

### “Dialogue” + “Conveying concerns”

- Keep conveying concerns and making requests on specific issues for the democratization to Myanmar leaders.
- Encourage the Government of Myanmar to take concrete steps toward the 2010 election so that it would be welcomed by the international community.
- Respond positively to substantive political progress undertaken by the Government of Myanmar as agreed in the Chair’s Summary of G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit 2008.  
 “We are prepared to respond positively to substantive political progress undertaken by Myanmar.”

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## Effective approach to Myanmar (2)

### Coordination among key stake-holders

1. Close coordination among relevant members is necessary in UN or other international arena
2. Send a single message accorded by international community to Myanmar

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