

20. The Nakayama initiative consists of two tiers: an enhanced political and security dialogue using all available fora; an ASEAN senior officials meeting on security, with participation by officials from Dialogue Partners.
21. The Nakayama initiative has received mixed reactions. ASEAN remains to be convinced of the necessity of holding Senior Officials Consultations on security on the margins of the ASEAN-PMC. There has been little follow up by Japanese diplomatic missions.