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Japan's proposal for the 1st SAC Meeting

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1. Redefining Fields of Cooperation

- ✓ Fields of Cooperation should be **a clear message** of prominent research collaboration to be conducted in the e-ASIA countries.
- ✓ As such, we suggest **“Health Research”** and **“Renewable Energy”** to be added to the current five fields of cooperation, though they may be overlapping with “Infectious Diseases” and “Biomass/ Plant Science”.

2. Potential Partners for Collaboration

- ✓ “Surrounding countries” of the e-ASIA can be involved in e-ASIA activities, especially for research in infectious diseases.
- ✓ Candidates countries for this purpose are Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Mongolia.

