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## Promotion of Cooperation and Mobility in the Asian Region



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We see that a broad mobility of people, goods and information is taking place in the 21st century. While the mobility of information has been pushed by rapid development of the Internet, the mobility of people seem not have gained the speed so much in the Asian region. Compared to it, the European Union (EU) region, facilitating mobility through integrating engineering codes and standards, provides engineers with access to career opportunities throughout the region.

In terms of land space, history, economical activities and political systems, many differences can be found between the EU and Asian regions. In addition, there has so far been little movement toward integration in the latter region. It is not realistic, accordingly, for the region to seek mobility in the same way as in the former region without taking some necessary steps (ref. Figure 1).

The circle with radius 1,000 km,  
are from the following city:

Right: Manila  
Left: Brussels



Figure 1. Distribution of major cities in Europe and Asia

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