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Tokyo meetings identify opportunities to build on TBC's Japanese partnerships

Japanese partners expressed interest in continuing humanitarian assistance and exploring support for refugee employment during TBC Executive Director Léon de Riedmatten's visit to Tokyo from 5–10 October 2026.

At meetings with Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, officials recognised TBC's work and the cooperation delivered through Japanese NGOs. Discussions covered the situation in Myanmar and continuing needs along the Thailand–Myanmar border.

Employment was a significant topic at JICA and Peace Winds Japan. JICA outlined research into employment for displaced people from Myanmar in Thailand, while both organisations discussed encouraging Japanese companies to recruit refugees. Peace Winds Japan invited TBC to put forward ideas for its involvement.

Meetings with BHN, Peace Japan and Shanti Volunteer Association reviewed ongoing partnerships and possibilities for further cooperation. These relationships support TBC's response to displacement at a time when humanitarian resources are under pressure and access to legal work is changing life in Thailand's refugee camps.

The visit also gave Léon an opportunity to thank partners directly and discuss where their support can make the greatest difference; from maintaining essential assistance to helping refugees take up employment.