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JICA's Collaboration with Thailand

Japan and Thailand have a long standing partnership on technical cooperation. JICA and TICA (Thailand International Cooperation Agency) jointly implement technical cooperation programs supporting human resource development efficiently and effectively for many beneficiary countries.

In Thailand, there are various organizations to which Japan has provided cooperation for their capacity building. By utilizing such resources, and also based on the know-how and experience gained from past cooperation, it is expected that both agencies will provide cooperation fitting to the local content, and accelerate efforts to promote socio-economic development of developing countries.

In the course of collaboration, JICA also shares its knowledge and experience on aid management with Thailand, and Thailand provides cooperation resources and expertise which better match and fit the circumstances of each beneficiary country.

In light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted in 2015, TICA and JICA agree to enhance their contribution to Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as indicated in SDG Goal 17, especially through a triangular cooperation framework for the benefits of the third partner countries to achieve the remaining 16 Goals. Thailand has been sharing its home-grown development approach known as "Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP)" and its successful practices to enhance "SEP for SDGs Partnership" with interested developing countries and development partners across the globe. SEP is Thailand's sustainable path focusing on reasonableness, moderation and prudence guided by knowledge and virtues. After the Sixth Meeting of Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD VI) in 2016, JICA has shown its strong interest to expand triangular cooperation program with TICA to implement Sustainable Community Development Model based on the Application of SEP for the well-being of the people and sustainable development in the beneficiary countries in Africa.

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Our Target

Narrowing the development gap between ASEAN member states is one of the priorities set forth in moving toward ASEAN integration. Especially in the light of recent developments in Myanmar, both agencies are keen to cooperate with Myanmar to overcome its development challenges.

In order to respond and accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs"), which have an implementation period of 15 years up to 2030, our cooperation goes further beyond ASEAN, and expands to the Middle East, and African countries.



Cooperation Schemes

- Our main cooperation scheme is the **Third Country Training Program ("TCTP")**, group training courses in Thailand in various fields, implemented by Thai resource organizations supported by JICA and TICA. Ready-made training courses based on the needs of beneficiary countries are available for multiple countries. TCTP is suitable for development issues to be tackled in common by multiple countries or a region.



- **Triangular Cooperation** is a strategically executed cooperation program for a specific country. Under this scheme, from the formulation stage, JICA and TICA work jointly and closely in order to implement cooperation activities flexibly in accordance with the needs of the specific country. Triangular Cooperation is suitable for supplementing ongoing development assistance by Japan, Thailand or other development partners.

- In addition, on-site technical advice is available through **Dispatch of Thai experts**. Also, **Follow-up Activities** in the post-training phase can effectively monitor and leverage the outcome of the cooperation.

Examples of Cooperation

- Triangular Cooperation for Myanmar

A cooperation framework for Myanmar in four sectors, 1) Tourism, 2) Disaster Prevention and Management, 3) Foot and Mouth Disease and 4) Aquaculture. Under a comprehensive agreement with the Government of Myanmar, activities in each sector in each year are discussed annually and decided with flexibility. The main scheme is short-term (1 week) to medium-term (1 month) training in Thailand.



- Triangular Cooperation on Palestine's Tourism Development

An annual training course for those public and private sector personnel involved in tourism in Palestine. The program is implemented in Thailand under the Conference on Cooperation among East Asian Countries for Palestinian Development ("CEAPAD"), initiated by the Government of Japan. Training topics cover Tourism Management, Hospitality, and Marketing, Promotion and Branding.



- TCTP: Rice Production Technologies for Food Security of African Countries

A group training course for African countries under the Coalition for African Rice Development ("CARD") initiative. Two separate courses are implemented every year, 1) Promotion of Mechanization (separately for Anglophone and Francophone countries) and 2) Environmental-Friendly Rice Production (Francophone only).



- TCTP: Power Distribution System Engineering, Management and Technology

A group training course for ASEAN countries to enhance the knowledge of managers /engineers who work for power distribution systems. This program aims to develop a knowledge network among participants to facilitate good practices on power distribution system methodology, and to nurture ASEAN integration as a whole.



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Thailand International Cooperation Agency ("TICA") is a focal agency under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand in administering international development cooperation. TICA is principally responsible for the implementation of Thailand's development cooperation programs in neighboring countries in particular as well as other regions of the world.

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