



JICA schemes

- Technical cooperation project
- Grant aid
- Training programme
- Development studies
- Emergency disaster relief
- Citizen participation
- Follow-up cooperation
- Volunteer programme

JICA target areas in Bhutan

- Agriculture and rural development
- Infrastructure development
- Local governance
- Social services development (Health, Education and IT)

JICA members in Bhutan

- Office staff: 15
(6 Internationals; 9 Nationals)
- Experts: 8
- Senior Volunteers: 21
- Senior JOCVs: 3
- JOCVs: 23

JICA Volunteers and DIT collaboration: e-Governance Showcasing

On 4 June, e-Governance Showcasing was successfully held at the Conference Hall of the Ministry of Information and Communications in Thimphu. More than 120 National Assembly members attended the day-long session.

ICT working groups (WGs) demonstrated how Information and Communication Technology can be applied for better governance. The WGs considered various possibilities including e-Education, Tele-Health, Agriculture Applications, Dzongkha Learning System, Dzongkha-English e-dictionary, Library Automation System and Infrastructure.

The WGs were formulated with Bhutanese ICT engineers from various ministries and JICA Volunteers and other international volunteers, including UNVs. The WGs have been at work since March 2005. JICA senior volunteer, Mr. Negishi, noted that WG members intensively prepared for their demonstrations, often working until late in the evenings.

The MoIC Minister, Lyonpo Leki Dorji congratulated all members on the great success of the demonstrations and thanked all of the JICA Volunteers for their support.

One of JICA Volunteers noted that the achievements were produced not only by the present volunteers' efforts but also through the long-term relationship with previous volunteers as well.

Other ICT activities in Bhutan: Education and Capacity Development

For the sustainability of ICT development, JICA Volunteer programs emphasize capacity development through seminars, ICT development strategy, network systems support and educational programs in collaboration with Bhutanese counterparts. Volunteers are also assigned as lecturers at various institutes. Graduated students work with newly arrived volunteers to bring continuity and synergy to ICT development in Bhutan.

JICA ICT training:

Mr. Karma Dendup recently returned from a three-month training in System Analysis and Design in Japan. The training covered a full range of ICT related subjects including project management and analysis of systems and networks.

The course was designed for experienced engineers. Mr. Dendup said, "the training in Japan was practical, effective and beneficial to myself, my office and the country to boost ICT capacity. Course work included both practice and theory and gave us new ideas as well as practical knowledge."

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ICT systems and standardization supported by JICA Volunteers

Systems and website development supported by JICA Volunteers.

DADM, ERMS (External Resource Management System)	RCSC, Human Management System
RAA, Audit Assets Management System	DoP, Gewog Profile Information System
DBA, Budget Account System, Central Budget Account System	CHPCL, Management Information System
RIM, Printer Watching System, Library Automation System	DNP, National Property Inventory System
MoLHR, Portal site - http://www.employment.gov.bt	RIHS, Book Management System
High Court, Portal site, Judicial Employee Information System	Bhutan Post, e-post
CBS, Portal site - http://www.bhutanstudies.org.bt	AMC, Inventory Control System
Draft Constitution Website - http://www.constitution.bt	Sherubtse College, Local Area Network

JICA and DIT members are also working on **Software Development Guidelines** to standardize the development of systems and record keeping (in light of inconsistent methods currently employed by different offices). Please contact JICA Volunteer ICT members for further information.

JICA Bhutan News in Brief

- **Next month's focus will be on Education in Bhutan.**
- A JICA Development Study Team held a workshop at BCCI on 9 June. Bhutanese counterparts presented a two-year master plan study for Dzongkhag-wise Electrification. Various stakeholders attended the workshop and discussed a wide variety of issues. The Japanese loan agency (JBIC) also attended. **A final report will be submitted by November 2005.**
- The Ambassador of Japan, Mr. Enoki and Bhutan's Ambassador, Lyonpo Dago Tshering signed an Exchange of Notes to extend a grant aid project (the construction of educational facilities) on 3 June in Delhi.
- The leader of an Implementation Study Team, Mr. Miyamoto, the Managing Director of Bhutan Broadcasting Service Corporation and the facilitating director of DADM signed the minutes of a meeting for a technical cooperation project on 16 June. The project will support **capacity development for multi-sector program production and TV broadcasting service.**
- A JICA HQ delegation will organize **a seminar on Japan's assistance for Bhutan on 1 July.**
- **Ms. Momose, an environmental educator,** left Bhutan after two years of volunteer service on 14 June. **Mr. Ido, an architect,** arrived on 22 June and will serve at SPBD, Ministry of Education for two years.
- **Ms. Shuto, a Project Formulation Advisor (social service and education)** arrived in place of Dr. Kubo on 15 June.
- Three Diesel Generator sets as project equipment worth Nu 3.8 million were handed over to Bhutan Telecom on 10 June. **They will be installed in Trongsa Dzongkhag soon.**
- **Mr. Kawai, the Parliamentary Secretary of Japan,** received an audience with His Majesty the King and visited ministers and JICA project sites during a 10-12 June visit.

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