

History of JICA (1947-2007)

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47	10	The Emigration Association is established.	7	● The government pledges to double ODA in three years (first mid-term objective).	5	Core support for important policies starts.
50	12	● The Export Bank of Japan is established.	79	4 Technical cooperation for China starts.	9	● DAC new development strategies are announced.
51	9	● San Francisco Peace Treaty, the US-Japan Security Treaty	12	Assistance for medical care starts as a measure for Thai and Cambodian refugees.	9	The second mid-term operation prospect is formulated.
52	4	● The Export Bank of Japan changes its name to the Export-Import Bank of Japan. ● Joins International Monetary Fund (IMF) and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).	80	1 Keisuke Arita is inaugurated as president.	97	3 Task force for operational and organizational reforms
54	4	The Japan Asian Association is established. Acceptance of technical training participants starts.	81	1 ● The government sets up a new (second) mid-term objective for its plan to double ODA in five years.	98	4 ● Council on ODA Reforms for the 21st Century is held.
55	10	● Joins the Colombo Plan.	82	3 Japan Medical Team for Disaster Relief (JMTDR) is formed.	6	Community Empowerment Program starts.
56	4	The Japan Asian Association starts dispatch of experts.	4	ASEAN human resources center starts cooperation programs.	1	Open recruitment for experts to be dispatched
57	9	Japan Emigration Promotion, Co., Ltd. is established.	83	2 ● Joins African Development Bank (AfDB). ● Brandt Report "Current conditions of the world economies and the North-South problem"	10	● ODA Council final report is announced.
58	12	● Joins the United Nations.	10	Institute for International Cooperation opens, senior advisors system is established.	10	● The second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II)
59	4	Pre-investment survey starts.	84	1 ● Japan Overseas Cooperative Association is established.	99	8 Partnership Program starts.
60	3	● Starts yen loans (for India).	85	4 Youth Invitation Program starts.	8	First team of ODA monitors leaves for Laos and the Philippines.
61	3	Technical cooperation for Middle East, Africa and Latin America starts. Participates in the Mekong River Basin Development Plan.	86	9 ● The third ODA mid-term objective is set up.	10	● The Medium-term Policy on ODA is formulated.
62	6	● Overseas Technical Cooperation Center Program starts.	87	4 Japan Disaster Relief Team is formed. The first country study committee (Philippines) is formed.	00	1 Structural reforms
63	7	● Development Aid Group (DAG) is established and Japan joins.	88	9 ● Law concerning Japan Disaster Relief Team is enacted.	7	● The Summit Conference of the Leading Industrialized Nations (Kyushu and Okinawa)
64	4	● Joins the International Development Association (IDA; the second World Bank).	89	1 Kensuke Yanagiya is inaugurated as president.	8	Information Disclosure Management Division is established.
65	9	● The Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan (OECF) is established.	90	4 Dispatch of experts from private sector and aid efficiency promotion program start.	9	Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resources Development Scholarship starts.
66	12	● Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is established. DAG changes its name to Development Assistance Committee (DAC).	91	6 The first Sectoral Study Group on Development Assistance (environment) is formed.	9	● Kunihiro Saito is inaugurated as president.
67	6	Overseas Technical Cooperation Agency (OTCA) is established.	92	6 ● The fourth ODA mid-term objective is set up.	01	5 ● UN Millennium Summit
68	7	Japan Emigration Service is established.	93	4 ● Japan International Cooperation System (JICS) is established.	5	● The second ODA Council, first meeting
69	11	● Officially joins OECD.	94	4 ● Small-scale grant assistance (grant assistance for grassroots project) and budget subsidy system for NGO activities start.	9	● Tatsuo Kawakami is inaugurated as president.
70	12	● African Development Bank (AfDB) is established.	95	10 Technical cooperation for Eastern Europe starts.	12	● Japan's administrative reform plan
71	4	Dispatch of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers starts.	96	11 Environmental guidelines	02	● The International Conference on Reconstruction Assistance to Afghanistan
72	4	Cooperation for medical care and science education starts.	97	12 ● Japan's ODA results are highest of all DAC countries.	3	● The second ODA Council, final report
73	11	● Asian Development Bank is established.	98	4 Dispatch of senior experts starts.	6	● Grant aid for Japanese NGO
74	7	Cooperation for agriculture and development technical cooperation starts.	99	7 ● Repayment of loans from the World Bank is completed.	2	JICA Partnership Program starts.
75	8	● Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) is established.	00	10 Associate specialists system starts.	8	● Revision of Japan's ODA Charter (New ODA Charter)
76	3	● Food aid (KR) starts.	01	12 Environmental consideration guidelines Evaluation guidelines	9	● The third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III)
77	3	● General grant aid starts.	02	1 Alumni Association for former experts is formed.	10	Japan International Cooperation Agency changes from a special public institution to an independent administrative institution. Sadako Ogata is inaugurated as president and announces JICA Mission Statement.
78	4	Research cooperation starts.	03	2 Technical cooperation for Central Asia starts.	3	President Ogata announces New JICA Reform Plan.
	4	Technical training for children of emigrants starts.	04	6 ● Japan's ODA Charter is adopted at the Cabinet meeting.	4	JICA organizational reform Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations
	4	Technical cooperation for Oceania starts.	05	8 Japan Disaster Relief Team starts transportation of aid materials from the private sector.	9-10	6 Regional Support Offices are opened. Symposium to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Japan's ODA
	4	● Disaster Relief Program starts.	06	12 Handbook for WID consideration	12	JDR team is dispatched to the Great Sumatra Earthquake and Indian Ocean Tsunami Disaster.
	8	Japan International Cooperation Agency is established. Shinsaku Hogen is inaugurated as president.	07	2 ● ICSC changes its name to Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE).	1	● UN World Conference on Disaster Reduction (Kobe)
	8	International Cooperation Program (development investment and financing) and Human Resources Development Program start.	08	6 Local in-country training starts.	3	President Ogata announces Phase II of JICA Reform Plan.
	3	Third-country training starts (Thai sericulture research and training center).	09	7 ● The fifth ODA mid-term objective is set up.	4	A field based approach to projects is officially introduced at 30 overseas offices. A system to streamline operations is launched.
	7	● Ministerial meeting for economic cooperation is organized.	10	7 Japan-US Common Agenda is announced.	6	An action plan for an equitable work-life balance is formulated.
	4	● The Supporting Organization of JOCV is established.	11	10 ● The first Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD)	7	Fast Track System for projects is introduced.
	7	● Joins the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).	12	8 Kimio Fujita is inaugurated as president.	10	JDR team is dispatched to the Pakistan Earthquake Disaster.
	3	● International Cooperation Service Center (ICSC) is established.	94	1 Emergency relief supplies are granted at the time of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake.	3	JOCV marks its 40th anniversary.
	4	● Aid for Increased Food Production (2KR) starts.	95	3 Dispatch of third-country experts starts.	4	Hachioji International Center is closed.
	5	● The government announces its plan to double ODA in five years.	96	5 ● Emergency grant aid and support for democratization start.	4	Global Plaza at JICA Hiroo opens.
	4	Promotion of Implementing Grant Aid Projects starts.		4 Headquarters moves to Shinjuku Maynds Tower.	6	Strategic measures for citizen participation, etc., are discussed at the meeting of director generals of domestic offices.
	4	Industrial Development Cooperation Program starts.			11	The president holds a press conference in response to the passage of the Revised JICA Law.
					07	Dispatch of JOCV to Peru is resumed.