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### Providing Lodging and Assistance for Overseas Disaster Relief Teams and Conducting Reconstruction Seminars

The Great East Japan Earthquake that occurred in the Tohoku region of Japan inflicted enormous damage on many areas of East Japan. With its long record of providing assistance to developing countries through ODA and other measures, over 160 grateful countries around the world extended aid to Japan after the disaster.

As an emergency response, JICA opened up the JICA Nihonmatsu Volunteer Training Center, 50km from Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, as a temporary evacuation shelter, accepting about 450 disaster victims. JICA also provided lodgings for the disaster relief teams of other countries and cooperated with their activities.

In addition, in gratitude for the world's generous assistance during the disaster, JICA established reconstruction and disaster prevention and management related training courses and seminars to utilize Japan's experiences from the disaster, bringing approximately 1,000 people from developing countries to participate in the training.



The head of Indonesia's Sub Directorate/ Protection and Empowerment of IDPs of the National Disaster Management Agency listens intently to an explanation of the damage caused by the tsunami in the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster. Indonesia also suffered tremendous damage from a tsunami caused by a major earthquake that occurred off the coast of Sumatra in December 2004.

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### Collaboration with Gates Foundation to Promote the Eradication of Poliomyelitis in Pakistan

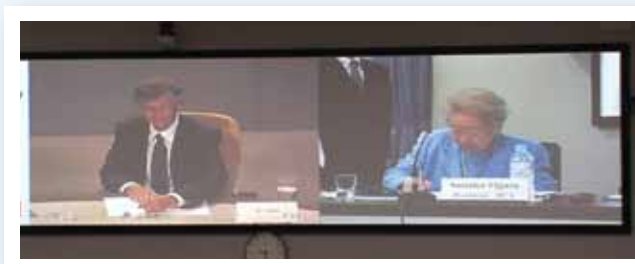
JICA signed an ODA Loan agreement with the Government of Pakistan to provide a loan of up to 4,993 million yen to assistance for the Project for the Eradication of Poliomyelitis. Along with Afghanistan and Nigeria, Pakistan is one of the last three countries in the world where polio is still being transmitted among the population. Using the loan, the Government of Pakistan plans to vaccinate children under the age of five with the goal of eradicating the disease.

The project uses an innovative financing

approach referred to as a "Loan Conversion" mechanism, which has drawn a great deal of attention worldwide. Under the mechanism, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will repay the loan on behalf of the Pakistani government if the project is successfully implemented.

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Sadako Ogata, the then President of JICA, and Gates Foundation co-chair Bill Gates signing a strategic partnership agreement to ensure continued progress in the fight against polio

October 2011~

### Comprehensive Assistance for Flood Disaster in Thailand

—From Emergency Relief to Medium- to Long-term Assistance



Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra (left) and JICA Visiting Senior Advisor Kimio Takeya (right) exchange opinions on flood control measures. Senior Advisor Takeya is the only foreigner serving on the Thai government's Strategic Committee for Water Resources Management. (Courtesy of Metropolitan Waterworks Authority, Thailand)

April 2011~

## Promoting Public-Private Partnership (PPP) under Japan's New Growth Strategy

Guided by the New Growth Strategy approved by the Japanese government's Cabinet, JICA is leveraging Japan's technology as an effective tool for resolving the development issues of developing countries. The goal of JICA's actions under the strategy is the mutual prosperity of developed and developing nations. To further step up its efforts in fiscal 2011, JICA concluded a loan agreement and an investment agreement for overseas investment projects and experimentally commenced surveys regarding promoting partnerships with small to medium-sized enterprises.

JICA also took proactive action in other areas. It conducted Preparatory Surveys to formulate business plans for PPP infrastructure projects proposed by the private sector and Preparatory Surveys for formulating measures to promote collaboration with Base of the Pyramid (BOP) business.

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In collaboration with Terumo Corporation, JICA invited Mexican physicians to Japan, conducting the first PPP training course in medical treatment using the method of inserting catheters in the patient's wrist.

July 2011

## JICA Continues to Provide South Sudan Assistance after Independence

Directly after the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement in Sudan, JICA set up a field office in what was then Southern Sudan and began providing assistance. JICA stepped up its efforts after the region became the Republic of South Sudan in July 2011, strengthening assistance in such areas as increasing the capacity of the government and building infrastructure in an effort to consolidate the peace. The field office established in 2006, just a tent at the time, steadily expanded and after South Sudan independence officially became the JICA South Sudan Office. Going forward, JICA is seeking to explore cooperation with Japan's Self-Defense Forces participating in the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) and with construction efforts in the infrastructure field, assisting with the development of the new country and the consolidation of the peace.

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The Juba River Port was established in 2007 with JICA cooperation. Currently, JICA is continuing to provide assistance to increase the capacity of the port system and to further extend the jetty with Grant Aid.

In 2011, the Kingdom of Thailand was struck by massive flooding on a scale seen only once every 100 years. Approximately 18,000 square kilometers were inundated, including industrial zones and agricultural areas. Since many local Japanese companies also suffered damage, the flooding had a serious impact not only on Thailand's economy, but also on Japan's economy.

To provide flood countermeasure assistance and also contribute to the activities of Japanese local companies, JICA quickly conducted a needs survey, provided emergency supplies and dispatched Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) expert teams. In addition, JICA provided comprehensive cooperation with such measures as the formulation of a medium- to long-term flood management plan (master plan for Chao Phraya River Basin in view of utilization of water and flood control) that was praised by Thai government offices at such venues as the Japan-Thailand Prime Ministers Summit.

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December 2011

## JICA Bonds: The First Issuance of Retail Bonds to Individual Investors

In December 2011, JICA issued a yen-denominated retail bond, becoming the first government organization to issue retail bonds to individual investors. Investment in this JICA bond enables individuals to contribute to solutions to global issues, such as the development of the economies and societies of developing countries and climate change.

In conjunction with the issue of the retail bond, JICA held a seminar in Tokyo to familiarize potential investors with JICA's activities.

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About 250 retail investors attended the seminar.