



Changing the World Together



WHO WE ARE

Japan is the first non-Western country to modernize and become a developed country while preserving its traditions. This experience inspired Japan to contribute to peace and security in the world through Official Development Assistance (ODA) to developing nations.

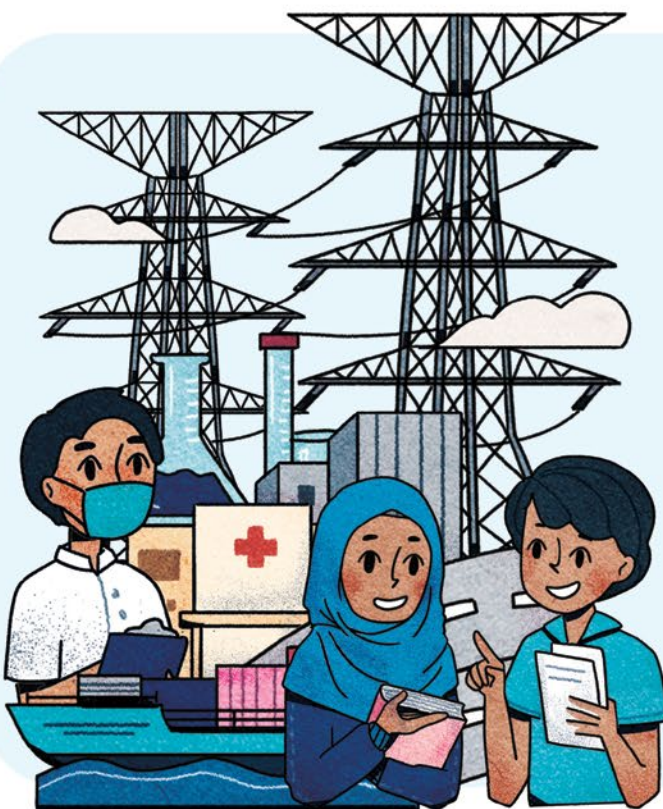
In 1954, when Japan joined the Colombo Plan, an organization set up to assist Asian countries in their socio-economic development, it marked a memorable start of Japan's cooperation with developing countries.



The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is the agency in charge of managing Japan's ODA. ODA is a means to promote international cooperation so people may live in safety and dignity.

WHAT WE DO

In the Philippines, JICA supports social and economic development so Filipinos can have a better future.

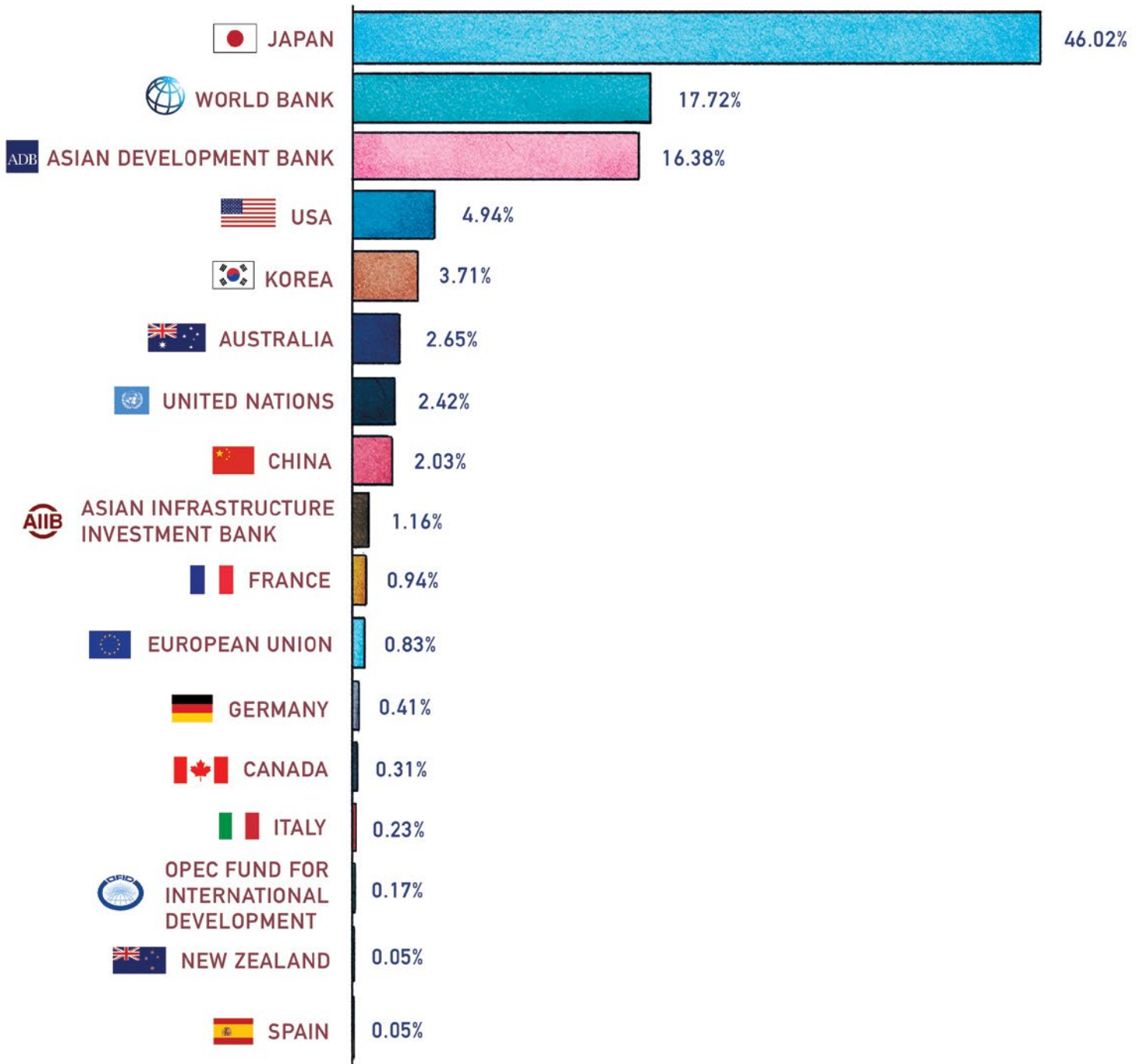


JICA's ACTIVITIES ARE ANCHORED IN THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH through infrastructure support, urban and regional development, and governance
- ✓ OVERCOMING VULNERABILITY through health, education, environment, agriculture, and disaster risk reduction and management
- ✓ PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT in Mindanao

SHARE OF AID TO THE PHILIPPINES

Japan is the top source of aid to the Philippines with ODA at US\$ 8.26 billion as of March 2019 or 46% of total ODA.



ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES

The Philippines, an archipelago located at the heart of Southeast Asia, is known for its scenic destinations and happy people. As part of one of the world's important regional groups called the Association of Southeast Asian Nations or ASEAN, the Philippines nurtures its friendship with neighboring countries like Japan to help promote peace and stability in the region.



How much do you know about your country?
Find out what's happening in your home turf in numbers!

HEALTH

HEALTH AND SANITATION



92%

of Filipinos have access to safe drinking water

74.4%

have access to improved sanitation

— 2017 ASEAN DATA

TEENAGE PREGNANCY

9%

of women age 15–19 years old have begun childbearing

6.8%

urban areas

vs.

10.1%

rural areas

— 2017 PSA DATA



INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY

> 8 infant deaths for every 1,000 live births

> 74 mothers die for every 100,000 live births

— 2015 DOH DATA

POVERTY

US\$ 3,087 or PHP 163,606 GDP per capita or person

rough estimate of the income of an average Filipino



6.1%

population living below US\$1.90 or PHP 86 per person per day

— 2018 AND 2015 ASEAN DATA

THAT'S THE PRICE OF A BURGER MEAL!



EDUCATION

HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE IN SCHOOL?



9 out of 10

Primary

7 out of 10

Secondary

— 2016 PSA DATA

HOW MANY CAN READ AND WRITE?



97.4%

10–14 years old

98.3%

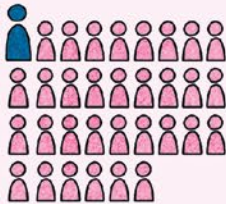
15–19 years old

— 2013 PSA DATA

TEACHER-PUPIL RATIO

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Primary

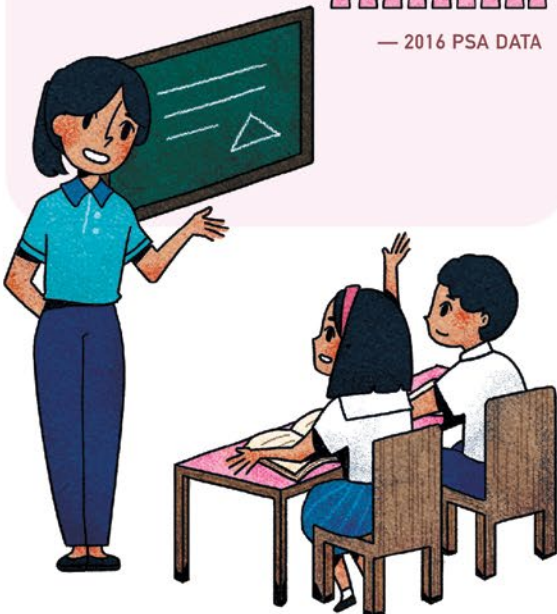


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Secondary



— 2016 PSA DATA



EMPLOYMENT



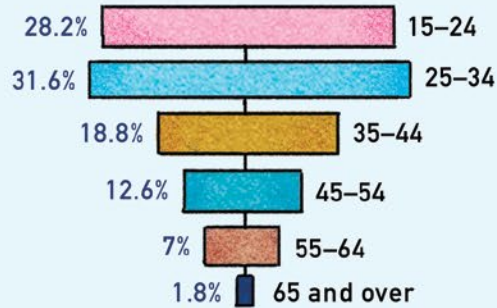
82.3% | Employment Rate

17.7% | Unemployment Rate

18.9% | Underemployment Rate

— APRIL 2020 PSA DATA

UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE



— APRIL 2020 PSA DATA

UNEMPLOYMENT BY SEX



— APRIL 2020 PSA DATA

EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP



26%
AGRICULTURE,
FORESTRY, FISHING,
AND AQUACULTURE



17%
INDUSTRY
(Construction,
manufacturing, etc.)

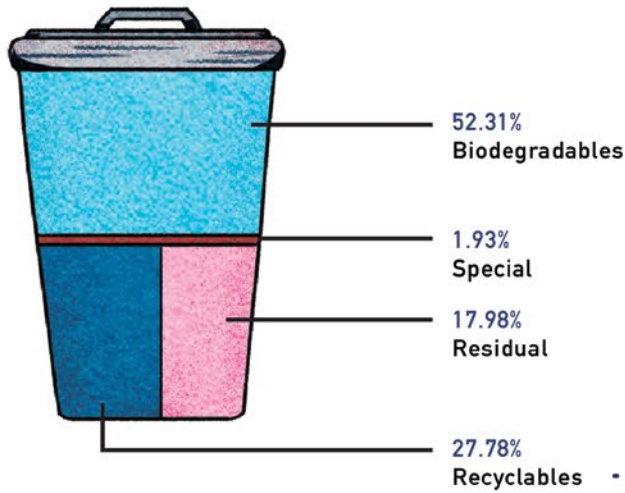


57%
SERVICES
(Wholesale and retail
trade, transportation and
storage, accommodation
and food service
activities, etc.)

— APRIL 2020 PSA DATA

ENVIRONMENT

WASTE COMPOSITION



NO. 3 rank of the Philippines among the top countries generating marine plastic waste, behind China and Indonesia.

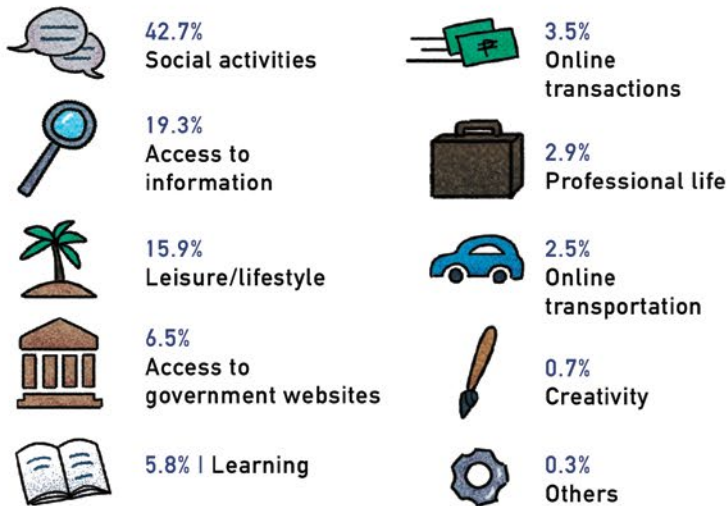
— 2010 DATA IN JAMBECK, ET. AL. 2015

280 METRIC TONS PER DAY of additional medical waste expected to be produced in Manila during the COVID-19 pandemic—A metric ton is 1,000 kilograms.

— 2020 ADB DATA

TECHNOLOGY USE

INTERNET USE BY ACTIVITY



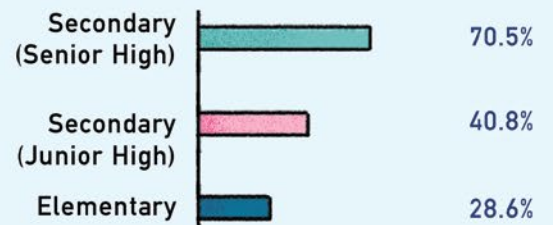
— 2019 DICT DATA

ACCESS TO INTERNET BY HOUSEHOLDS



— 2019 DICT DATA

SCHOOLS WITH ACCESS TO INTERNET



— 2018 PSA DATA

JICA'S WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES



JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES are long-standing friends and partners in the Asia Pacific. Japan is a major trading partner of the Philippines and continues to support Philippine development for more than 60 years. Both countries also share many things in common like high regard for family values, geographical location, vulnerability to disasters, as well as being maritime nations.

Here's a quick roundup of some of JICA's cooperation in the Philippines:

ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH

through infrastructure support, urban and regional development, and governance

RAILWAYS

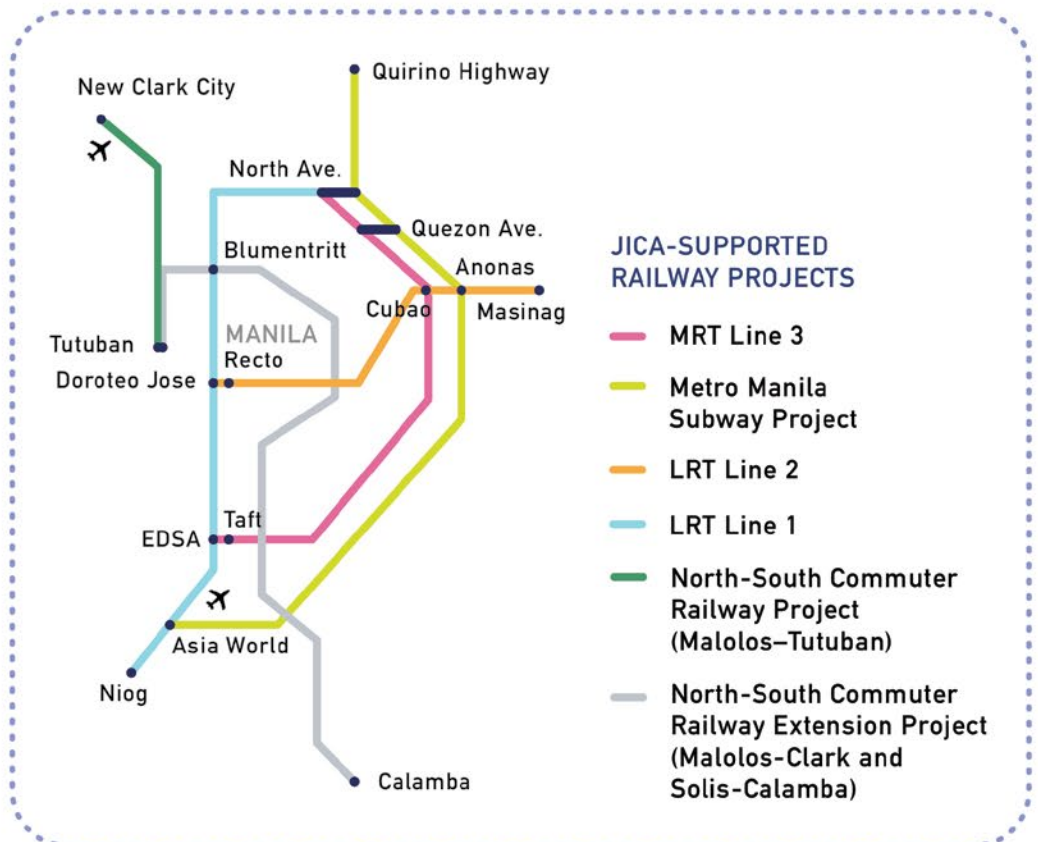
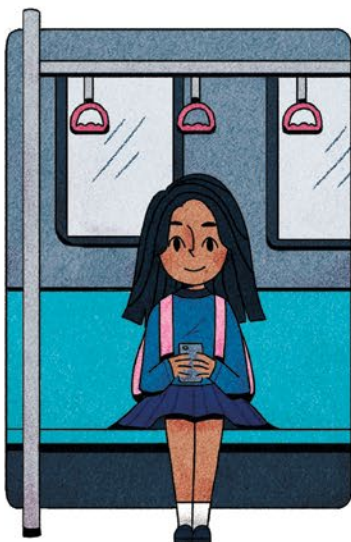
JICA helps the Philippines build railways to decongest traffic and promote growth in other areas.



JICA also shares Japan's expertise on railways through the Philippine Railways Institute (PRI), dispatch of Japanese experts in the Philippines, and training courses on railway management and quality transportation.

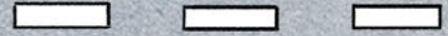
DID YOU KNOW?

A 2018 JICA study estimated that the Philippines loses PHP 3.5 billion a day because of traffic congestion in Metro Manila.



ROADS AND BRIDGES

JICA helps connect the islands of the Philippines through its roads and bridges projects. Check out these infographics to learn more!



PHILIPPINE-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP HIGHWAY

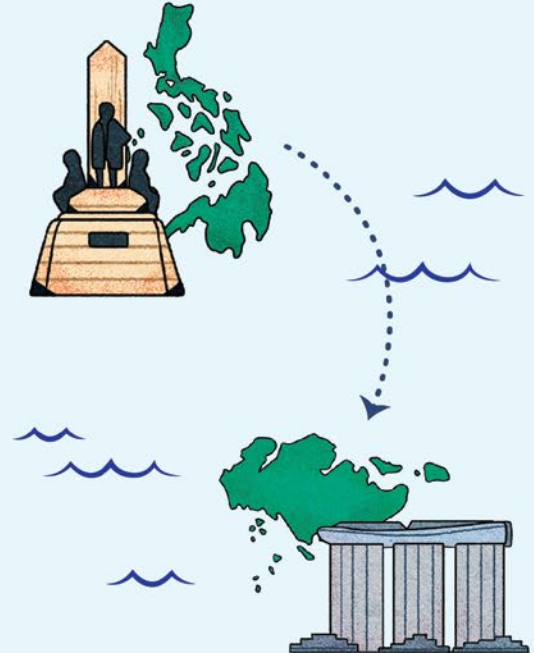
Japan's first Official Development Assistance (ODA) in the Philippines in the 1960s



2,200km
of roads
and bridges!

Philippine's Longest Highway!

2,200+ KM



Length of national roads constructed and rehabilitated under JICA. This is almost how far the Philippines is to Singapore!

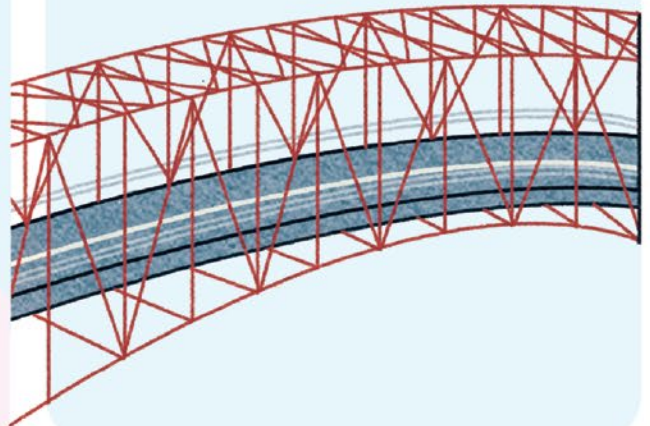
100+

Number of major bridges constructed



DID YOU KNOW?

The second Mactan-Mandaue bridge that links the islands of Cebu and Mactan was built with help from JICA.



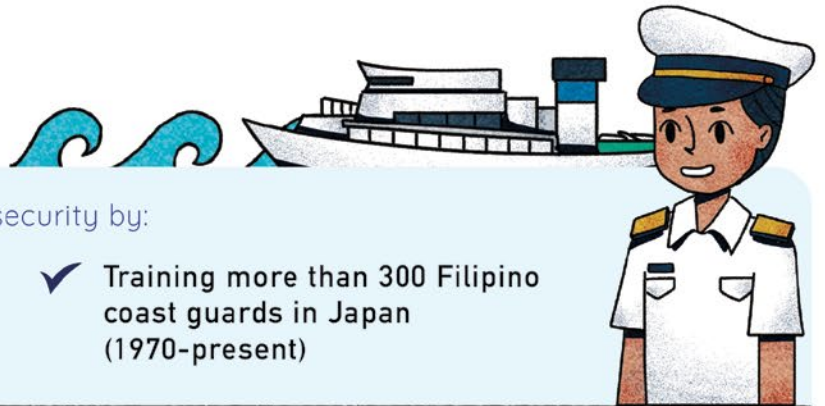
INVESTMENT PROMOTION



Human resources development is essential in attracting investments and creating jobs in the Philippines. This is how JICA is helping develop human resources in the country, especially in the manufacturing industry.

- ✓ Working in tandem with the Department of Trade and Industry-Board of Investments (DTI-BOI) to address skills mismatch
- ✓ Co-organized activities such as conferences and pitch events for the academe, industry, and government

MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY



JICA has supported maritime safety and security by:

- ✓ Providing 10 multi-role response vessels (MRRVs) to help safeguard Philippine seas
- ✓ Training more than 300 Filipino coast guards in Japan (1970-present)

ENERGY

JICA supports the improvement of energy access especially in rural areas, climate change measures, and human resource development in the sector. Examples of JICA energy-related projects are:

- ✓ Environmental Development Project that promotes renewable energy projects such as the Mini Hydroelectric Plant in Majayjay, Laguna
- ✓ Pilot Testing of Environment-Friendly Urban Transportation Systems (Electric Tricycles) in Quezon City
- ✓ Using Japanese Technology in Electricity Distribution in Batangas
- ✓ Disseminating Japanese Technologies for Recycling Waste Cooking Oil as Substitution of Diesel Fuel with Renergy System in Boracay Island



Electric tricycle powered by waste cooking oil



OVERCOMING VULNERABILITY

through health, education, environment, agriculture, and disaster risk reduction and management

HEALTH

- ✓ 70+ NUMBER of hospitals and health-related research centers and facilities in the Philippines assisted by Japan
- ✓ 8 OUT OF 10 MOTHERS giving birth safely in health facilities in Cordillera through JICA's maternal and child health project



DID YOU KNOW?

The Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) was built under JICA grant aid and has been at the forefront of research in infectious diseases like childhood pneumonia, leptospirosis, rabies, cholera, tuberculosis, and coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

ENVIRONMENT

COASTAL CONSERVATION



Projects like the Coastal Ecosystem Conservation and Adaptive Management (CECAM) and Comprehensive Assessment and Conservation of Blue Carbon Ecosystems and their Services in the Coral Triangle (BlueCARES) aim to help policy makers develop science-based measures on environmental management to preserve coastal ecosystems.

FOREST MANAGEMENT



Forests are an important source of natural resources and even minimize risks of landslides and floods. Under the Forestland Management Project, JICA supports communities in protecting and sustainably managing forests and watershed areas through facilities like farm-to-market roads and irrigation systems, for example, and capacity building activities.

WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION



JICA has worked with both the government and private companies on water supply and sanitation projects. One example under the Environmental Development Project is the Maynilad Parañaque wastewater treatment facility that removes pollutants from wastewater.

EDUCATION

Through education, JICA has been supporting industrial human resources development in the Philippines to improve the skills of young people and help them get jobs in industries like manufacturing which provides many employment opportunities and where Japan has vast experience.



EXAMPLES OF JICA'S PROJECTS IN EDUCATION:

Developing highly skilled human resources and **BUILDING RESEARCH NETWORK IN THE ENGINEERING FIELDS** among ASEAN and Japanese universities under the JICA Project for ASEAN University Network-Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network (AUN-SEED Net)

TEACHER TRAINING for senior high school in technical-vocational schools

Constructed **5,457 NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS** and **REHABILITATED 15,404** under the Third Elementary Education Project

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT



Pasig-Marikina River Channel Improvement Project to help reduce flood risk in Metro Manila

- ✓ **40+ FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS** in disaster-prone areas
- ✓ **200+ NUMBER** of Filipino professionals trained on disaster management in Japan



365 NUMBER of agrarian or farming communities that JICA assisted through credit and infrastructure support under the Agrarian Reform Infrastructure Support Project (ARISP) Phases I to III



Farm-to-market road in Aklan under ARISP

PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT in Mindanao

SINCE 2002, JICA HAS BEEN SUPPORTING PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT IN MINDANAO THROUGH:

- ✓ Peace-making or support to the peace process in the Bangsamoro
- ✓ Peace keeping or sending Japanese experts to the International Monitoring Team (IMT) for socio-economic development—The IMT is an international body that observes and monitors the implementation of the peace agreement between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.
- ✓ Peace building or implementing different community development projects such as community (barangay) halls and farm-to-market roads



JICA'S OTHER ACTIVITIES

JICA also helps strengthen the friendship between the Philippines and Japan through:

KNOWLEDGE CO-CREATION PROGRAMS (KCCP)

Through the KCCP, Filipinos can gain unique knowledge and experiences about Japanese society and organizations.

41,000+

41,000+ Filipinos trained in Japan through JICA, as of 2018

STUDY IN JAPAN!



- ✓ Under the KCCP for Young Leaders, Filipinos between 20 to 35 years old can visit Japan for a few weeks to learn about Japanese technologies and practices. To know more about the Young Leaders program, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/KCCP-YL>

- ✓ JICA also offers scholarships for graduate programs in leading Japanese universities. Every year, JICA sends many government officials from the Philippines and other countries to Japan to learn from each other and prepare them to be the leaders of tomorrow. To know more about JICA scholarships, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/JICA-scholar>



SENDING OF JAPANESE VOLUNTEERS

The Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers Program or JOCV dispatches Japanese professionals to the Philippines to live with communities and implement activities for development.

1,673

number of Japanese volunteers dispatched to different communities in the Philippines for development work in fields such as education, public health, agriculture, animal husbandry, and disaster risk reduction and management, as of 2020



SUPPORT FROM JAPANESE GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS, ACADEME, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The JICA Technical Cooperation for Grassroots Project or TCGP involves the participation of Japanese organizations, universities, and local government units in sharing Japanese knowhow and culture with communities.

60+

number of projects assisted by Japanese organizations covering areas such as health, livelihood, education, and children's welfare with direct impact to communities



PARTICIPATION OF JAPANESE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

JICA works with Japanese private companies to help develop business and create social impact.

Some examples:



3D printed prosthesis or artificial device to replace a missing body part for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) with SHC Design and Orthopaedie Frey Far East, Inc.

Waste plastic recycling with GUUN Co., Ltd. and Cebu City Local Government



Low protein rice for patients with chronic kidney disease patients in partnership with Biotech Japan Corporation and Philippine Rice Research Institute

VOICES OF THE YOUTH

Do you want to hear what other young people think about JICA and its partnership with the Philippines? Check out these words from young Filipinos who joined the first JICA Philippines Video Blog Contest in 2019.



“For more than decades now, Japan and the Philippines have been in it together in building a greater future for the next generation to come. As a Filipino youth, it made me realize that the world would be better if our mindset is to help rather than to receive.”

—RHAFFE DAYDAY, STI COLLEGE-GENERAL SANTOS



“[JICA] inspires us to work hard and smart to help our fellow Filipinos ourselves and to essentially become part of something greater: a truly globalized and international society.”

—HANNAH MARIE MIRALLES, CATHOLIC FILIPINO ACADEMY AND ZACHARY SYSANTOS, ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY



“Just like JICA’s vision, the Filipino youth must lead our country to make it a better place to live in.”

—SENAIRA BAGARAM AND LARA MAE BACULIO, OPOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Do you have thoughts and ideas on how
young Filipinos can participate in
international cooperation?
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