

## Korea

### Medical Facilities Expansion Project



Newly installed cardiovascular MRI equipment

#### Outline of Loan Agreement

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Loan Amount / Disbursed Amount | 5,624 million yen / 3,886 million yen  |
| Loan Agreement                 | June 1988  |
| Terms & Conditions             | Interest rate 4.25% p.a.<br>Repayment period 25 years (Grace period 7 years) |
| Final Disbursement Date        | November 1995  |

#### Project Outline

The project involved the procurement/installation of essential medical equipment in line with the construction of new private university hospitals, with the aim of improving the standards of medical education in Korea.

#### Results and Evaluation

The project covered the hospitals of four private universities (Ewha Womens' University, Hanyang University, Korea University, and Dong - A University) and involved the introduction of medical equipment judged to be highly important at the time (cardiovascular MRI equipment, X-ray equipment, ultrasound diagnostic equipment, etc.).

Each of the university hospitals have practical training facilities for clinical medicine education, which, with 10 beds available per student, is considered appropriate; however, the scale of operations at each of the facilities is currently being maintained at a higher level.

Moreover, in the three years since 1997, graduates from these universities account for some 10% of those taking the national medical doctor's examination, and assume a considerable share of the responsibility for educating/supplying doctors. In terms of healthcare services, all hospitals have seen growth in numbers of inpatients/outpatients since opening, and have high occupancy rates of around 90%.

No specific problems have been identified in the maintenance of the project medical equipment to date, and the project is evaluated as having contributed to both practical training and the provision of healthcare services at each of the hospitals.