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Junior Secondary School Building Construction Project



A junior secondary school newly constructed under this project

Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount / Disbursed Amount	20,876 million yen / 12,071 million yen
Loan Agreement	December 1995
Terms & Conditions	Interest rate 2.5% p.a. Repayment period 30 years (Grace period 10 years)
Final Disbursement Date	December 2000

Project Outline

As a model project, constructed new junior secondary schools and installed necessary furniture and educational equipment, being undertaken in 12 provinces selected from across the nation, aiming at raising the standard of future national expansion and development of junior secondary school facilities.

Results and Evaluation

Through this project, 596 schools/5,364 classrooms located in 12 provinces were newly constructed and installed with furniture and equipments. The number of schools accounts for approximately 8.7% of the entire public schools in the targeted provinces, and occupies around 60% of the number of schools targeted for maintenance in the same period. The project, which increased the number of class rooms, contributed to reducing the number of students per class, despite the rise in the number of students, enabling to provide educational opportunities in more favorable environments. The average enrolment ratio for junior secondary schools in the targeted provinces from 1995 to 2000 increased 11.4 points from 56.5% to 67.9%, and the project is contributing to the achievement of the national development target (78.9% by the end of 2004). On the other hand, because of time constraints, budgetary restrictions, and the project plan, which was uniform throughout the nation (1 school to accommodate 9 classrooms), cases occurred where classrooms were either in short or excessive in supply.

In the course of decentralization, the “school-based management (SBM)” and efforts for “community participation” are being promoted, in parallel with the organizational reforms of educational administration bodies.