

# Road Improvement Project



Jerash - Irbid Road

## Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount/ Loan Disbursed Amount	¥13,424 million / ¥11,278 million
Loan Agreement	January 1989
Terms and Conditions	Interest rate: 2.9%, Repayment period: 30 years (grace period: 10 years)
Final Disbursement Date	April 1997

## Project Profile

The project was to improve and rehabilitate some main trunk roads in Jordan, where traffic volumes were increasing rapidly, and very low road standards were beginning to cause problems in travel cost, travel time and road safety.

## Results and Evaluation

Of the roads covered by the project, the volume of traffic on the Jerash - Irbid Road far exceeded the forecast. Though traffic on the Azraq - Iraq Road declined after 1994 due to the impact of UN sanctions on Iraq, traffic had recovered to 90% of the planned volume by 2000. Traffic on the Irbid - North Shuneh Road started to decline from 1996 because road widening on connecting roads beyond the scope of the project was under construction or incomplete. Traffic on the Salt - Arda Road was largely as planned at first, but it has been declining over the last five years.

The Jerash - Irbid Road, with the highest traffic volume of all of these sections, yields a time saving far greater than that had been envisaged in the plan made at the time of the appraisal.

The Ministry of Public Works and Housing maintains the roads appropriately, and the road surfaces are generally kept in good condition.