

## Efforts for Capacity Building in Developing Countries “Seminar on Evaluation of Japan’s ODA Loan in Cooperation with JICA”

For effective and efficient implementation of ODA loan projects, it is very important that developing countries take initiative in evaluation and monitoring. JBIC has been holding Seminar on Evaluation of Japan’s ODA Loan Projects in cooperation with JICA since FY2001, providing training for persons in departments responsible for ODA loan projects in developing



Participants of the seminar in FY2006

countries. This year’s seminar featured ex-post evaluation case studies based on JBIC’s evaluation system in addition to an introduction on the evaluation systems and methods adopted in JICA, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Government Policy Evaluation Act in Japan. Through this seminar, participants gained an insight into the significance and importance of evaluations and considered ways of improving the evaluation and monitoring system in the organizations the participants belong to. The participants are requested to feedback what they learned in the seminar in their organizations.

FY2006 is the sixth year since this seminar has started, and a total of more than one hundred participants have completed the seminar. Utilizing the human network that has developed through the seminar, JBIC has conducted joint evaluations with Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and India, among others, taking the first step towards the improvement and harmonization of evaluation systems in developing countries. JBIC will continue the seminar as part of efforts to make it possible for developing countries to conduct evaluations on their own, while proceeding with the establishment of an international network for evaluation.

## International Cooperation through the Internship Program in JBIC

Since FY 2004, JBIC has been adopted internship program for partnership universities’ graduate students having strong interest in international cooperation and ODA to deepen their understanding of ODA through practical on the job training at the frontline of ODA loan projects.

We have welcomed Ms. Mizuno from Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University from August 1st to 29th, 2006 at Development Assistance Operations Evaluation Office. She learned about development assistance operations evaluation through on the job training such as assistance for operations in the office and project site survey in Pakistan. The column in the right is Ms. Mizuno’s impressions through the internship program.

During the visit to Pakistan, she joined the feedback meeting of ex-post evaluation result of Telecommunications Network Expansion Project (see p. 80) and Kohat Tunnel Construction Project (see p. 81) with executing agencies and organizations concerned and visited project sites.

### Experiences through the Internship Program

The internship at JBIC was both informative and enjoyable. More specifically, meeting JBIC personnel, assisting operations in the office and visiting Pakistan were the three highlights of the experience. Discussing the matters of international cooperation with JBIC personnel who are having a wide range of experience provided me the opportunities to broaden my perspectives. Assistance of operation in the office was valuable experience for me since I could deepen my understanding for evaluation including JBIC’s evaluation system and gained overview of several projects. The visit to Pakistan also taught me how much can be learned from visiting the project site.



Ms. Mizuno (at JBIC Tokyo office)

There are so much information that cannot be gleaned simply by reading through project data in Tokyo, and I brought home the importance of such missions. As you see, this internship was journey of discovery and learning and proved to be an invaluable experience for me.