## Support for Evaluation Capacity Development

For effective and efficient implementation of ODA loan projects, it is essential for developing countries to assume the main role in evaluation and monitoring. As such, JBIC is actively assisting developing countries in improving their evaluation and monitoring capacity.

## "Seminar on Evaluation of Japanese ODA Loan Projects" in Cooperation with JICA

Since FY2001, JBIC has been holding the "Seminar on Evaluation of Japanese ODA Loan Projects" in cooperation with JICA, targeted at staff in charge of development projects in the recipient countries.

At the seminar in FY2007, in addition to the ex-post evaluation case study based on JBIC's evaluation system, the seminar invited lecturers from universities as well as aid organizations such as JICA and the Asia Development Bank to introduce their evaluation systems and methods. The seminar also invited representatives from developing countries with experience in joint evaluations to present case studies, followed by a lively discussion with the trainees. Through these activities, the trainees not only gained knowledge but also learned the importance of evaluation and engaged in an active discussion. The trainees will share what they have learned with their colleagues to improve evaluation and monitoring systems in their respective countries.

This seminar marked the seventh occasion since FY2001. Utilizing the network built up through these seminars, JBIC has conducted joint evaluations in six countries in efforts to promote improvement and harmonization of evaluation systems in developing countries. To promote the establishment of an international network for evaluation and to enable developing countries to conduct evaluations on their own, JBIC will continue to support developing countries to improve their evaluation capacity.



ODA Loan Project Evaluation Seminars (above and below)

## Workshop on Evaluation of Japanese ODA Loan Projects in Egypt

Following the seminar above, a specific seminar was designed and held for the Egyptian government at their request in FY2007, "to increase knowledge and motivation in project evaluation." At the workshop, JBIC's evaluation system and specific case studies were presented. Their desire to share the knowledge gained at the workshop with their colleagues, and their consideration in applying the methods to their own projects was evident. It is expected that the evaluation and monitoring capacity of the country will continue to grow in the future.



Evaluation seminar in Egypt

## Contribution to the Sri Lanka Evaluation Association (SLEvA)

JBIC has also been actively involved in meetings of evaluation societies in various developing countries.

In March 2007, an international conference was held by the Sri Lanka Evaluation Association and the South Asia Evaluation Network was launched. JBIC welcomed this initiative and gave a presentation about its experience on joint evaluation with the partner countries. There were more than 120 participants in attendance including ministers and high-level government officials, the governor of the Central Bank, representatives of main donors, as well as of other countries, and people involved in evaluation. JBIC was praised for its evaluation system and appreciation for Japan's support was expressed by the chair and participants.