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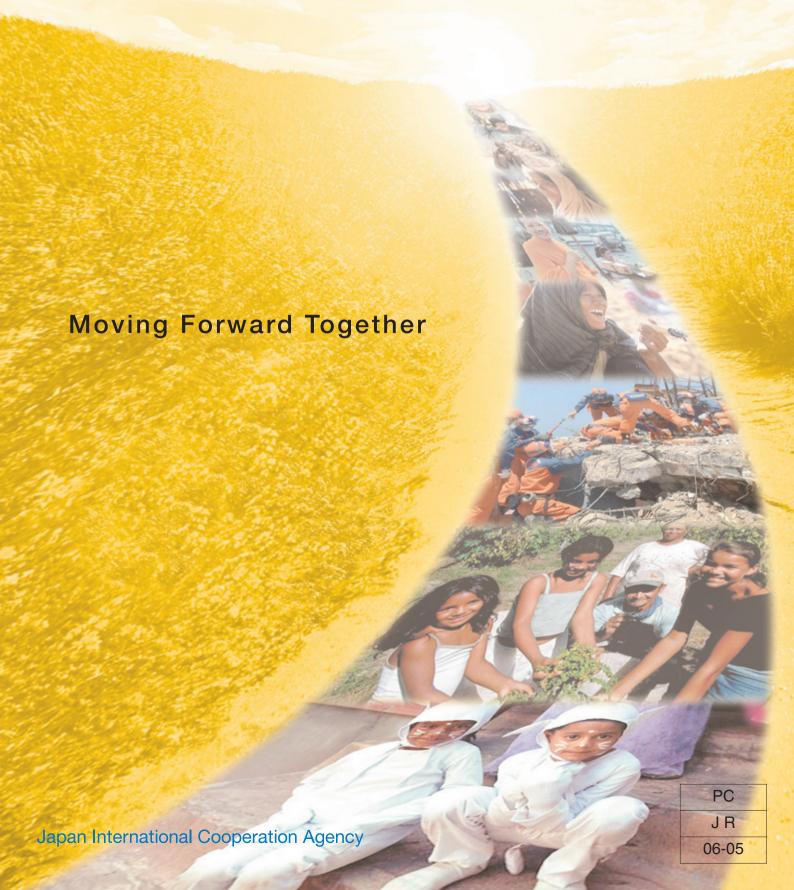J R
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Preface

It has been more than two years since Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) embarked on a new path as an independent administrative institution in October 2003. As the leading implementing organization of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA), JICA has been undertaking organizational and operational reforms based on three initiatives: (1) a field based management, (2) human security, and (3) effectiveness, efficiency and speed. JICA is determined to respond to the expectations of the people of Japan and provide cooperation that truly contributes to socioeconomic development and peace-building in the developing world.

Evaluation is an important tool for carrying out more effective and efficient projects with the understanding and support of the people of Japan. Under this recognition, JICA, in line with the reforms mentioned above, has been working on expanding and enhancing evaluation, promoting the use of evaluation results (feedback) for project improvement, and improving the disclosure system of its evaluation results.

The 2005 Annual Evaluation Report presents JICA's project evaluation activities and its efforts for expanding and enhancing evaluation and contains specific cases to show how evaluation results are fed back.

Regarding the disclosure of evaluation results, in fiscal 2003, JICA launched a system to promptly disclose all the evaluation results of individual projects through its website. In addition, the Annual Evaluation Report, a medium that provides comprehensive information, presents the overview of individual evaluation results and comprehensive results of thematic evaluations, reporting whether JICA projects as a whole are carried out effectively and efficiently.

As an overview of individual evaluation results the report of this fiscal year provides the results of the secondary evaluation conducted by the Advisory Committee on Evaluation, just as it did last year. The secondary evaluation targets the terminal evaluations of individual projects which are conducted as internal evaluations by JICA. Under the secondary evaluation, the quality of evaluations is examined and evaluation results are validated from a third-party perspective.

As comprehensive evaluation results, the report provides summaries of thematic evaluation results. The thematic evaluations deal with such themes as cooperation that surely reaches the people, cooperation with greater impact, and effective implementation of post-conflict assistance, all of which JICA has been working on under the concept of human security. One example included is the evaluation results of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer Program, which is JICA's representative participatory program.

I would be very pleased if this report serves to promote deeper understanding of JICA's projects and generate further support from its readers.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the many persons and organizations who contributed to this undertaking, including the external advisors who offered their help in compiling this report.

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