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Preface

Three years have passed 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 public understanding and support. Under this recognition, JICA, as part of 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.

With the presentation of a whole picture of evaluation activities and an overview of individual evaluation results, the Annual Evaluation Report aims to provide comprehensive information in an understandable manner as to whether JICA projects as a whole are carried out effectively and efficiently. JICA promptly discloses the evaluation results of individual projects through its website.

The report for this fiscal year presents the results of the evaluation on the approach for community-centered development from the perspective of assistance that directly reaches people and the evaluation under the theme of economic partnership in relation to capacity development. It also introduces the results of comprehensive analyses on ex-post evaluations on individual projects and specific cases to show how recommendations and lessons learned are fed back.

This year, as in the previous three years, the Advisory Committee on Evaluation kindly agreed to conduct secondary evaluation on the terminal evaluations implemented by JICA. As a new attempt, field studies were carried out by the members of the committee this time. Many valuable recommendations were put forward as to how projects and evaluations can be improved and JICA takes these recommendations seriously and is determined to make improvements.

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

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