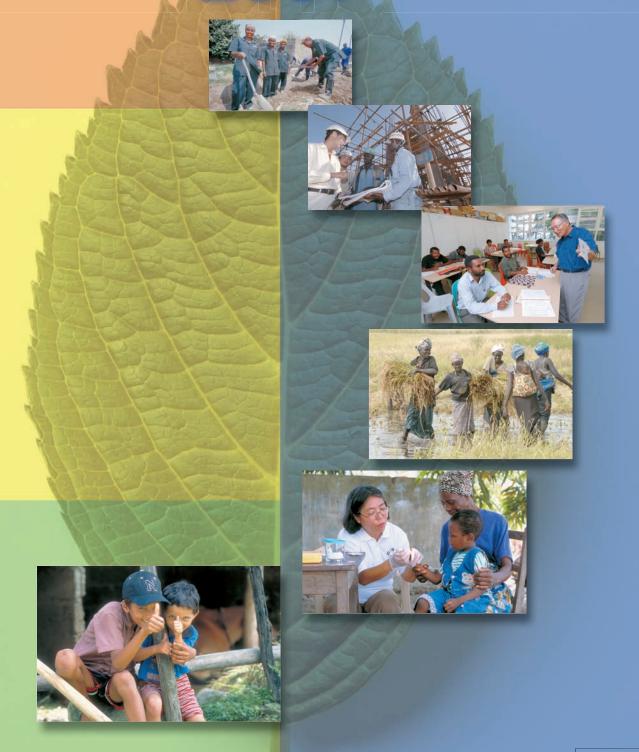
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Preface

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which became an independent administrative institution in October 2003, has been carrying out cooperation projects based on three initiatives of "field based management," "human security," and "effectiveness, efficiency and speed" in response to the expectations of the Japanese people, and in an effort of contibuting socioeconomic development and peace building of developing countries. In October 2008, the new JICA will be launched as one of the world's largest bilateral aid agencies in taking over the following modalities comprehensively: technical cooperation it has been implementing, a major portion of grant aid, and loan assistance that has been conducted by Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC).

Evaluation is an important means of carrying out more effective and efficient projects with public understanding and support. JICA has been working on expanding and enhancing project 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 fiscal 2007 presents the results of JICA's program evaluation aimed at achieving higher cooperation effects by strategically combining inputs, as well as the results of thematic evaluation on capacity development of local administrations, which is an important element in decentralization. It also introduces specific cases to show how recommendations and lessons learned are fed back. The Advisory Committee on Evaluation kindly agreed to conduct secondary evaluation on the terminal evaluations implemented by JICA. As a new attempt, the projects were rated based on evaluation results this time. Many valuable recommendations were put forward as to the way projects and project evaluations should be. JICA takes these recommendations seriously and intends to advance efforts for further improvement.

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 a number of persons and organizations who contributed to this undertaking, including the external advisors who offered their help in compiling this report.

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