



PREFACE

In October 2008, JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Operations of JBIC (Japan Bank for International Cooperation) were merged. The New JICA now operates as an integrated aid organization to manage all three schemes of assistance - technical cooperation, concessionary loans (Japanese ODA Loans) and about 60% of grant aid.

We are also embracing a new vision, “Inclusive and Dynamic Development”. To make this vision a reality, we have adopted the following four missions: (1) addressing the global agenda, including climate change, water security and food supplies, infectious diseases, and economic crises; (2) reducing poverty through equitable growth; (3) improving governance of developing country; and (4) achieving human security.

JICA conducts its project evaluation based on two objectives, continuous improvement (understanding the projects’ results objectively and using them to make future projects more effective and efficient), and accountability to the general public.

This “Annual Evaluation Report 2008” is the first evaluation report published after the merger. We, both JICA and former JBIC, have prepared this report before the merger, bearing consistency and togetherness in mind, and made it as compact and readable as possible.

Following this merger, JICA aims to continuously improve and enhance its evaluation system, to achieve a more results-oriented evaluation. This process also includes developing an evaluation system on a program level where several projects of different assistance forms (Technical Cooperation, ODA Loan, and Grant Aid) are combined, applying a rating scale on evaluation results, and raising objectiveness by enhancing external evaluations.

I would be very pleased if this report serves to promote a deeper understanding of JICA’s operations.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Advisory Committee of Evaluation and all who have contributed towards the work of this report.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Sadako Ogata". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.