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Project evaluation is a key component of JICA's overall development strategy, particularly in an era of increasingly complex operational and full public disclosure requirements.

In a 2008 major restructuring of Japan's Official Development Assistance 'new' JICA for the first time became responsible for implementing the three major components of ODA: technical cooperation, ODA loans and grant aid.

In this more exacting development environment it has become increasingly important to evaluate and accurately assess the impact and effectiveness of the organization's projects which have been undertaken in 147 countries and regions.

Such evaluations provide invaluable 'lessons learned', recommendations for improving future projects and by making such reports more accessible to key stakeholders such as the general public will help ensure their fuller understanding and support.

I trust this Annual Evaluation Report 2010, highlighting ex-post evaluations conducted by external evaluators, will provide a clear understanding of JICA's aims and activities and ensure your continued support and encouragement.

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Sadako Ogata, President  
Japan International Cooperation Agency

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sadako Ogata".