

# Preface

1. The employment of consultants and procurement of goods and services under projects financed by ODA Loans from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) is carried out in accordance with the general principles and procedures laid down in the Guidelines for the Employment of Consultants under JBIC ODA Loans (hereinafter called Consultant Guidelines) and the Guidelines for Procurement under JBIC ODA Loans (hereinafter called Procurement Guidelines) respectively.
2. Problems concerning the employment of consultants and procurement of goods and services have been one of the most apparent impediments for smooth project implementation under JBIC ODA Loans.
3. This handbook has been prepared to give the Borrowers of JBIC ODA Loans (In this handbook, the term “the Borrower” also refers to the Executing Agency of the project) a better understanding for application and interpretation of the general principles and procedures stipulated in Consultant Guidelines and Procurement Guidelines. The handbook contains every section of the two Guidelines, which is supplemented by notes explaining application and interpretation of each section.
4. Due attention should be given to the fact that this handbook is NOT an authoritative source of JBIC policy regarding procurement of ODA Loans. The only official and authoritative sources are Procurement Guidelines and Consultant Guidelines. JBIC, however, hopes that the notes provided in this handbook will help the Borrowers to promptly execute the procurement procedures and will lead to successful implementation of projects financed by JBIC ODA Loans.

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