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The history of JICA’s cooperation in Indonesia (from 1954)
1954 Indonesian trainees are accepted for training in Japan
1957 Dispatch of Japanese experts to Indonesia begins
1958 Cooperation based on war reparations begins
1961 The Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) is established, inheriting the operations of the Southeast Asia Development Cooperation Fund (SADCF)
1962 The Overseas Technical Cooperation Agency (OTCA) is established
1968 OECF’s Indonesia office opens and first ODA loans are provided to Indonesia
1969 OTCA’s Indonesia office opens
1974 The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is established, inheriting the operations of OTCA
1976 Grant aid assistance starts
1988 Dispatch of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) begins
1999 OECF and the Export-Import Bank of Japan are merged to form the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)
2008 New JICA is launched by merging JICA with JBIC’s Overseas Economic Cooperation Operations and a portion of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ grant aid cooperation

JICA
The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is the organization in charge of implementing Japan’s Official Development Assistance (ODA). JICA has representative offices in more than 70 countries and is implementing activities in over 150 countries. JICA has merged with the Overseas Economic Cooperation Operations of Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and received a part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ Grant Aid cooperation scheme on October 1, 2008. This gave JICA the ability to provide assistance more effectively and efficiently through comprehensive development assistance, using all of Japan’s aid schemes, namely technical cooperation, loan assistance, and grant aid.

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