

History of JICA (1947-2008)

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47	10	The Emigration Association is established.	79	4	Technical cooperation for China starts.	98	6	Community Empowerment Program starts.
50	12	● The Export Bank of Japan is established.	12	12	Assistance for medical care starts as a measure for Thai and Cambodian refugees.	98	1	Open recruitment for experts to be dispatched
51	9	● San Francisco Peace Treaty, the US-Japan Security Treaty						● ODA Council final report is announced.
52	4	● The Export Bank of Japan changes its name to the Export-Import Bank of Japan. Joins International Monetary Fund (IMF) and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).	80	1	Keisuke Arita is inaugurated as president.	99	10	● The second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II)
54	4	The Japan Asian Association is established. Acceptance of technical training participants starts.	81	1	● The government sets up a new (second) mid-term objective for its plan to double ODA in five years.	99	8	Partnership Program starts. First team of ODA monitors leaves for Laos and the Philippines.
	10	● Joins the Colombo Plan.	82	3	Japan Medical Team for Disaster Relief (JMTDR) is formed.		10	● The Medium-term Policy on ODA is formulated.
55	4	The Japan Asian Association starts dispatch of experts.	83	4	ASEAN human resources center starts cooperation programs.	00	1	Structural reforms
55	9	Japan Emigration Promotion, Co., Ltd. is established.	83	2	● Joins African Development Bank (AfDB).	00	7	● The Summit Conference of the Leading Industrialized Nations (Kyushu and Okinawa)
56	12	● Joins the United Nations.						● Brandt Report "Current conditions of the world economies and the North-South problem"
57	4	Pre-investment survey starts.	10	10	Institute for International Cooperation opens, senior advisors system is established.		8	Information Disclosure Management Division is established. Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resources Development Scholarship starts.
58	2	● Starts yen loans (for India).	84	1	● Japan Overseas Cooperative Association is established.		9	Kunihiko Saito is inaugurated as president.
	4	Technical cooperation for Middle East, Africa and Latin America starts. Participates in the Mekong River Basin Development Plan.	85	4	Youth Invitation Program starts.	01	5	● UN Millennium Summit
59	4	● Overseas Technical Cooperation Center Program starts.	86	9	● The third ODA mid-term objective is set up.	01	9	● The second ODA Council, first meeting
			87	4	Japan Disaster Relief Team is formed. The first country study committee (Philippines) is formed.	02	9	Tatsuo Kawakami is inaugurated as president.
60	3	● Development Aid Group (DAG) is established and Japan joins.	87	9	● Law concerning Japan Disaster Relief Team is enacted.	02	12	● Japan's administrative reform plan
	12	● Joins the International Development Association (IDA; the second World Bank).	88	1	Kensuke Yanagiya is inaugurated as president.	03	1	● The International Conference on Reconstruction Assistance to Afghanistan
61	3	● The Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan (OECF) is established.	88	4	Dispatch of experts from private sector and aid efficiency promotion program start.	03	3	● The second ODA Council, final report
	9	● Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is established. DAG changes its name to Development Assistance Committee (DAC).	89	6	The first Sectoral Study Group on Development Assistance (environment) is formed.	03	6	● Grant aid for Japanese NGO
62	6	Overseas Technical Cooperation Agency (OTCA) is established.	89	4	● The fourth ODA mid-term objective is set up.	04	2	JICA Partnership Program starts.
63	7	Japan Emigration Service is established.				04	8	● Revision of Japan's ODA Charter (New ODA Charter)
64	4	Provision of equipment starts.				04	9	● The third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III)
	11	● African Development Bank (AfDB) is established.	90	10	Technical cooperation for Eastern Europe starts.		10	Japan International Cooperation Agency changes from a special public institution to an independent administrative institution. Sadako Ogata is inaugurated as president and announces JICA Mission Statement.
65	12	Dispatch of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers starts.	90	11	Environmental guidelines		3	President Ogata announces New JICA Reform Plan.
66	4	Cooperation for medical care and science education starts.	91	12	● Japan's ODA results are highest of all DAC countries.		4	JICA organizational reform
	11	● Asian Development Bank (ADB) is established.	92	4	Dispatch of senior experts starts.		4	Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations
67	7	Cooperation for agriculture and development technical cooperation starts.	90	7	● Repayment of loans from the World Bank is completed.	05	9-10	6 Regional Support Offices are opened.
	8	● Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) is established.	91	10	Associate specialists system starts.		10	Symposium to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Japan's ODA
68	7	● Food aid (KR) starts.	91	12	Environmental consideration guidelines		12	JDR team is dispatched to the Great Sumatra Earthquake and Indian Ocean Tsunami Disaster.
69	3	● General grant aid starts.	92	1	Evaluation guidelines		1	● UN World Conference on Disaster Reduction (Kobe)
70	4	Research cooperation starts.	92	2	Alumni Association for former experts is formed.		3	President Ogata announces Phase II of JICA Reform Plan.
71	4	Technical training for children of emigrants starts.	93	2	Technical cooperation for Central Asia starts.		4	A field based approach to projects is officially introduced at 30 overseas offices. A system to streamline operations is launched. An action plan for an equitable work-life balance is formulated.
72	4	Technical cooperation for Oceania starts.					7	Fast Track System for projects is introduced.
73	4	● Disaster Relief Program starts.					10	JDR team is dispatched to the Pakistan Earthquake Disaster. JOCV marks its 40th anniversary.
74	8	Japan International Cooperation Agency is established. Shinsaku Hogen is inaugurated as president. International Cooperation Program (development investment and financing) and Human Resources Development Program start.	93	6	● Japan's ODA Charter is adopted at the Cabinet meeting.	06	3	Hachioji International Center is closed.
							4	Global Plaza at JICA Hiroo opens.
75	3	Third-country training starts (Thai sericulture research and training center).					6	Strategic measures for citizen participation, etc., are discussed at the meeting of director generals of domestic offices.
	7	● Ministerial meeting for economic cooperation is organized.	94	6	Local in-country training starts.		11	The president holds a press conference in response to the passage of the Revised JICA Law.
76	4	● The Supporting Organization of JOCV is established.	95	7	Japan-US Common Agenda is announced.	07	3	Dispatch of JOCV to Peru is resumed.
	7	● Joins the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).					4	Start of the donation system "JICA Donation Fund for the People of the World."
77	3	● International Cooperation Service Center (ICSC) is established.					5	Ceremony held to mark the conclusion of the JICA cooperation volunteers project in Poland
	4	● Aid for Increased Food Production (2KR) starts.	96	10	● The first Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD)		5	JICA office closed for the first time due to conclusion of project.
	5	● The government announces its plan to double ODA in five years.					7	Number of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)/Senior Volunteers exceeds 30,000 people
78	4	Promotion of Implementing Grant Aid Projects starts. Industrial Development Cooperation Program starts.	97	3	Task force for operational and organizational reforms		8	Number of visitors to Global Plaza exceeds 100,000 people
	7	● The government pledges to double ODA in					9	20th anniversary of the formal inauguration of the International Disaster Relief Team
							10	JICA president Sadako Ogata is re-appointed for her second term
								● Council on ODA Reforms for the 21st Century is held.