

# International Cooperation Movements in FY2007

World Events	Events in Japan	JICA's Movements
<b>2007</b>		
<p><b>April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earthquake of magnitude 8.1 in Solomon Islands (2nd).</li> <li>Shooting rampage at Virginia Tech in the United States (16th).</li> </ul> <p><b>May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severe rainfall in Uruguay (4th).</li> <li>Cyclone in Myanmar (14th).</li> <li>African Development Bank annual meetings held in Shanghai, the first time in Asia (16th-17th).</li> <li>José Ramos Horta elected president of Timor-Leste in runoff presidential election (20th).</li> </ul> <p><b>June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G8 Heiligendamm Summit (6th-8th).</li> <li>Palestinian Hamas gains control of the Gaza Strip (14th).</li> <li>Prime Minister Tony Blair of the UK resigns and is succeeded by Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown (27th).</li> </ul> <p><b>July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robert B. Zoellick inaugurated as president of the World Bank.</li> <li>Gun battle between religious school and army and storming of mosque in Islamabad, Pakistan (10th).</li> <li>Sub-prime loan problem in the United States begins to unfold.</li> <li>Twenty-three Korean volunteers kidnapped in southern Afghanistan (17th).</li> <li>UN Security Council decides to send UN-AU joint force to the Sudan/Darfur region (31st).</li> </ul> <p><b>August</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earthquake along the Pacific coast of Peru (15th).</li> <li>Disaster in Jamaica caused by Hurricane Dean (19th).</li> <li>Rioting in Timor-Leste.</li> </ul> <p><b>September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disaster in Nicaragua caused by Hurricane Felix (4th).</li> <li>Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) withdraws from government (18th).</li> <li>High-level UN meeting held on climate change (24th).</li> <li>Japanese journalist Kenji Nagai dies during a demonstration triggered by rising fuel costs in Myanmar (27th).</li> </ul> <p><b>October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Korea and South Korea hold first Inter-Korean Summit in seven years (2nd).</li> <li>Pervez Musharraf reelected in a Pakistani presidential election (6th).</li> <li>A Yokohama National University student is kidnapped in Iran (7th).</li> <li>Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) win the Nobel Peace Prize (12th).</li> <li>World Bank and IMF annual meetings held (21-22).</li> </ul> <p><b>November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State of emergency declared in Pakistan (3rd).</li> <li>Flooding due to heavy rain in Papua New Guinea (12).</li> <li>Large-scale disaster caused by a cyclone in Bangladesh (15th-16th).</li> <li>ASEAN Charter adopted (20th).</li> <li>East Asia Summit, held in Singapore, adopts a special declaration (21st).</li> </ul> <p><b>December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Bali (8th-14th).</li> <li>Terrorist assassination of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan (27th).</li> <li>Rioting in Kenya over the result of the presidential election (30th).</li> </ul>	<p><b>April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan's 2006 ODA performance passed by the UK and drops to 3rd place for the first time in 24 years.</li> <li>Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki of Iraq visits Japan (8th).</li> <li>Premier Wen Jiabao of the People's Republic of China visits Japan (11th).</li> <li>Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visits the United States (26th-May 3rd), Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, Qatar, and Egypt.</li> <li>Foreign Minister Taro Aso visits the United States, Russia, and Egypt, and attends an International Ministerial Conference on the security of Iraq in Egypt (28th-May 6th).</li> </ul> <p><b>May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>40th annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank held in Tokyo (4th-7th).</li> <li>Bill on a national referendum passes (14th).</li> <li>House of Councilors' ODA Special Committee decides the role of Japan's international aid and other matters in the run-up to the G8 Summit and TICAD IV (16th).</li> <li>President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Philippines visits Japan (22nd).</li> </ul> <p><b>June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prime Minister Shinzo Abe attends the G8 Heiligendamm Summit (6th-8th).</li> <li>Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia visits Japan (13th).</li> </ul> <p><b>July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Crown Prince visits Mongolia (10th-26th).</li> <li>Reversal of majority and minority parties in the House of Councilors when the majority party is defeated in the election (29th).</li> <li>Foreign Minister Taro Aso attends ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in the Philippines (30th-August 2nd).</li> </ul> <p><b>August</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Bank President Robert B. Zoellick visits Japan (8th).</li> <li>Foreign Minister Taro Aso visits countries in the Middle East and Latin America and announces ¥2.4 billion in aid to Palestine (12th-24th).</li> <li>Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visits Indonesia, India, and Malaysia (19th-25th).</li> </ul> <p><b>September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Michelle Bachelet of Chile visits Japan (2nd).</li> <li>Prime Minister Shinzo Abe resigns (12th).</li> <li>The Fukuda Administration launched (25th).</li> <li>Foreign Minister Masahiko Kōmura visits the United States and attends the 62nd UN General Assembly (26th-30th).</li> </ul> <p><b>October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan Post privatized (1st).</li> <li>Global Festa Japan 2007 held (6th-7th).</li> </ul> <p><b>November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counter-terrorism Act expires (1st).</li> <li>Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda visits the United States (15th-17th).</li> <li>The Government of Japan resumes bilateral cooperation with Liberia (two training participants visit Japan).</li> <li>Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda attends the East Asia Summit (20th-21st).</li> </ul> <p><b>December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit held in Beppu, Oita Prefecture (3rd-4th).</li> <li>President Mahinda Rajapaksa of Sri Lanka visits Japan (8th).</li> <li>Reorganization and Rationalization Plan for Independent Administrative Institutions approved by the Cabinet (24th).</li> <li>Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda visits the People's Republic of China (27th-30th).</li> </ul>	<p><b>April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JICA Fund for the People of the World, a donation scheme, started.</li> <li>Disaster Reduction Learning Center established jointly with Hyogo Prefecture (1st).</li> <li>Youth Invitation Program reorganized as Training Programme for Young Leaders.</li> <li>Field office opened in Bujumbura, Burundi (1st).</li> <li>Emergency relief aid supplies provided for an earthquake and tsunami in the Solomon Islands (8th).</li> <li>Field office opened in Mindanao, the Philippines (15th), and aid for Mindanao begun in earnest.</li> <li>Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, visits the United States, Paraguay, and Brazil (17th-27th).</li> <li>Solomon Islands Earthquake and Tsunami Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Aid Project Formation Team dispatched (18th).</li> </ul> <p><b>May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency relief aid supplies provided for severe rain damage in Uruguay (12th).</li> <li>JICA/JOCV programs concluded in Poland and commemorative ceremony held (20th).</li> <li>President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Philippines holds talks with Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, while visiting Japan (23rd).</li> <li>Date for the establishment of the New JICA (October 1, 2008) set following enactment of the Japan Finance Corporation Law (25th).</li> </ul> <p><b>June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer Program participants top 30,000 (1st).</li> <li>Seminar "Integrating Conflict Prevention in the Agenda for Poverty Reduction and Aid Priorities" held (1st).</li> <li>Emergency relief aid supplies provided for a cyclone disaster in Myanmar (5th).</li> </ul> <p><b>July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Crown Prince attends the fifth anniversary ceremony of the Mongolia-Japan Center (16th).</li> <li>Sudan Resident Office opens (25th).</li> <li>Emergency relief aid supplies provided for severe rain in central and eastern Sudan (29th).</li> </ul> <p><b>August</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Democratic Republic of the Congo Resident Office opens (1st).</li> <li>Robert B. Zoellick, president of the World Bank, holds talks with Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, while visiting Japan (9th).</li> <li>Visitors to the JICA Global Plaza top 100,000.</li> <li>Emergency relief aid supplies provided for an earthquake disaster in Peru (20th).</li> <li>Emergency relief aid supplies provided for a hurricane disaster in Jamaica (27th).</li> </ul> <p><b>September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Michelle Bachelet of Chile holds talks with Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, while visiting Japan (4th).</li> <li>Atul Khare, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT), holds talks with Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, while visiting Japan (6th).</li> <li>Emergency relief aid supplies provided for a hurricane disaster in Nicaragua (9th).</li> <li>20th anniversary of the official launch of the Japan Disaster Relief Team (16th).</li> <li>Commemorative symposium held for the surpassing of 30,000 participants by JOCV (24th).</li> </ul> <p><b>October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sadako Ogata reappointed as president of JICA (1st).</li> <li>Emergency relief aid supplies provided for severe rain in Uganda (3rd).</li> <li>First joint candidate training for Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and Senior Volunteers.</li> <li>Karen Koning Abuzayd, Commissioner General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) holds talks with Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, while visiting Japan (5th).</li> <li>Josette Sheeran, Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), holds talks with Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, while visiting Japan (12th).</li> </ul> <p><b>November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency relief aid supplies provided for severe rain in the Dominican Republic (2nd).</li> <li>Emergency relief aid supplies provided for severe rain in Mexico (13th).</li> <li>Ceremony held for the conclusion of JICA programs in Hungary (13th).</li> <li>Emergency relief aid supplies provided for a cyclone disaster in Bangladesh (20th).</li> <li>Aid for Liberia resumed after 17 years; training participants come to Japan (20th).</li> <li>President Nguyen Minh Triet of Viet Nam holds talks with Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, while visiting Japan (26th).</li> <li>Emergency relief aid supplies provided for flooding damage in Papua New Guinea (27th).</li> </ul> <p><b>December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, visits Afghanistan (11th-15th).</li> <li>Expert team of the Japan Disaster Relief Team dispatched to an oil spill accident site in the Republic of Korea (15th).</li> <li>Shin Jang-Bum, president of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), holds talks with Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, while visiting Japan (20th).</li> </ul>
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<p><b>January</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Former President of Indonesia Suharto passes away (27th).</li> <li>Poisoned Chinese-made frozen gyoza (dumplings) incident exposed, and announcements made by the Hyogo and Chiba prefectural police departments (30th).</li> </ul> <p><b>February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kosovo declares independence from Serbia (17th).</li> </ul> <p><b>March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rioting in Lhasa in the Tibet Autonomous Region in the People's Republic of China (14th).</li> </ul>	<p><b>January</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreign Minister Masahiko Kōmura visits Tanzania (3rd-7th).</li> <li>The ODA budget totals in the 2008 General Account Budget are announced (18th).</li> <li>Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda visits Switzerland and attends the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (the Davos Forum) (25th-27th).</li> </ul> <p><b>February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreign Minister Masahiko Kōmura attends the 44th Munich Security Conference (9th-11th).</li> <li>Meeting of G8 Health Experts Group held (14th-15th).</li> <li>Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda visits the Republic of Korea (24th-25th).</li> <li>Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel visits Japan (25th).</li> </ul> <p><b>March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Alan García of Peru visits Japan (16th).</li> <li>Japan Carbon Investors Forum 2008 held (19th).</li> <li>Second Seminar on National Reconciliation in Iraq held in Tokyo and Hiroshima (20th-28th).</li> </ul>	<p><b>January</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency relief aid supplies provided for severe rain in Bolivia (30th).</li> <li>Resident offices in Hungary and Poland closed (31st).</li> </ul> <p><b>February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency relief aid supplies provided for heavy snow damage in Afghanistan (6th).</li> <li>Prime Minister Sali Berisha of Albania holds talks with Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, while visiting Japan (7th).</li> <li>Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, visits Sudan and Ethiopia (15th-22nd).</li> <li>Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel holds talks with Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, while visiting Japan (27th).</li> </ul> <p><b>March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, visits Israel, Palestine, and Syria (5th-13th).</li> <li>UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Sadako Ogata, president of JICA, holds talks in the United States (18th).</li> </ul>