History of JICA

The former Japan International Cooperation Agency

- **January 1954**
  The Federation of Japan Overseas Associations is established.

- **April 1954**
  The Japan Asian Association is established.

- **September 1955**
  Japan Emigration Promotion, Co., Ltd. is established.

- **June 1962**
  Overseas Technical Cooperation Agency (OTCA) is established.

- **July 1963**
  Japan Emigration Service (JEMIS) is established.

- **April 1965**
  Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) Office is established by OTCA.

- **May 1974**
  The Japan International Cooperation Agency Law is enacted.

- **August 1974**
  The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is established.

- **December 1974**
  The Statement of Operation Procedures is implemented.

- **April 1978**
  The JICA Law is revised (promotion of Grant Aid operations is added).

- **October 1983**
  Institute for International Cooperation is established.

- **April 1986**
  Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) Team is established.

- **November 1989**
  Environmental Consideration Guidelines are announced.

- **May 1991**
  OECF Policy for Consideration of Women in Development (WID) is published.

- **April 1992**
  Special Assistance for Project Implementation (SAPI) is commenced.

- **March 1995**
  Cabinet decides to merge JEXIM and OECF.

- **April 1996**
  Special Assistance for Development Policy and Projects (SADEP) is commenced.

- **April 1999**
  The Japan Bank for International Cooperation Law is promulgated.

- **September 1999**
  Cabinet Order related to the execution of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation Law is promulgated.
  Ministerial Ordinance related to the execution of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation Law is published on the official register.

- **October 1999**
  Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) is established.

- **December 1999**
  Medium-Term Strategy for Overseas Economic Cooperation Operations (October 1, 1999–March 31, 2002) is launched.

- **April 2001**
  Ex-Ante Project Evaluation for ODA loan operations are launched.

- **September 2001**
  Japanese GAAP-Based Financial Statements and Statement of Administrative Cost Calculation are made public.

- **October 2001**
  First Fiscal Investment and Loan Program (FILP) agency bonds are issued.

The former Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund and the former Japan Bank for International Cooperation

- **December 1960**
  The Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund Law is promulgated.

- **March 1961**
  Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) is established to take over management of the Southeast Asia Development Cooperation Fund from the Export-Import Bank of Japan (JEXIM). Capital of approximately ¥5,444 million is received from the government, establishing OECF.

- **March 1961**
  The Statement of Operation Procedures is approved allowing operations to commence.

- **March 1966**
  First OECF ODA loan (to the Republic of Korea) is provided.

- **May 1968**
  The OECF Law is revised (commodity loan facility is added).

- **March 1990**
  First government-guaranteed OECF bond is issued.

- **April 1988**
  Special Assistance for Project Formulation (SAPROF) is commenced.

- **November 1989**
  OECF Guidelines for Environmental Considerations is announced.

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“JBIC Guidelines for Confirmation of Environmental and Social Considerations” are published.

April 2002
The Performance Measurement for Strategic Management is introduced.

October 2002
The Medium-Term Strategy for Overseas Economic Cooperation Operations (April 1, 2002–March 31, 2005) is launched.

December 2002
The Act on Access to Information Held by Independent Administrative Agencies Japan International Cooperation Agency is promulgated.

September 2003
JICA is dissolved as a special public institution.

October 2003
JICA is transformed from a special public institution to an independent administrative agency. The First Mid-term Objectives (October 1, 2003–March 31, 2007) are formulated.

June 2002
The Advisory Committee on Evaluation is established.

October 2002
An information disclosure system is launched.

November 2002
JICA receives ISO 14001 certification.

December 2002
The Law concerning the Independent Administrative Agency Japan International Cooperation Agency is promulgated.

November 2006
A partial revision of the Law concerning the Independent Administrative Agency Japan International Cooperation Agency is promulgated.

October 2008
Operations of ODA loans previously managed by the former JBIC (Overseas Economic Cooperation Operations) and a portion of the Grant Aid provided by Japan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) are succeeded by JICA. However, MOFA remains responsible for directly providing Grant Aid in conjunction with the execution of diplomatic policies.

October 2008
The Second Mid-term Objectives are modified.

March 2004
The Medium-Term Operations Strategy based on the Performance Measurement for Strategic Management (applicable from April 1, 2005 onward) is formulated.

April 2005
The New Medium-Term Strategy for Overseas Economic Cooperation Operations (April 1, 2005–March 31, 2008) is launched.

May 2005
The cumulative number of countries to have received ODA loans reaches 100.

May 2006
The Act on Promotion of Administrative Reform for Realization of Small and Efficient Government is passed by the Japanese Diet.

March 2008
The period for implementation of policy on Medium-Term Strategy for Overseas Economic Cooperation Operations (April 1, 2005–March 31, 2008) is extended by six months.

April 2006
The Global Plaza at JICA Hiroo, Tokyo is opened.

April 2007
The Second Mid-term Objectives (April 1, 2007–March 31, 2012) are formulated.

April 2007
The JICA Donation Fund for the People of the World, a public donation program, is launched.

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