

HIGHLIGHTS 2010

Key Topics from Fiscal 2010

June 2010-

Contributing to the New Growth Strategy

Promoting Further Partnerships with the Private Sector

In June 2010, the Cabinet approved the New Growth Strategy, which lays out the Japanese government's policy for supporting Japanese companies' entry into developing countries with a view to realizing a strong Japanese economy. Under the New Growth Strategy, JICA is aiming to leverage Japan's expertise and technologies as effective tools for resolving the development issues of developing countries and achieve mutual prosperity for Japan and

these countries. As a new initiative, JICA is carrying out Preparatory Surveys for Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Infrastructure projects as well as Preparatory Surveys for Base of the Pyramid (BOP) Business Promotion.

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Drawing on Lessons Learned from the Great Hanshin Earthquake and Japan's Know-How

In the Wake of the Haiti and Chile Earthquakes, JICA Provides Reconstruction and Disaster Risk Management Cooperation

The earthquakes which hit Haiti in January 2010 and Chile in February 2010 devastated both countries. For Haiti, JICA provided swift and seamless cooperation, including the Urgent Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Support Project based on the findings of the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA), which was conducted with the United Nations, the Inter-American Development Bank and other organizations. JICA also provided trainings in Japan on the reconstruction process. For Chile, JICA implemented a Technical Cooperation project through which JICA experts shared

Japan's experience and knowledge related to Japan's tsunami observation system and technology, among other technologies. Moving forward, JICA will carry out activities, such as joint research with Chile on tsunami disaster countermeasures* and other measures for disaster risk management.

* Consultations with Chile researchers commence from August 2011.

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Chilean researchers and Japanese instructors observing and exchanging views on a large-scale floodgate facility in Numazu Port, Shizuoka Prefecture that makes use of Japan's latest technology.

September 2010

With Five Years Remaining

MDGs Summit: For Achieving the Commitments Made By the International Community

The United Nations (UN) Summit for discussing the initiatives for achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by the 2015 deadline was held in September 2010 in New York, at which UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon underscored that the goals are achievable. Then Prime Minister Naoto Kan announced the Kan Commitment to provide support in the areas of health and education of developing countries. JICA, too, will make utmost efforts to achieve the goals of the international community based on the principle of "human security."

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Vice President Kiyoshi Kodera participated in the side event as a panelist from JICA (far right)

Dissemination of Policy-Oriented Research Findings

JICA Research Institute Contributes to Global Development Aid Agendas

The JICA Research Institute has begun increasingly disseminating its research findings through publications of English-language working papers and policy briefs, English and Japanese books, and a variety of reports. These research findings obtained in collaboration with research institutes and researchers in Japan and overseas were widely disseminated through the side events of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) Annual Meeting as well as international symposiums and academic conferences.

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January 2011

South Sudan Overcomes Long Fought Conflict and Heads Towards Independence

Assistance for Achieving Peace in the Two Sudans



Trainees learning about auto repair from a Japanese expert at the Juba Multi-Service Training Center in Juba, South Sudan

Six years after the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement was reached, a referendum took place in southern Sudan in January 2011, and people of South Sudan chose independence from the North. In 2006, JICA opened offices in both southern and northern Sudan and has provided assistance for the consolidation of peace and the prevention of conflict recurrence. In the South, JICA's assistance has included assistance for war-affected people through vocational training and livelihood improvement in communities; assistance to meet basic

needs, including health, science and math education, and water supply improvements; and assistance for infrastructure reconstruction, including the rehabilitation of roads and river ports. JICA will continue to provide assistance to South and North Sudan to enable people still suffering from conflict to enjoy the "peace dividend" as much as possible.

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Building New Partnerships

To Increase Development Effectiveness, JICA Strengthens Partnerships with Emerging Countries

With emerging countries having a greater presence in terms of development cooperation, JICA is strengthening its partnerships with these countries, particularly those in Asia. In September 2010, President Ogata visited China and the Republic of Korea. In October, a joint seminar on environmental and social considerations was held among JICA and the development agencies of the Republic of Korea, China and Thailand. Furthermore, in December, JICA held its first regular consultation with the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). In order to maximize development outcomes, JICA will continue to build strong partnerships and hold strategic dialogues with these organizations.

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President Dong Soo Kim of the Export-Import Bank of Korea (left) and President Ogata held their first talks in September 2010.

JICA Carries Out Emergency Relief Operations Overseas and in Japan

Teams Dispatched for Flood Disaster in Pakistan, Great East Japan Earthquake, etc.

In fiscal 2010, long rainfalls and flooding wreaked much havoc, beginning with the flood damage in Pakistan which affected more than 20 million people. JICA's assistance included the dispatch of medical teams and provision of supplies to the country. In the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011, JICA provided logistical support for the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team and the Israeli medical team in Japan.

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A medical team member (pharmacist) of the Japan Disaster Relief Team dispenses medicine to disaster victims. A local woman offered to serve as an interpreter (Pakistan flood damage).

