

JICA's Path for Development Activities

Overall Policy for Development Activities in Fiscal 2013

(1) Assistance Contributing to Economic Growth

- In the Asian economic zone, JICA will cooperate with the Japanese government's "Strategy of Global Outreach," pursuing the development of markets for Japan's exceptional products and technologies in such fields as infrastructure and systems. On the other hand, in Myanmar, JICA will actively invest in resources to develop a more robust market economy.
- In developing countries, including newly emerging countries and new, middle income countries, it will be important to support both economic and social development. In addition to extending assistance for economic growth, such as economic infrastructure investment and institutional development, providing aid to control and mitigate widening disparities is important for the stable and continued growth of society. To that end, JICA will provide assistance for appropriate measures that match the difference in each country's structure. Among others, those measures will include offering equal educational opportunities, correcting disparities between ethnic groups, regions and genders, establishing social insurance systems, ensuring healthcare and vitalizing rural areas.
- In addition to measures to reduce poverty in poor countries and low income countries, JICA will also actively provide assistance with the formation of economic policies for the development of economic infrastructure and private sector, the building of institutions, and other measures based on the recognition that economic growth is indispensable for reducing poverty levels.

(2) Contributing to Peacebuilding and Human Security

- JICA will continue its ongoing assistance for Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and South Sudan. Collaborating with development partners, JICA will press forward with projects involving assistance for Myanmar's minority ethnic groups, consolidation of the peace in the Mindanao region of the Philippines, stabilization of the Sahel region in Africa and measures to deal with poverty in the region and stabilization of the politics and societies of countries in North Africa and the Middle East following the so-called Arab Spring.
- JICA will also extend timely assistance from the perspective of ensuring human security regarding basic issues, such as poverty, starvation, human rights and healthcare and education.

(3) Assistance for Achieving MDGs and for Africa

- For current MDGs, JICA will be emphasizing outcome-oriented assistance mainly for the healthcare and education sector, which has fallen behind in progress. In other sectors, JICA will steadily implement measures to fulfill Japan's commitment. In addition, JICA will actively participate in the

discussion about post-MDGs (from 2015) in the international arena.

- In Africa, JICA will proceed with projects aimed at achieving the MDGs and with TICAD V in mind. In addition to reducing poverty, peacebuilding and other issues, economic growth in the region (doubling incomes) is scheduled to be added to the TICAD discussions. Taking into consideration regional context, JICA will proactively endeavor to support such measures as building economic infrastructure and developing the private sector.

(4) Private Sector Collaboration and Utilizing Japan's Knowledge

- JICA will pursue projects that directly provide assistance to the business activities of private sector companies. Such projects will include overseas investment, public-private partnership (PPP) infrastructure assistance, base of the pyramid (BOP) business, overseas development assistance for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), private sector-proposed Technical Cooperation and private sector collaboration volunteers.
- In conjunction with spreading Japan's knowledge through the mobilization of Technical Cooperation, financial cooperation and other schemes, JICA will implement cooperation that contributes to both the development of developing countries and private sector companies. JICA will do so by fully leveraging the assistance methods of such mechanisms as extending aid for formulating government policies for projects that utilize the previously mentioned schemes, such as establishing legal frameworks, improving the business environment, disaster prevention and climate change measures.
- JICA will provide assistance that demonstrates the knowledge, development experience and other software power accumulated by Japanese industry and public and private sectors.

(5) Contributing to Japan's Strategic Diplomacy

- JICA will work on policy issues that directly influence Japan's strategy diplomacy efforts, such as resource development strategies, reinforcing maritime safety and security capacity and strengthening cybersecurity.
- In the environment and climate change field, JICA will continue to keep an eye on the direction of the joint crediting mechanism/ bilateral offset credit mechanism being considered by the Japanese government. At the same time, JICA will steadily provide developing countries with assistance in utilizing Japan's superior low carbon technology and in strengthening their emissions monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) systems.
- Cooperating with ASEAN, the African Union and other regional organizations, the United Nations and other international institutions, JICA will actively pursue strategic projects that go beyond borders.