



Philippines: a container terminal on Mindanao Island constructed with Japanese support contributes to logistics vitalization of the surrounding areas by increasing cargo volume.

Director General's Message

Aiming at Sustainable Growth, Building Resilience, and Inclusive Development



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In addition to urban and regional development, traffic and transportation, and public infrastructure development in information and communications technology, which form the foundation of every country, JICA's Infrastructure and Peacebuilding Department is also widely involved in cross-cutting issues such as peacebuilding, gender equality, and poverty reduction. Aiming at sustainable growth, building resilience, and inclusive development — development in which everyone benefits — the department is strengthening its comprehensive and strategic approaches.

To contribute to sustainable growth of each country and region, JICA cooperates in the fields that form a foundation for growth, such as urban and regional development, traffic and transportation, and information and communications.

Developing regional-based and cross-country infrastructure is becoming more important than ever in the globalizing world, just as the Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) touched on the significance of regional infrastructure development. JICA conducted a study for Nacala Corridor Economic Development Strategies in Mozambique in 2013, for the purpose of assisting economic development in Southern Africa. In West Africa, a corridor development initiative has commenced to enhance the regional transportation network of the Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS). Not limited to activities in Africa, JICA always focuses on a comprehensive support in line with the Japanese government's Infrastructure Systems Export Strategy, considering activities from master plan formation to operation and maintenance as one process, and also incorporating development of human resources and necessary systems.

In Myanmar, JICA engaged in forming a project for the Urban Development Programme in the Greater Yangon through partnerships with private-sector companies, the result of which was presented in a seminar held for wide

sharing of the experience among parties, including private corporations.

In the transportation field, JICA has supported establishment of a national transportation master plan for Viet Nam. JICA is also working to maximize the results of this initiative by providing a combination of ODA Loan for construction of a passenger terminal building and Technical Cooperation for airport operation for Noi Bai International Airport.

For the disaster caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, JICA has provided support under the slogan "Build Back Better" by dispatching a team of reconstruction specialists from the emergency aid stage, in order to provide seamless assistance for reconstruction.

Peacebuilding initiatives are as important as support for sustainable growth. In 2013, the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro was signed in Mindanao in the Philippines. JICA has been supporting the peacebuilding process since 2002, and continues to contribute to the smooth consolidation of peacebuilding by the new political entity or new autonomous government by making use of JICA's network and experience. For cross-cutting issues of gender equality and poverty reduction, JICA ensures that these concerns are incorporated whenever applicable in its projects, by systematizing opinions of the world community and knowledge obtained through JICA's past activities.