

Latin America and the Caribbean

Supporting Dynamic Development through Japanese Public and Private Technologies

Director General's Message

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Regional Issues

- Improving economic infrastructure and human resources development in the automotive, shipbuilding, and other industries.
- Striving to contribute to resolving the global issues such as climate change by promoting the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency, as well as disaster risk reduction by measures against earthquakes, tsunamis, and floods.
- Promotion of inclusive development, including support for the financial independence of women and for the poor.

Fiscal 2014 Initiatives

- JICA and the Government of Chile signed a memorandum of cooperation to provide a regional hub for human resources development in the area of disaster risk reduction in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- JICA strengthened support for the energy sector in the Caribbean Island States, including ODAgraduate countries.
- JICA also provided direct support for private businesses in the energy sector and conducted surveys on advanced medical care in Mexico and other countries, on demand for logistic infrastructure for grain, and on the development of a superconducting power transmission system in Brazil.

Future Cooperation

- JICA will expand support in medical care, agriculture, infrastructure, energy, and investment promotion sectors in Cuba, and to this end, will conduct the necessary surveys and invite government officials from each sector to Japan. JICA will also establish an office in Cuba.
- JICA will provide support for alleviating urban issues such as urban transportation and water supply, making the best use of Japanese public and private technologies, assisting in areas of high need, such as geothermal development and strengthening disaster risk reduction measures. JICA will also promote business partnerships with Nikkei communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.



With a population of 600 million and roughly 1.6 million people of Japanese descendants, Latin America and the Caribbean is a very important region to Japan in terms of resources, food supply, and mutual cooperation in the international arena. In 2014, Prime Minister Abe announced aid for ODA-graduate countries in the Caribbean during his visit to Latin America and the Caribbean. JICA will now provide cooperation to all 33 countries in the region and actively contribute to the region's stability and prosperity.

Peru: National Emergency Operations Center. The center detects earthquakes and other disasters and issues relevant advice and warnings to all parts of Peru.

Japan provides support for the development of the emergency alert system. (Photo by Kosuke Okahara)