



# Latin America and the Caribbean

Addressing Global Issues and Economic Infrastructure Development That Supports “Quality Growth”



## Director General’s Message

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### Regional Issues

- ➔ Making much-needed efforts to address global issues such as climate change and disaster risk reduction (DRR).
- ➔ Improving all aspects of economic foundations, including infrastructure improvement and human resources development.
- ➔ Supporting an active role for women and their empowerment, and advancing inclusive development.
- ➔ Redoubling efforts to realize a peaceful and secure society.

### Fiscal 2015 Initiatives

- ➔ JICA formulated a project designed to develop an urban monorail system in Panama, and promote renewable energy and energy efficiency in the region.
- ➔ JICA engaged in a study for providing assistance in health care and other sectors in Cuba.
- ➔ JICA reached an agreement on four priority areas of regionwide cooperation in Central America.
- ➔ JICA engaged in human resources development in the area of DRR, education for next-generation *Nikkei* (Japanese emigrants and their descendants), and promotion of business partnerships with *Nikkei* communities.

### Future Cooperation

- ➔ JICA will contribute to efforts to address global issues such as climate change and disaster risk by promoting renewable energy, developing human resources in the area of DRR, and strengthening disaster risk management.
- ➔ JICA will promote “quality infrastructure investment” to support sustainable development as well as efforts to meet growing infrastructure demand.
- ➔ JICA will strengthen collaboration with various development partners such as other international development institutions, private sector entities, universities and *Nikkei* communities.

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A look at  
programs by  
numbers

**\$3 Billion**

In April 2016, JICA made an agreement with the Inter-American Development Bank to expand Co-financing for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CORE). Under this agreement, JICA will more actively support the development of renewable energy and the promotion of energy efficiency in the region with the aim of implementing co-financing using ODA Loans worth \$3 billion by fiscal 2020.

Panama: Heavy traffic congestion during the morning and evening commuting hours is taking a toll on a country that has seen car ownership rise along with economic growth.