Program Goals and Overview

In accordance with the law, JICA conducts its operations based on medium-term plans stipulating five-year cycles. In the 4th Medium-term Plan, which began in fiscal 2017, JICA has formulated plans based on the Development Cooperation Charter and international frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), concerning development issues such as infrastructure and economic growth, human-centered development, universal values and peacebuilding, and global issues, along with regional priority issues as well as partnerships with various actors and contributions to international discussions. JICA also sets out detailed measures for strengthening its organizational and operational foundations, security, and internal controls in the Plan.

Through efforts to achieve these plans, JICA will continue to play its expected role both within and outside Japan.
JICA will forge ahead with development cooperation activities within the framework of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy. It will also work to further strengthen partnership in the international community. Special focus will be placed on, among other areas, (1) developing human resources for strengthening intra-regional connectivity, (2) constructing infrastructure and improving the trade and investment climate, (3) building the legal and judicial framework to establish the rule of law, and (4) developing maritime security capacity.

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration, JICA will launch the JICA Development Studies Program to boost the development of human resources who can spearhead the solution of increasingly diverse and complex development issues. The Program provides the opportunity to systematically learn about Japan’s experience of development. Participants who have completed the program are encouraged to put what they have learned in Japan to good use for the development of their countries after returning to their home countries. They are also encouraged to serve as leaders supportive of or knowledgeable about Japan so that bilateral relations are well maintained and strengthened over the mid- to long-term.

Toward quality growth—that is, inclusive, sustainable, and resilient growth—JICA will leverage the strengths of the private sector, including Japanese small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and local regions, and mobilize their potential for its operations in developing countries as well as regional vitalization.

JICA will work harder to incorporate innovative methods and technologies into its development cooperation. It will also work to mobilize various sources of funds to meet strong development needs. Additionally, JICA will redouble its efforts to formulate and disseminate concepts such as Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA), thereby enhancing its presence in the international community.