

Ten Years of New JICA

Four Major Initiatives by New JICA

1 Integrated Administration of Technical Cooperation, Finance and Investment Cooperation, and Grants for Synergy

An optimal combination of diverse aid modalities has enabled integrated and seamless assistance. Furthermore, a one-stop system designed to achieve optimal operations and meet diverse needs has also contributed to (1) address increasingly diverse and extensive development issues; (2) maximize JICA's operational effectiveness and support policy implementation by the Japanese government toward peace, stability, and prosperity for the international community; and (3) enhance the presence of Japan's ODA in the global community.

2 Closer Partnership with Private Sector

Viewing private-sector activity as a major driver for economic growth in developing countries, JICA has launched new schemes to support Japanese small and medium enterprises (SMEs) overseas business development and resumed the program of Private-Sector Investment Finance (PSIF). JICA links its networks with the ideas and technologies of the private sector to address challenges facing developing countries. JICA's support for this process includes partnership with Japanese regional financial institutions to assist SMEs in expanding their business overseas.

Projects adopted under Public-Private Partnerships/Partnerships with the Japanese Private Sector (FY2013–2017)

818

Loan and equity commitments under PSIF (FY2011–2017)

22

Developments within JICA

October
New JICA is launched under the revised JICA Act.

October
NGO-JICA Council is established.

December
JICA's first FILP Agency bonds (JICA bonds) are issued.

January
Partnership agreement on Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development (SATREPS) is concluded with the Japan Science and Technology Agency.



Assisting the development of highly accurate diagnosis of parasitism based on genetic epidemiology at the Institut Pasteur du Laos

March
Proposal-based Preparatory Survey for PPP Infrastructure is launched.

July
New JICA Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations are enforced.

November
First project after resumption of Private-Sector Investment Finance is signed.

December
JICA becomes the first governmental organization to issue retail bonds to individual investors.

March
Support for Japanese SMEs Overseas Business Development using ODA is launched.

July
Private sector partnership volunteer program is established.



A private sector partnership volunteer from a precision measurement firm in Kyoto gives instruction on machine-tool handling at an engineering college in Thailand under the program

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

Movements in Japan and the international community

September
"Lehman collapse" global financial crisis

June
World Health Organization (WHO) declares a new flu pandemic.

September
UN MDGs summit
October
Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP10) in Nagoya

December
Arab Spring begins in Tunisia.

March
Great East Japan Earthquake



Former JICA training participants of Palestine hold candles and pray for the souls of victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake.

July
South Sudan gains independence.

June
UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in Brazil

In October 2008, New JICA was launched by merging with the Overseas Economic Cooperation Operations of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and taking over ODA Grant operations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), excluding those that MOFA continued to directly implement out of necessity for diplomatic policy. Delivering Technical Cooperation, Finance and Investment Cooperation, and Grants in an integrated manner, JICA became one of the largest bilateral aid agencies in the world. Ten years have passed since new JICA started its operations aimed at providing more strategic assistance and strengthening implementation structure. This feature looks back on the steps new JICA has taken toward a new era of ODA.

3 Closer Partnership with Communities and Universities

In addition to two aid modalities: the dispatch of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs) and the JICA Partnership Program, which is based on partnership with NGOs and other actors, JICA has strengthened partnerships with local governments and research institutions, including universities, to achieve the dual goals of assisting developing countries in addressing development issues and contributing to local revitalization in Japan. JICA has also expanded the acceptance of participants in sector-specific and country-specific training (foreign students in degree courses) under the African Business Education Initiative for Youth and other programs.

Total no. of degree-course participants accepted (October 2008–April 2018)
5,509 from 104 countries

4 Efforts to Address Global Challenges

JICA has been addressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which were agreed on in 2015 by the international community, following the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). By leveraging Japan's expertise and working closer with domestic and international partners, JICA has contributed to the formation of international initiatives such as Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and worked to achieve human security and quality growth as well as a world in which "no one will be left behind."



January Seminar to mark the 30th anniversary of International Emergency Relief Group Medical Team is held.

January First infrastructure project after full resumption of Private-Sector Investment Finance is signed.

August Emergency aid to control Ebola outbreak

September First batch of students under African Business Education Initiative for Youth (ABE Initiative) arrive in Japan.



Long-term training participants from Africa discussing business expansion with officials at Japanese firms

November JICA's first government-guaranteed foreign bonds are issued.

November Fiftieth anniversary ceremony of JOCVs is held.



Ceremonies are held in many parts of world.

November Dollar-denominated loans are created.

July Memorandum of cooperation with a regional financial institution is signed, the first of its kind.

July Ramon Magsaysay Award is given to JOCVs.

November Invitation to accept Syrian refugees as students is initiated.

February Feasibility Survey for SDGs Business is established.

July New vision of "Leading the world with trust" is established.

October Tenth anniversary of New JICA

2013

June Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) in Yokohama

June Infrastructure Systems Export Strategy is endorsed by Cabinet.

2014

August WHO declares a state of emergency on the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.



SATREPS participants extract blood, organs, and other samples from a bat in Zambia

2015

February Development Cooperation Charter is endorsed by Cabinet.

March Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai

May Partnership for Quality Infrastructure is announced by the Japanese government.

July Third International conference on Finance for Development in Ethiopia

September 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is adopted.

December Paris Agreement on Climate Change is adopted.

2016

July Terrorist attack in Dhaka, Bangladesh

August TICAD VI in Kenya, the first TICAD held in Africa



JICA holds 18 official side events

September UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants

2017

August Fiftieth anniversary of ASEAN



Opening ceremony for Vietnam-Japan University, a joint creation of the two countries

December UHC Forum 2017 in Tokyo

2018