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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.

**2008**

- **January**: Partnership agreement on Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development (SATREPS) is concluded with the Japan Science and Technology Agency.
- **March**: Proposal-based Preparatory Survey for PPP Infrastructure is launched.
- **July**: New JICA Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations are enforced.

**2009**

- **March**: First project after resumption of Private-Sector Investment Finance is signed.
- **July**: Private sector partnership volunteer program is established.

**2010**

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

**2011**

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

**2012**

- **March**: Great East Japan Earthquake

**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.
- **July**: South Sudan gains independence.
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.

### 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.

### 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.”

#### Total no. of degree-course participants accepted (October 2008–April 2018)

5,509 from 104 countries

#### 2013

- **June**: Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) in Yokohama
- **June**: Infrastructure Systems Export Strategy is endorsed by Cabinet.

#### 2014

- **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.

#### 2015

- **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

#### 2016

- **February**: 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.

#### 2017

- **January**: First infrastructure project after full resumption of Private-Sector Investment Finance is signed.
- **November**: JICA’s first government-guaranteed foreign bonds are issued.
- **December**: Paris Agreement on Climate Change is adopted.

#### 2018

- **October**: Tenth anniversary of New JICA

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- **Opening ceremony for Vietnam-Japan University, a joint creation of the two countries
- **December**: UHC Forum 2017 in Tokyo