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**Building the Future with  
a Wide Range of Partners  
in Japan and Overseas**

“Leading the world with trust” JICA announced its new vision in 2017.

With the announcement of our new vision, we have reaffirmed JICA’s mission of realizing human security and quality growth. JICA should take the lead in forging bonds of trust among peoples and countries across the world, by working together with a wide range of partners from Japan and overseas and respecting their ownership.

Ten years ago, in October 2008, JICA and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Operations of the then Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) consolidated and formed the new JICA, which enabled the new JICA to implement technical cooperation, ODA Loans, and Grants in an integrated manner. Since then, with the synergies resulting from this merger, JICA has tackled the challenges faced in the process of globalization and worked to realize equitable growth and poverty reduction, improvements in governance, and human security. JICA is also aiming at strengthening our collaboration with local governments, private-sector companies, and universities to further contribute to resolve the issues that developing countries are facing and to promote Japan’s local revitalization. We believe that collaboration with a wide range of partners, as stated in the Sustainable Development Goals adopted at the United Nations Summit in 2015, will greatly boost our programs and initiatives.

The year 2018 also marks the 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration in 1868, and in this milestone year, we launched the JICA Development Studies Program in collaboration with universities in Japan. Young leaders of developing countries will be invited to Japan to learn from Japan’s modernization, brought about by its opening to the world and democratic reform, which are the greatest achievements arising from the Meiji Restoration. Including the various lessons gained through the process of modernization, they will also learn about Japan’s development cooperation. We firmly believe this will form a solid foundation that will underpin future prosperity and development of their home countries. We are confident that this program will further deepen the mutual trust between Japan and partner countries.

JICA is carrying out the 4th Medium-term Plan (fiscal years 2017 to 2021), which started in fiscal 2017. JICA is also enhancing safety measures in light of the terrorist attack in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and the evacuation from South Sudan in July 2016.

Under our vision of “Leading the world with trust,” we at JICA work tirelessly to achieve our mission, hand in hand with a wide range of partners both in Japan and overseas.

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