Establishment of New Mechanism
After the series of discussions, JICA is going to launch a new mechanism in cooperation with Palestinian Ministry of Planning and Administrative Development (MoPAD) and Islamic Development Bank (IDB). The signing ceremony will be conducted on March 1, 2014 at CEAPAD conference venue.

The CEAFAM (CEAPAD Facilitation Mechanism) pulls together resources and expertise of the CEAPAD participating countries government, development institutions as well as private and civil-society entities, and channel those resources to advance the socio-economic development of Palestinians.

Objective of CEAFAM
The objective of CEAFAM is to expand the financial and technical partnership with East Asian countries toward cooperation and capacity development for Palestinians. JICA and IDB will play a key role to avail the East Asian nations to share their development experiences and expertise with the Palestinians, enabling them to be associated with the recovery and state building process, and pooling their development assistance grants with a joint vehicle to achieve impacting results in Palestinian capacity development.

How to Implement the Project
Based on Palestinians’ needs, CEAFAM will be supporting the cooperation project applied from East Asian countries and other entities who shares concept of CEAPAD. IDB will be managing the CEAFAM, and funding the project. JICA will do parallel funding to the project and support the management of the CEAFAM. For the details, please see the attachment.

Next Step Forward
Pilot project utilizing CEAFAM is being prepared. Especially focused sector is as below.

(i) agriculture, tourism, Information & Communication Technology (“ICT”) and light manufacturing;
(ii) boosting socio-economic recovery through the modality such as empowerment and support of entrepreneurship;

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1 http://events.kemlu.go.id/ceapad/program.php
2 CEAPAD stands for “Conference on Cooperation among East Asian Countries for Palestinian Development”. CEAPAD is an international conference for East Asian countries to discuss ways of new assistance for and cooperation with Palestine for its nation-building efforts. It was established on the initiative of Japan to back up the realization of peace through the “two-state solution” to the Middle East peace which is the core of challenges in the Middle Eastern and North African region. For the details, access here: http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/middle_e/palestine/ceapad_20130214.html
(iii) capacity development for public, social and private sector organizations, in various areas such as public administration, good governance, socio-economic empowerment, poverty alleviation, investment promotion, ICT and banking.

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