Japan has continuously been participating in the development of Indonesia for about more than 50 years. Indonesia has been the largest recipient country for Japan’s Official Development Assistance (ODA). Meanwhile, Japan has been the largest bilateral donor for Indonesia. Within that period, Indonesia has achieved great social and economic reforms after experiencing various economic and political challenges. And now, Indonesia enjoys a steady economic growth and has become a member of the G20 Summit. The current Yudhoyono Administration was inaugurated for the second term last October and is now initiating a new five-year development plan. Meanwhile, the Japanese Government has been decreasing the budget for ODA gradually since the late 1990s. However, while the budget for ODA to Asian countries has been limited lately, the Japanese Government is increasing it to African countries.

Under such circumstances, there is a need for JICA to examine, from a new perspective, how JICA would participate in and contribute to the development of the continuously growing Indonesia through reviewing the past achievements of its bilateral cooperation. Following which, since January 2010 JICA contracted the International Development Center of Japan (IDCJ) and Nippon Koei Co., Ltd. to undertake the “Data Collection Survey on the Achievement of Japanese ODA to Indonesia.”. Around hundred people participated in the survey as interviewees, including government officials, university scholars and business people from Indonesia as well as from Japan.

The survey is aimed at:
1. Reviewing the Indonesia – Japan cooperation over the last 50 years and identifying its significance in the development of Indonesia, and
2. Identifying concrete support made by program and project examples in the key sectors.

Based on the above survey, JICA will hold a seminar as a means to facilitate the exchange of ideas about “Indonesia’s Development and Japan’s Cooperation.”

The seminar will be opened with speeches by Mr. Takashi SAKAMOTO, the Chief Representative of JICA Indonesia, H. E. Dr. Lukita Dinarsyah Tuwo, the Vice Minister of BAPPENAS, and H. E. Kojiro SHIOJIRI, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Japan in Indonesia. Meanwhile, presentations will be made by JICA’s Study Team, led by Mr. Jinichiro YABUTA from IDCJ, with the basic outline as follows:

In the past 50 years, Indonesia has experienced major transitions from a strong government leadership-based development to democracy and from a state-led to a market-based economy. Japan has continuously, in long term, assisted Indonesia and contributed to both quantitative expansion and qualitative improvement in the economy, towards a better living standard. Moreover, in the case of emergency in Indonesia, Japan provided the assistance intensively in order to stabilize the economy and society in Indonesia.

Key sectors of the Indonesia – Japan cooperation include:
- Food production increase
- Health and hygiene, mother and child care
- Disaster control
- Infrastructure network building
- Mineral and energy resource development
- Foundation building for private investment
- Education and vocational training
- Research and development
- Administrative support for democracy and decentralization

The present development in Indonesia is based on the continuous effort of Indonesian people themselves, while notwithstanding the international cooperation, including that of Japan. Democracy and development in Indonesia is significant not only for Indonesia itself but also for the ASEAN economy, Indonesia-Japan relations and a stable international community.

The long-term cooperation so far has accumulated a plenty of valuable lessons from experiences for both Indonesia and Japan. These lessons and experiences should be an important asset for a broader-based cooperation between the two countries.

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