

## SCHEME | Grant Aid for Research

Grant aid for research supports research activities into various problems affecting developing countries, and supports research and development and commercialization of new technologies for products intended for developing countries.

### JICS' Role

Since FY2001, in accordance with contracts with the governments of developing countries, JICS has been managing grant aid provided for research and development activities, and offering coordination and support to ensure that activities among researchers and manufacturers in Japan and developing countries are carried out smoothly.



**The Research Project for Developing Mine Clearance-related Equipment in Afghanistan**

Local staff setting up explosives under mine-clearing equipment to test explosion resistance



**The Research Project for Developing Mechanical Demining Machines in Afghanistan**

Afghan officials in Japan to inspect prototype demining equipment



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Afghan officials being introduced to Mr. Ichiro Aisawa, Japan's Senior Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, who was inspecting the test site

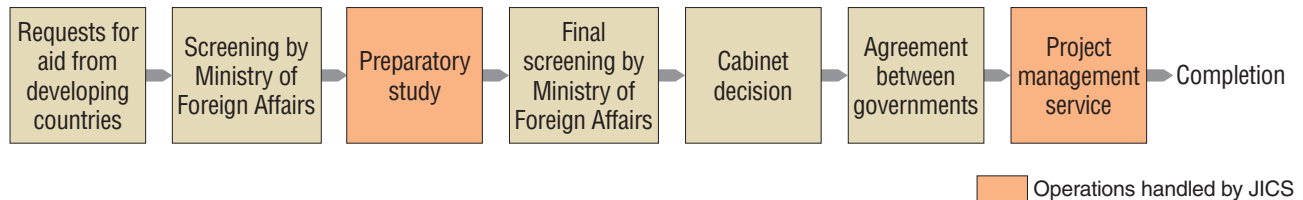


**The Project for Research on Decentralization of the Republic of Indonesia (Phase 2)** Exit workshop held in Bandung, Indonesia



Professor Shinji Asanuma of Japan's Hitotsubashi University lecturing at an Exit workshop in Lombok, Indonesia

### Flow of Operations



### Project Results

Country	Year	Project Name
Indonesia	2001	The Project for Research on Decentralization of the Republic of Indonesia
Indonesia	2002	The Project for Research on Decentralization of the Republic of Indonesia (Phase 2)
Afghanistan	2002	The Research Project for Developing Mechanical Demining Machines in Afghanistan
Afghanistan	2003	The Research Project for Developing Mine Clearance-related Equipment in Afghanistan

## CASE STUDY The Project for Research on Decentralization of the Republic of Indonesia (Indonesia) FY2001 The Project for Research on Decentralization of the Republic of Indonesia (Phase 2) (Indonesia) FY2002

### ● Project outline:

Coordination of research activities on decentralization in Indonesia by Japanese and Indonesian researchers and holding of symposiums and workshops on this topic.

### Contributing to research on decentralization of the Republic of Indonesia

Decentralization has been proceeding in Indonesia since the fall of the Suharto government in 1998; this is also an important issue from the viewpoint of preserving the state. In this project, Japanese and Indonesian researchers carried out joint studies on various topics related to decentralization. As part of joint studies they also carried out fieldwork in six locations in Indonesia, and in the Philippines, examining the state of decentralization and other issues in each of those areas. Findings from those studies were presented at a symposium held in Tokyo in January 2003 and an "Exit symposium" in Jakarta in September of the same year as well as at socialization workshops organized in the regions where fieldwork studies were conducted.

The symposiums and workshops were attended by participants from the central and local governments, international organizations, NGOs, universities and other groups, and the media, and the proceedings stimulated lively discussion. The reports presented by the Japanese and Indonesian researchers to the Indonesian central government also included recommendations concerning decentralization policies. Those recommendations were compiled, in Indonesian and English, in a booklet that was distributed to regional government officials and others.



Exit symposium held in Jakarta. Following researchers' presentations, participants had lively discussions.