



# Annual 2006 Report

Japan International Cooperation System



# Information on JICS

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## Date of Establishment:

April 12, 1989. JICS was established as a public-service foundation authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

## Endowment:

387 million yen

## Number of Employees:

175 (as of October 1, 2007)

## Purposes:

The purposes of the Foundation are to promote higher quality international cooperation by cooperating in the appropriate and efficient implementation of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) and other international cooperation programs for developing countries and territories and thus to contribute to the economic and social development of the world as well as the enhancement of friendly international relations.

## Business:

The Foundation shall conduct the following business while paying due respect to the work of private enterprises in order to accomplish the purposes described above:

1. Business which contributes to the promotion of the appropriate and efficient implementation of grant aid programs, technical cooperation programs and loan programs which are parts of Japan's ODA;
2. Business which contributes to the promotion of the appropriate and efficient implementation of international cooperation programs executed by international organizations, foreign governments or other entities engaged in international cooperation activities;
3. Follow-up activities and after-care activities for such programs mentioned above in items 1 and 2;
4. Research and studies on methods of efficient implementation of international cooperation;
5. Education and support which promote international cooperation; and
6. Other activities necessary to achieve the purposes of the Foundation.

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Local bases are also located in  
Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Guatemala, Senegal and Niger

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## The JICS Vision

JICS is a public-service foundation working to ensure appropriate and effective procurement of goods and services required in developing countries, within the framework of the Japanese government's official development assistance and other support for developing countries. JICS endeavors to carry out its operations in accordance with the following precepts.

### **JICS plays a bridging role in assistance projects**

Working for the further development of developing countries, we procure goods and services suitable for local conditions at appropriate prices and in an effective manner, while ensuring that available funds are used in the best way possible. In the field, we make optimal use of our mobility and experience, acting as a bridge between Japanese and foreign assistance organizations, NGOs and private companies to offer fine-tuned support and coordination for the smooth implementation of various types of projects.

### **JICS maintains an impartial stance to ensure fairness and transparency**

In carrying out our operations, our priority is to maintain an impartial stance to ensure fairness and transparency.

Our procurement of goods and services is carried out following procedures detailed in guidelines drawn up in conformity to legal and ethical requirements and internationally accepted practices.

### **JICS puts its knowledge and experience to work in assistance projects**

We actively engage in public relations activities to communicate information and knowledge acquired through our operations; research activities in the pursuit of better assistance activities; and support activities directed at individuals working in the field in developing countries, all with the aim of contributing to the growth of developing countries.

### **JICS endeavors to manage its operations appropriately and to train capable personnel**

To ensure that we can reliably carry out our roles described here, we have strengthened our internal auditing functions and required compliance, by staff and the organization itself, with all legal requirements in place. We have introduced a safety management system to create a safe and healthful workplace for all. We also hire skilled and experienced personnel and offer staff training in the skills, knowledge and experience required for offering the most appropriate proposals and coordination in various phases of assistance projects.

## JICS Code of Conduct

Based on the precepts of the JICS Vision, we pledge to act in accordance with the ten principles shown below, with the goal of promoting higher-quality international cooperation.

### **We will meet our responsibilities as a public service corporation**

Based on awareness of our role as a party involved in international cooperation, we will engage in responsible conduct in order to meet the expectations of society toward this Foundation as a public-service corporation.

### **We will provide high-quality services**

We will endeavor to provide high-quality services assisting implementation of international cooperation in a timely and effective manner, to ensure the concerned parties' satisfaction with our services and establish our reliability.

### **We will strictly observe laws and rules**

We will strictly observe related laws, internal rules, social codes of conduct and international rules. Even in cases where our conduct does not contravene the foregoing, we will act in accordance with socially accepted practices and will not engage in inappropriate conduct.

### **We will exercise consideration for local conditions**

In our overseas activities, we will observe local laws and pay due respect to local traditions, customs, culture, environment and others.

### **We will practice information disclosure**

To ensure greater transparency of management of our operations, we will proactively disclose information concerning projects, condition of operations and other details.

### **We will manage information appropriately**

We will exercise close supervision over all information, including personal information, observing the provisions of laws and related rules concerning protection of personal information, take appropriate security measures and strictly enforce confidentiality requirements.

### **We will respect human rights**

We will respect human rights in all circumstances and will not discriminate on the

basis of sex, age, nationality, race, ethnicity, beliefs, religion, social status or physical disability.

### **We will act in a socially responsible manner**

We will adopt a firm stance toward anti-social forces or organizations that threaten social order or safety.

### **We will endeavor to preserve the environment**

Based on awareness that addressing environmental problems is an important mission, we will make voluntary, pro-active efforts to preserve the environment.

### **We will create a positive workplace atmosphere**

We will maintain order and create a safe, motivating workplace atmosphere, so that officers and workers can work to the best of their abilities. We will also manage safety on an ongoing basis, with a crisis control system in place to ensure the personal safety of officers and workers, both in Japan and abroad.

# Preface

## New Fields of Endeavor for JICS

The Japan International Cooperation System (JICS) was established as a public-service foundation in April 1989 upon authorization by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. As part of Japan's economic cooperation activities, JICS aims to promote high-quality international cooperation by providing appropriate and effective assistance in implementing bilateral grant activities. Since then, JICS has been able to make its own modest contributions in the field, with the guidance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and others, and with the support of various foreign government organizations and ODA-related bodies. I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the support and cooperation these parties have extended to JICS.

In the 18 years since JICS was formed, the government's allocation for ODA out of the general budget peaked at 1.1687 trillion yen in FY1997 and has been declining ever since. In FY2007, the ODA budget stood at 729.3 billion yen, down 37.6% from the peak figure, so we must now work harder to implement efficient and effective aid within a limited budget.

Meanwhile, the operations that JICS is involved in have become increasingly diverse. For example, we have undertaken procurement management activities for new schemes such as grant aid

for disaster prevention and reconstruction, to help prevent disasters and assist with rebuilding after earthquakes, tsunami or hurricanes, and grant aid for community empowerment, which supports capacity building in communities facing threats to their lives or livelihoods such as poverty, hunger and epidemics.

JICS was also delegated by the ASEAN secretariat to manage procurement for the Project for the Stockpile of Tamiflu and PPE against Potential Pandemic Influenza, using a part of the integrated fund set up by the Japanese government and ASEAN countries. In a World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) project, JICS began handling procurement of avian influenza analysis equipment for research facilities in Thailand, Cambodia and other countries, and renovation of research facilities in those countries. These are just a few examples of the projects delegated by international organizations that JICS has begun to handle. To allow us to work with international organizations in earnest in the future, we partially amended our Articles of Foundation in April 2007.

JICS has been active in many different areas: undertaking projects in Afghanistan and Iraq, supporting reconstruction efforts after the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster and the 2005 earthquake in Pakistan, and acting as an agent for international bodies. We continue working on ongoing projects as well, and all executives and staff of JICS are devoting their energies equally to old and new projects.

JICS established an Office of



Management Planning in January 2007, to more effectively collect information and boost our management planning capabilities and organizational system to deal with changes that will affect us, particularly the start of the "new JICA" in October 2008 when JICA and the yen loan division of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) will be amalgamated into a single organization for implementing ODA.

JICS will continue doing its best to further efficient use of Japan's ODA and maintain our reputation as a reliable organization, based on the JICS Vision and the JICS Code of Conduct.

This Annual Report describes JICS project results and activities in FY2006 and I hope that it will give you a better understanding of our organization's work.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Takahisa Sasaki". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Takahisa Sasaki  
President

Japan International Cooperation System (JICS)

October 2007

## JICS 2006

2006	April 1	Committee for studying business and system improvement created
	April 1	JICS Guidelines for the Procurement of Consultant Services adopted and implemented
	April 28	ASEAN- Japan Project for the Stockpile of Tamiflu and PPE begins
	Mid and late May	Selection session held to choose demining machines and mine detectors in Cambodia
	May 22	JICS website (Japanese version) revised
	June 7-14	President of JICS goes on an inspection tour in Pakistan
	June 8	Tents and blankets procured under emergency grant aid for the area affected by the earthquake in Central Java, Indonesia
	June 21	1st regular meeting of the JICS Board of Trustees and Board of Directors for FY2006
	June 26 - July 7	Cambodia—JICS participates in UN Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Small Arms Action Programme
	Aug. 2 to Oct.	JICS conducts a survey to monitor distribution and use of goods procured for the area affected by the earthquake in Central Java, Indonesia
	Aug. 30	JICS Annual Report 2005 issued
	Sept. 4	Meeting and discussion with NGOs in the JICS support for NGOs program in FY2004
	Sept. 12	Pamphlet on non-project grant aid (PDF) issued
	Sept. 14	Guatemala— A grant aid for disaster prevention and reconstruction project begins
	Sept. 30 - Oct. 1	JICS participates in Global Festa Japan 2006
	Oct. 30	Mr. Peter Berry, CMG, Chairman of Crown Agents visits JICS
	Nov. 11	JICS participates in International Cooperation Career Fair 2006
	Nov. 23-24	JICS inspects FY2005 support for NGOs program (capacity building training by a network NGO)
	Dec. 26	JICS selects groups to receive assistance under its FY2006 support for NGOs program
2007	Jan. 1	Office of Management Planning created
	Jan. 19	Cambodia—field testing of mine detectors and demining equipment ends
	Jan. 27-Feb.3	JICS studies FY2006 grant aid for Japanese NGO projects (Malaysia)
	Feb. 2	Students from Tokyo Jogakkan Middle School visit JICS
	Feb. 3-4	JICS participates in the One World Festival
	March 13	Completion ceremony held for Afghanistan—Road Improvement Program in the City of Mazar-i-sharif
	March 19-20	2nd regular meeting of the JICS Board of Trustees and Board of Directors for FY2006