



Annual 2007 Report

Japan International Cooperation System



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

JICS maintains an impartial stance to ensure fairness and transparency

JICS puts its knowledge and experience to work in assistance projects

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

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
- We will provide high-quality services
- We will strictly observe laws and rules
- We will exercise consideration for local conditions
- We will practice information disclosure
- We will manage information appropriately
- We will respect human rights
- We will act in a socially responsible manner
- We will endeavor to preserve the environment
- We will create a positive workplace atmosphere

Information on JICS

As of October 1, 2008

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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:

168 (as of October 1, 2008)

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 project office:

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Preface

Meeting Wide-Ranging International Cooperation Needs

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 its establishment, 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 19 years since JICS was created, 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 FY2008, the ODA budget stood at 700.2 billion yen, down 40.1% from the peak figure, so we must now work harder to implement efficient and effective aid within a limited budget. The "new JICA" was born in October 1, 2008 when the former JICA and the yen loan division of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) were amalgamated into a single organization for implementing ODA. This organizational change will help improve efficiency in the aid imple-

mentation process and strengthen coordination among assistance programs, which consist of technical assistance, grant aid and yen loans.

As a result, JICS faces a vastly changed environment and since January 2007, we have undertaken

to collect and analyze information mainly through our Office of Management Planning and draw up proposals to improve the efficiency of implementation procedures for aid schemes and also to develop new businesses to broaden the scope of our activities.

Since fiscal 2006, JICS has been handling avian flu support measures for the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). In fiscal 2007, we conducted a feasibility study, delegated by JAIF, for road network improvements in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam (Japan-CLV). We also won the contract, jointly with the Crown Agents of the United Kingdom, for a new United States' Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) grant aid project in Mongolia, and began operations for both CLV and MCA projects. JICS has thus become involved in a wide range of international cooperation projects delegated by international bodies.

JICS works steadily on existing projects; major projects supporting reconstruction in the regions affected by the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004 as well as those in Iraq and in Afghanistan are coming to an end. The experience and know-how accumulated in implementing those projects have come into wide use in other projects such as grant aid for disaster prevention and reconstruction and grant aid for community empowerment. Thus, we have been working wholeheartedly



on existing and new projects.

Additionally, JICS serves as a procurement agent for various aid programs by the Japanese government such as grant assistance for environment programs, food aid and underprivileged farmers, intended to alleviate problems related to global environment and climate change issues and problems in developing countries due to higher food prices.

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 FY2007 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 "T. Sasaki". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Takahisa Sasaki
President

Japan International Cooperation System (JICS)

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