

Annual Report 2017

Japan International Cooperation System

Year ended March 31, 2017



Real Aid in Action

Mission, Vision and Values (MVV)

MISSION

JICS will contribute to the peace and stability of the international community as a player in the international cooperation field.

VISION

JICS aims to be the world's best service provider in the international cooperation field.

VALUES

Impartiality, Fairness and Transparency

JICS will maintain an impartial stance to ensure fairness and transparency.

Reliability

JICS will respect local input and build trust with its clients.

Maximizing the Impact of the Aid

JICS will focus its efforts on maximizing the impact of the aid.

Creation and Challenge

JICS will be unrestricted by conventional ideas, and take up the challenge of creating and providing new services.

As articulated in JICS' mission, which is part of the organization's "Mission, Vision and Values" (MVV), each employee is committed to "contributing to the peace and stability of the world as a player in the international cooperation field." To achieve this goal, through activities in developing countries and Japan, we work daily to improve the quality of our services as a service provider.

JICS Code of Conduct

Based on the precepts of the JICS Mission, Vision and Values, we pledge to act in accordance with the 10 principles shown below.

1. Behaving in accordance with our responsibilities as a public service corporation

2. Providing high-quality services which ensure the satisfaction and trust of stakeholders

3. Strictly observing laws and rules

4. Exercising due consideration for local conditions including traditions, customs, culture, and the environment

5. Practicing information disclosure to ensure greater transparency in the management of our operations

6. Managing all information appropriately including the protection of personal information through compliance with laws and relevant rules and the implementation of information security measures

7. Respecting human rights

8. Acting resolutely in response to anti-social groups that threaten social order or safety

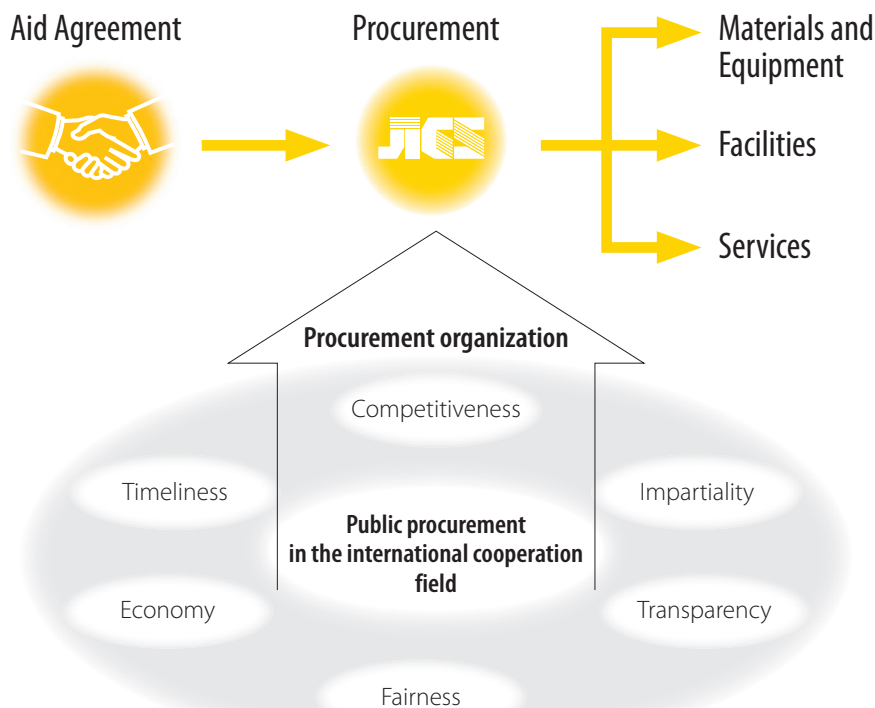
9. Working to protect the environment

10. Creating a safe and satisfying workplace environment to ensure the safety of executives and employees, both in Japan and abroad

Japan International Cooperation System (JICS) is the first foundation in Japan to specialize in procurement operations within the field of international cooperation. JICS' activities primarily focus on aid project-related procurement and supervision operations within the Japanese government's Official Development Assistance (ODA) programs and other cooperation programs with developing countries.

"Procurement" refers to the acquisition of and payment for goods and services—such as transportation, design and construction—necessary to achieve a specific objective. Since its establishment in 1989, JICS has appropriately and effectively carried out the selection and procurement of goods and services needed in local areas where cooperation projects are being implemented.

JICS' Role: "Making Aid Tangible through Procurement"



Why is a specialist procurement organization necessary?

1. With regard to the acquisition of necessary goods and services, it is necessary to perform a variety of technical and specialized operations to ensure that quality, economic performance and appropriate timing are maintained. These include rigorous and complex procedures, preparation of technical specifications and other procurement-related documentation, execution of tenders and evaluation of bids, management of aid funds and other operations, all of which is difficult to fully handle.
2. Procurement operations for ODA programs—which are ultimately paid for by Japanese taxpayers—demand impartiality, fairness, competitiveness and transparency. To assure the fulfillment of these conditions, it is necessary to have an organization that will manage aid funds on the recipient-country government's behalf and carry out public procurement, including tender procedures.





In working toward the realization of a peaceful and prosperous international community, Japan aims to contribute to the establishment of robust, constructive relationships within that community. As a player in the development cooperation field that is trusted by all its stakeholders, JICS' strengths include its agility and superior proposal-formulation capabilities.

JICS' Role in Development Cooperation

The Japanese government sets out its aims toward achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and achieving "quality growth" together with developing countries, both in Japan and in developing countries. JICS' main operations are focused on procurement services within Japan's Grant Aid Programme.

ODA-Related Operations and Development of New Businesses

In procurement agent services within Japan's Grant Aid Programme—which account for the largest proportion of JICS' current contracts—our operations are centered on the execution of equipment projects covering 73 countries. Based on Japanese government policies, such equipment includes products manufactured by Japanese small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), medical equipment, disaster reduction equipment, and equipment manufactured in local regions in Japan. To realize reliable and efficient procurement services, JICS provides proposals that leverage equipment-related information and other expertise the organization

has built up over many years. In Grant Aid Projects under Public–Private Partnerships (PPP), following on from The Project for Reduction of Non-Revenue Water in Mayangone Township in Yangon City, JICS won a contract for a second PPP project. Such projects utilize JICS' know-how in the execution of facility projects.

In ODA Loan projects, projects for International Agencies and Organizations and Technical Cooperation-related projects, JICS is expanding its scope of operations through independent bids as well as bids made in collaboration with private-sector companies. Based on experience in procurement-related operations in approximately 150 countries and an accompanying network of contacts, JICS makes proposals between aid-recipient countries and Japan from a neutral position in order to execute projects with even greater effectiveness. As a new initiative that will contribute to the international community, JICS is proactively engaged in the development of overseas businesses through collaboration with private-sector companies.

We strive to meet the expectations of all our stakeholders by aiming to provide services with the greatest possible added value through diligent efforts every day.

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Iichi Mishima

President

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Note Regarding Names of Grant Aid Sub-Schemes in this Annual Report

Grant Aid sub-scheme names (classifications) used in this Annual Report, such as Non-Project Grant Aid and Grant Aid for Community Empowerment, were discontinued as of March 2015. From April 2015 onward, schemes for which execution has been decided are classified by procurement method, such as Procurement Method for Facilities, Materials and Equipment and Procurement Agent System, depending on the nature of the project in question. Within these classifications, JICS is mainly involved in Grant Aid Projects with Procurement Agent System.

The execution of some of the projects cited in this Annual Report had been decided in or prior to March 2015. Consequently, we ask readers to be aware that, for convenience, those projects are cited and explained using the former sub-scheme names.