

JICS INFO-PACK

Japan International Cooperation System (JICS)

Description of the Organization and its Activities



REAL AID IN ACTION



JICS' Vision and Mission

Japan contributes to the international community through its Official Development Assistance (ODA) programs, which are regarded as an important policy area. Through this contribution, Japan responds to the high expectations placed on it by the international community, and strives to fully meet its roles and obligations in this sphere.

Within Japan's ODA programs, grant aid projects fulfill a particularly important role as "aid with a face"—in other words, aid that is strongly identified with Japan by the people in recipient countries.

Japan International Cooperation System (JICS) was established in 1989 to rigorously support the implementation of these programs. Since then, as a "procurement expert" in the international cooperation field, JICS' core operations have been focused on the role of procurement agent for the governments of recipient countries. Specifically, this includes such activities as the procurement of materials, equipment and various types of soft components, as well as procurement relating to the construction of facilities and management of the construction process.

We are resolutely taking up the challenge of developing new businesses in a range of fields. This includes collaboration with private-sector companies that are aiming to help solve issues faced by developing countries while expanding their own business operations.

In line with the Japanese government's Development Cooperation Charter, we will continue to work in unison to address the global issues set out in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and strive toward the realization of "quality growth" in developing countries.

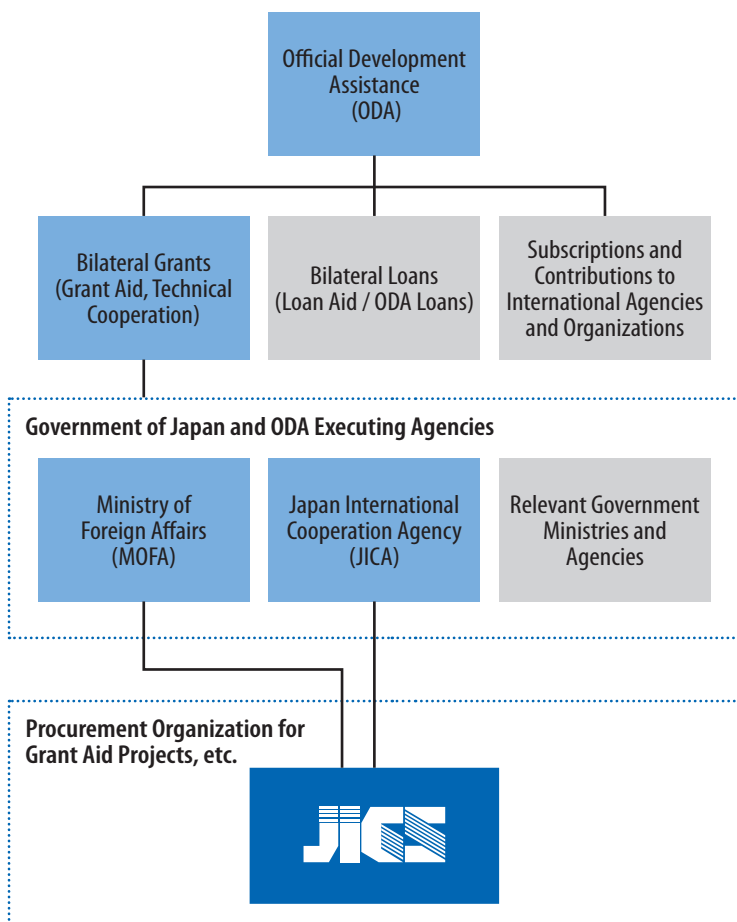
To contribute to the peace and stability of the international community as player in the international cooperation field, we will work to "make aid tangible" through the provision of services with even greater value-added content. In doing so, we aim to be an organization that wins the trust of all its stakeholders.



Toru Kubo

President

Japan International Cooperation System (JICS)



JICS 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 Aid

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

Creation and Challenge

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

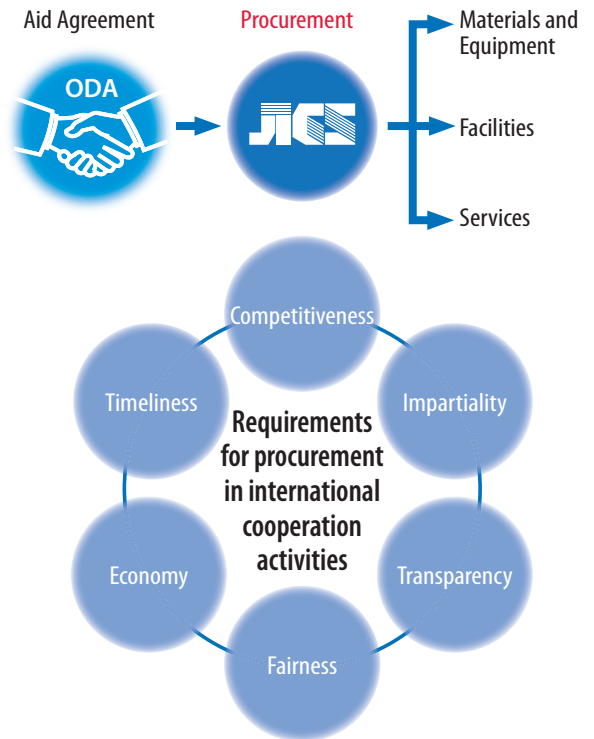
JICS' Role

Procurement using ODA funds—which are sourced from taxes paid by Japanese citizens—must be carried out economically, in a timely manner and to the required level of quality. At the same time, it is imperative that the procurement process be impartial, fair, competitive and transparent. To achieve these objectives, purchases of materials, equipment, facilities and services need to be conducted according to public procurement rules through a tender process. Furthermore, aid funds must be managed appropriately.

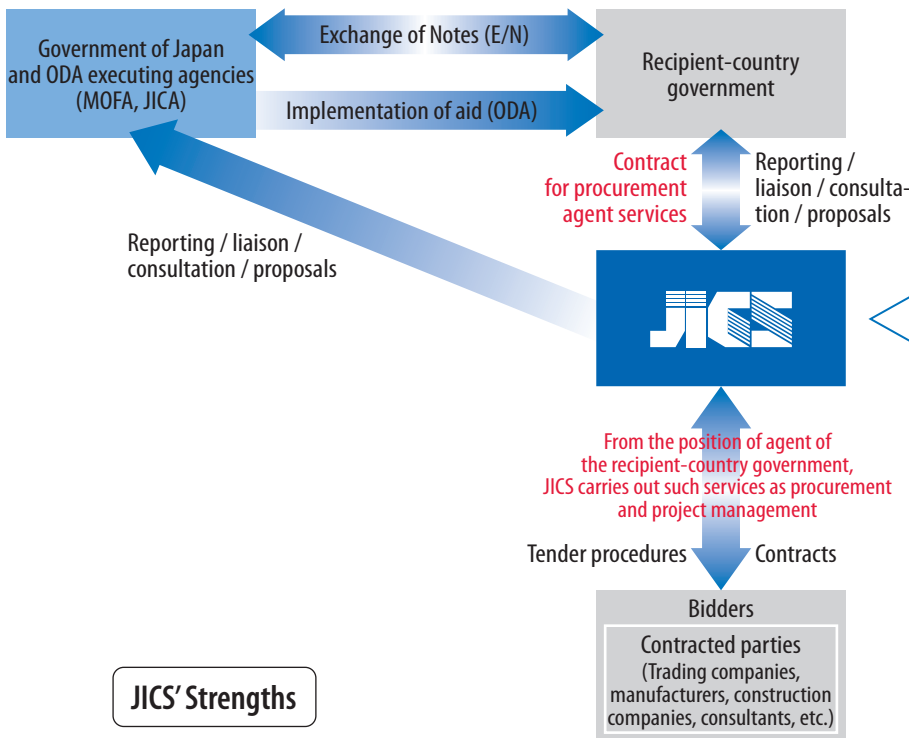
To meet these requirements, JICS carries out these procedures as the procurement agent of the recipient-country government. A procurement agent possesses expert knowledge and experience relating to public procurement, materials and equipment, and other relevant aspects.

When JICS provides procurement agent services, it enters into a procurement agent agreement with the recipient-country government according to the Agreed Minutes on Procedural Details attached to Exchange of Notes (E/N). Based on this agreement, JICS prepares tender documents after confirming details with the recipient country and carries out the selection and contracting of suppliers and construction companies through a tender process. JICS then manages progress of the project up to the handover of materials, equipment and facilities. JICS is also responsible for managing the aid funds.

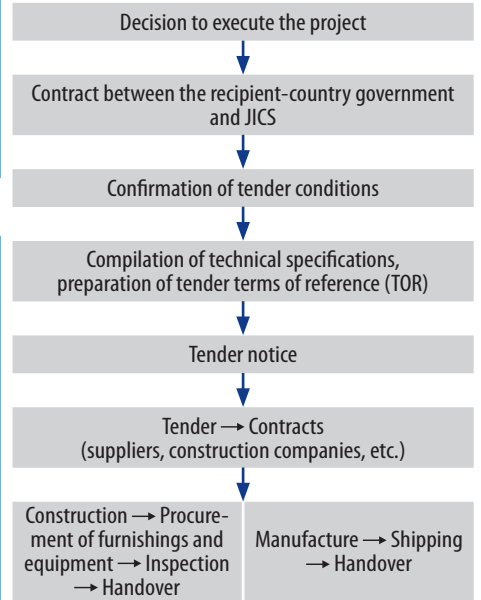
JICS' Role: "Making Aid Tangible through Procurement"



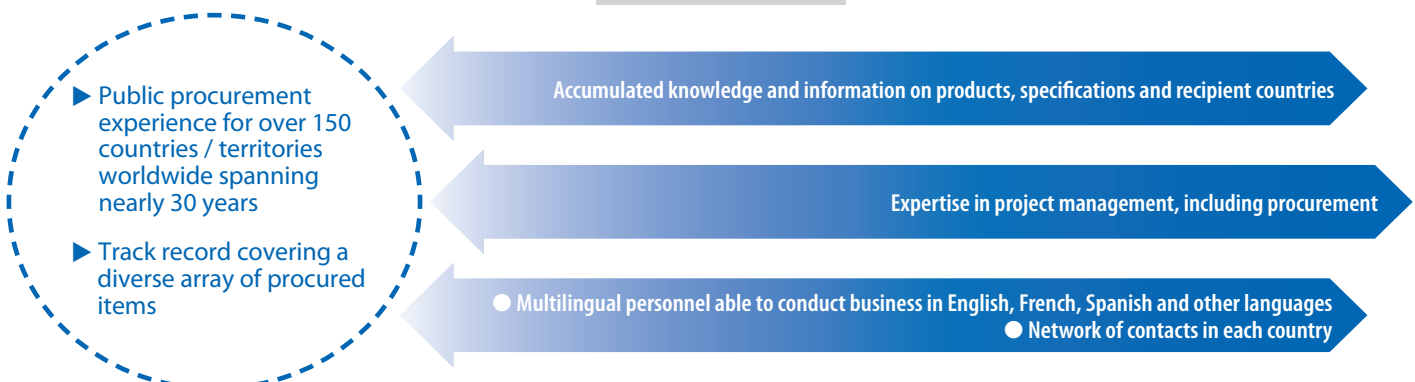
JICS' Position within Japanese Government's Grant Aid Projects



Procurement Agent Operational Flow



JICS' Strengths



JICS' Main Activities

JICS is involved in a wide range of ODA-related activities. In particular, within Japan's Grant Aid program (a form of assistance whereby funds are provided to developing countries without the obligation for repayment), JICS' main operations are procurement agent services. In these operations, as the agent of a recipient-country government, JICS provides procurement services and handles project management, including the management of aid funds.

JICS is also engaged in procurement-related operations and studies within technical cooperation projects, loan aid (ODA loans) projects and international cooperation projects by international agencies and organizations.

Utilizing the experience accumulated in these ODA programs, JICS also provides support services to private-sector companies expanding their operations overseas.

Grants

Grant Aid

JICS' sphere of involvement in ODA-related programs

Grant Aid-related Operations

In addition to providing procurement agent services, JICS carries out document screening services and other operations.

Grant Aid

- The Economic and Social Development Programme, etc.
- Support for quantity surveys and other studies carried out by consultants within preparatory surveys for JICA-led cooperation projects

Grant Aid for the Food Assistance Programme (KR)

Emergency Grant Aid

Cultural Grant Assistance

Studies and procurement consulting services

Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects

Screening of application documentation

Projects for which JICS provides procurement agent services

Projects in which JICS supports Japanese enterprises to expand their operations overseas



Procurement of products manufactured by Japanese enterprises



Project management for a grant aid project under Public-Private Partnership focusing on the development of water supply infrastructure by a Japanese enterprise

Removal of landmines



Food Assistance (KR)



Development of renewable-energy infrastructure, including solar, hydroelectric and geothermal power generation systems



Emergency Grant Aid

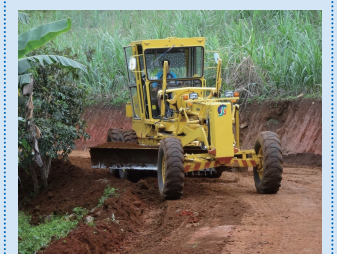


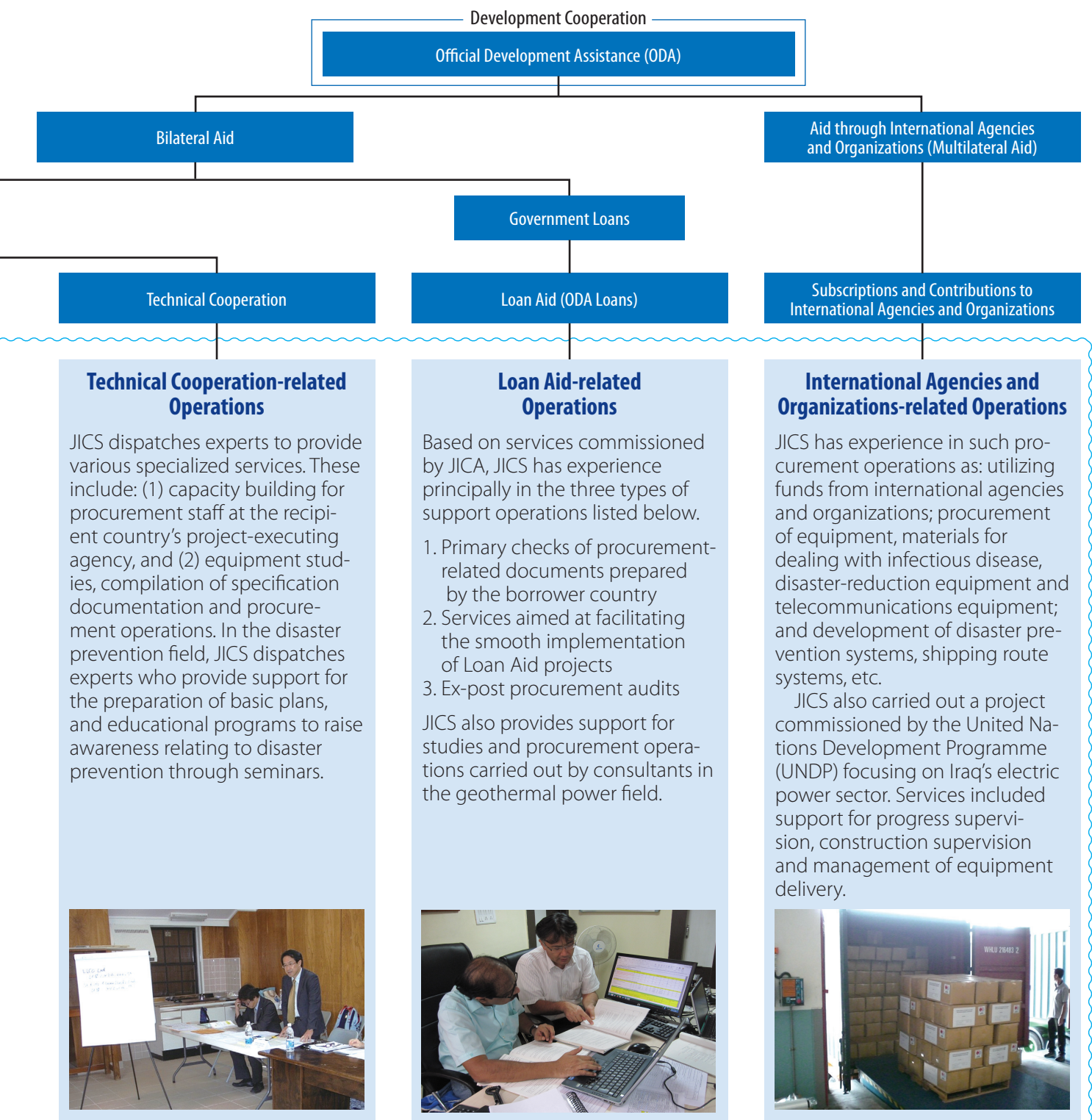
Procurement of equipment for host communities accepting refugees

Construction of schools and health centers



Construction of roads and bridges





J-Partner Overseas Business Development Support Activity

JICS, as a partner, supports Japanese private-sector enterprises in their overseas business development activities with their excellent technologies, products and know-how.

- Joint planning of in-country studies
- Joint preparation and implementation of business plans
- Equity participation by JICS and collaborative management of the joint venture company

CSR Activities: NGO Support Activities and Medical Lectures for Travelers

NGO Support Activities

In an ongoing program, each year JICS provides financial assistance to several Japanese NGOs involved in international cooperation-related activities.

Medical Lectures for Travelers

JICS provides medical information useful for travelers to countries where there is a significant risk of contracting infectious diseases.

New Projects by Region over the Past Three Years

▼ Countries in which JICS Commenced New Projects, FY2016–FY2018

Europe Including New Independent States (NIS)

(4 projects)
Armenia / Uzbekistan

Africa

(64 projects)
Benin / Burkina Faso / Burundi / Cabo Verde / Comoros / Congo (Dem. Rep.) / Cote d'Ivoire / Djibouti / Egypt / Ethiopia / Gambia / Ghana / Guinea / Kenya / Lesotho / Liberia / Madagascar / Malawi / Mali / Mauritania / Morocco / Namibia / Niger / Sao Tome and Principe / Senegal / Togo / Uganda / Zimbabwe

Middle East

(13 projects)
Afghanistan / Iran / Iraq / Jordan / Lebanon / Saudi Arabia / Turkey

Asia

(49 projects)
Bangladesh / Bhutan / Cambodia / India / Indonesia / Laos / Malaysia / Maldives / Myanmar / Nepal / Pakistan / Philippines / Sri Lanka / Thailand / Timor-Leste / Viet Nam

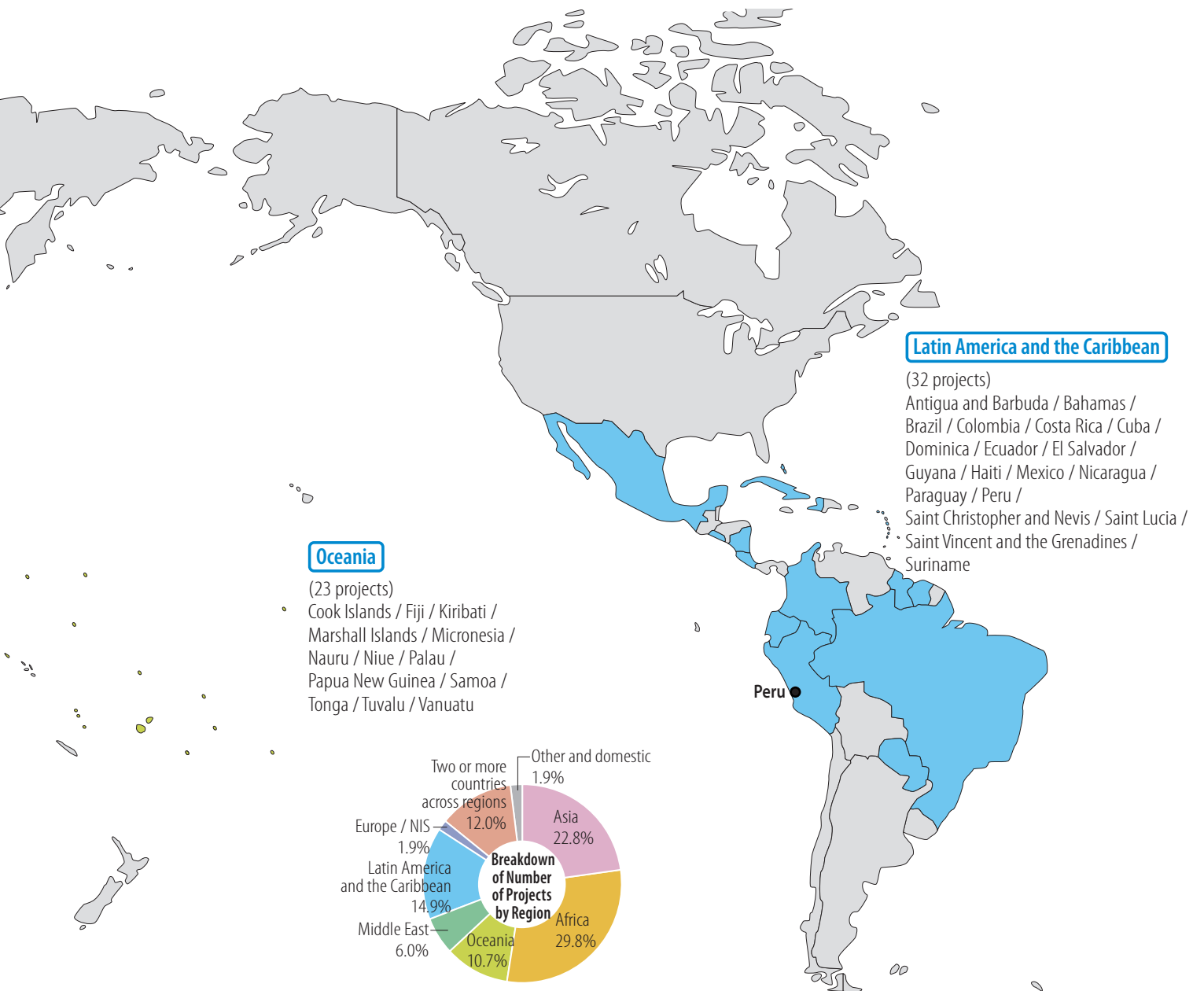
▼ Number of New Projects by Region and Scheme, FY2016–FY2018

	Grant Aid-Related Operations				Technical Cooperation-Related Operations	Loan Aid-Related Operations	International Organizations-Related Operations	Others	Total
	Goods and Equipment Procurement*1	Facility Construction*2	Public-Private Partnership Type	Others*3: Screening and Studies, etc.					
Asia	35	1	2	1	2	1	3	4	49
Africa	52	1	0	5	3	1	0	2	64
Oceania	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Middle East	8	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	13
Latin America and the Caribbean	26	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	32
Europe/NIS	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
Two or more countries across regions	0	0	0	12	1	8	1	4	26
Domestic operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Total	145	2	2	24	7	11	4	20	215

Notes: *1 Schemes mainly involving goods and equipment procurement: Food Assistance (KR), Grant Aid for the Economic and Social Development Programme (including Non-Project Grant Aid), Emergency Grant Aid, Grant Aid for Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding and Grant Aid for Procurement of Goods (by procurement agent)

*2 Schemes mainly involving facility construction: Grant Aid for Community Empowerment, Grant Aid for Construction (by procurement agent)

*3 Others (Screening and Studies, etc.): Cultural Grant Assistance, etc.



The Project for Construction of Primary Schools (Phase IV) in Madagascar



Renovation and maintenance for customs patrol boats for Cambodia



Command vehicle delivered to Saint Lucia

Organization Overview

Name of Organization: Japan International Cooperation System (JICS)

President: Toru Kubo

Date of Establishment: April 12, 1989

Endowment: ¥387 million

Number of Employees: 147 (As of August 1, 2019)

Purpose: With the aim of contributing to peace and stability in the international community, JICS' purpose is to carry out procurement and management operations related to international cooperation programs.

Businesses

1. Procurement services in the field of international cooperation business
2. Management services in the field of international cooperation business
3. Consultancy services in the field of international cooperation business
4. Research and studies in the field of international cooperation business
5. Design and supervision of architecture and civil engineering work concerning international cooperation
6. Support to NGOs, etc., relating to international cooperation activities
7. Dissemination and enlightenment of knowledge concerning international cooperation activities
8. Other businesses necessary to achieve the purpose of the Foundation

Licensed Business Category: First Class Registered Architects Office, Tokyo Metropolitan Governor License No. 59804

Acquired Certifications, etc.: Privacy Mark

Technical Staff: Two First Class Registered Architects

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Kachidoki Station (E-17)
Use Exit A2a or A2b, 10 minutes' walk
- Toei Bus Route 03 (for Harumi Futo from Yotsuya Station via Ginza) or 05 (for Harumi Futo from Tokyo Station via Ginza)
Use Harumi San-chome Bus Stop, 3 minutes' walk

