

Specific Initiatives of Japan's Official Development Assistance



The chief advisor of the Project for Automotive Supply Chain Development in Mexico, Mr. Hiromi Ikehata, inspecting a manufacturing line of automotive parts, such as door locks, in Monterrey City, Mexico. (Photo: Kenshiro Imamura / JICA)

This chapter discusses specific initiatives of the official development assistance (ODA) that Japan provides around the world.

Section 1 further breaks down the measures for each priority issue, namely, “poverty reduction,” “sustainable growth,” “addressing global issues,” and “peacebuilding,” and introduces Japan’s approach to each area.

The world is faced with largely different economic and social environments and cultures, and confronts various kinds of issues depending on the region and country. Section 2 presents specific examples of Japan’s development cooperation by region. The eight regions outlined are: East Asia, South Asia, Central Asia and the Caucasus, the Middle East and North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Oceania, and Europe.

The Japanese government has provided development cooperation in consideration of the principles of the United Nations Charter, achieving a balance between environmental protection and development, avoiding

any use of ODA for military purposes, preventing the proliferation of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, promoting democratization, and protecting basic human rights and freedoms, and based on a comprehensive assessment of the developing country’s demand for assistance, socio-economic conditions, and Japan’s bilateral relations with the recipient country. Section 3 provides a concrete explanation of the factors that are taken into account for the implementation of Japan’s ODA.

Finally, Section 4, introduces the system of implementation of Japan’s ODA and a series of reform measures for providing more efficient and effective ODA, which are divided into the following three categories: “System of Formulation and Implementation of Development Cooperation Policy,” “Increasing Public Participation,” and “Requirements for Implementation of Strategic and Effective Development Cooperation.”