

•Caucasus Region is (1)the center of the corridor running through Eurasia continent, and (2) the gateway connecting Asia and Europe.

⇒Japan (1)supports self-sustained developments of Caucasus Region, and;
(2)raises awareness of the issues which can be common interest across the region (water, disaster reduction, etc.)

▪ Two Pillars

First Pillar: Assistance for Human Resource Development for State Building

⇒ State Building ⇒ “self-sustained developments” in Caucasus

Second Pillar: Assistance for Paving the Way to “Appealing Caucasus” (i.e. infrastructure development and business environment improvement support)

⇒ Reconstruction of decrepit infrastructures built in 20th century and structuring of legal scheme

⇒ Creation of environment to expand economic exchanges (investment treaties, relaxing of visa conditions, etc.)

First Pillar : assistance for human resource development of architects for state building

1. The Rule of Law

▪ Inviting young lawyers to Japan (MOFA's invitation program, etc.)

▪ Providing opportunity of training in Japan

2. Environment and Disaster Reduction

• JICA Training Programs: nature conservation, rescue techniques, management of water-related resources disasters, management of landslide and sediment-related disasters, disaster management on infrastructure, administration of disaster reduction, management of irrigated water, management of land and water resources

(Number of Courses provided in FY 2018 : 3 courses for Armenia, 4 courses for Georgia, 1 course for Azerbaijan)

3. Economic and Social Infrastructures

• JICA Training Programs: transportation, natural resources and energy, economic policy, private sector development, agricultural/rural development, urban/regional development, governance, health, social security

(Number of Courses provided in FY 2018 : 14 courses for Armenia, 16 courses for Georgia, 13 courses for Azerbaijan)

4. Introduction of Japanese Cultures and Assistance for Japanese Language Education

Language education assistance in cooperation with Japan Foundation and continuous provision of broadcasting contents

Japan's Caucasus Initiative

Second Pillar: Assistance for Paving the Way to "Appealing Caucasus" (infrastructure development and business environment improvement)

1. Common Initiatives to the Region

- Introduction of Multiple Visas
- Investment treaty and Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) Seminar (Dispatch of experts to Caucasus Countries)

2. Bilateral Initiatives

Armenia

- **Bilateral Investment Treaty**: Cooperation for early conclusion as well as its follow-up (e.g. expansion of human exchange in IT Sector)
- **Disaster Risk Reduction**: Project for Improvement of Fire Fighting Equipment (1.54 billion yen* in FY 2017) (*approx.US\$13.75million @US\$1=112yen)
Project for the Improvement of Crisis Communication and Public Awareness for Disaster Risk Reduction
(Establishment of information-sharing scheme among governmental organs in disaster, enhancement of media capability to convey precise information in the case of disaster, raise of nationals' awareness of disaster risk)
- **Development in Local Areas**: Project for Development of Local Production and Promotion of Local Brands (Phase2)
(Promoting "One Village, One Product Campaign" ⇒ enhancing competitiveness, supporting development of production and promotion of local brand of local SMEs and entrepreneurs in Armenia as well as business matching)
- **Renewable Energy**: Project for Heating System Improvement of School No.8 in Spitak City (US\$82,992 in FY 2017)

Georgia

- Connectivity and Transportation Infrastructures: East-West Highway Improvement Project (Phase 2) 38.735 billion yen**
→ Exchange of Notes will be signed at this visit. (**approx. US\$345million @US\$1=112yen)
- **Renewable Energy**: Provision of hybrid cars and electric cars (96 vehicles in total) to Ministry of Internal Affairs
Installation of solar panels at the Tbilisi International Airport and the Ilia State University
- **Bilateral Investment Treaty**: Agreement in Principle at political level will be announced at this visit

Azerbaijan

- **Basic infrastructures and living environment** :
- Shimal Gas Combined Cycle Power Plant Project (Second Unit)(29.28 billion yen ***in FY 2005) (***)approx. US\$261million @US\$1=112yen)
- Provincial Cities Water Supply and Sewerage Project (32.851 billion yen**** in FY 2008) (****approx. US\$293million @US\$1=112yen)
(Maintenance of Water Supply and Sewerage facilities at major cities in provincial areas & improvement of its control scheme
⇒sanitary and sustainable habitats)
- **Bilateral Investment Treaty**: Launch of formal negotiation will be announced at this visit