

# FY 2014 Priority Policy for International Cooperation

- ▶ As a major player of the international community, Japan will play a more proactive role in achieving peace, stability and prosperity of the international community. From the viewpoint of “Proactive Contribution to Peace” based on the principle of international cooperation, ODA has been increasingly significant as the most important means of Japanese diplomacy.
- ▶ Based on this recognition, it is important to actively and strategically utilize ODA to contribute to the resolution of development issues and global challenges that could hinder peace and stability of the international community and to Japan’s interest.
- ▶ While private flow accounts for about 70% of inflows of overall finance into developing countries from developed countries, the collaboration between the Japanese government/ JICA and key development players such as Japanese private companies including SMEs, local governments, and CSOs, is increasingly important. The Japanese government aims to enhance the quality of ODA by taking advantage of their advanced technologies and know-how.
- ▶ In utilizing ODA, Japan will cooperate with international organizations which have expertise and a wide range of networks. The collaboration with international organizations is to be strengthened to reflect Japan’s policy and to play an active role in the process of creating international frameworks.
- ▶ This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Japan’s ODA. Japan will strengthen public relations of ODA through active communication of the achievements of the past 60 years and promote understanding at home and abroad.

## Strategically Utilize ODA to Contribute to the Peace and Prosperity of the International Community and Japan’s Interest

### ODA to create a favorable international environment

Japan will seek to realize stable development of countries which share universal values such as freedom, democracy and the rule of law, and strengthen relations with these countries. Japan will support the development of legal systems and stabilization based on these universal values.

Also, Japan will actively contribute to peace and stability of the international community through ODA in the areas such as peacebuilding, counterterrorism, enhancing maritime law enforcement capabilities, and ensuring safety in sea lanes.

### ODA to support emerging/ developing countries to grow together with Japan

In coordination with policies such as the “Japan Revitalization Strategy,” Japan will provide ODA strategically to contribute to the development of emerging/ developing countries as well as to create synergy with the vitality of these countries.

While making use of advanced technologies and know-how of SMEs and other private companies and local governments, Japan will seek to promote Japanese institutions and systems in emerging/ developing countries and provide assistance which helps improve business environment in these countries.

### ODA to promote human security and strengthen trust in Japan

Based on the fundamental principle of human security, Japan will provide assistance to realize poverty reduction and inclusive growth, as well as achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Especially in the field of disaster risk reduction, post-disaster reconstruction, promotion of universal health coverage (UHC) based on the Strategy for Global Health Diplomacy, and women’s empowerment, Japan will implement ODA which will lead to strengthening trust in Japan and enhancing its international presence.