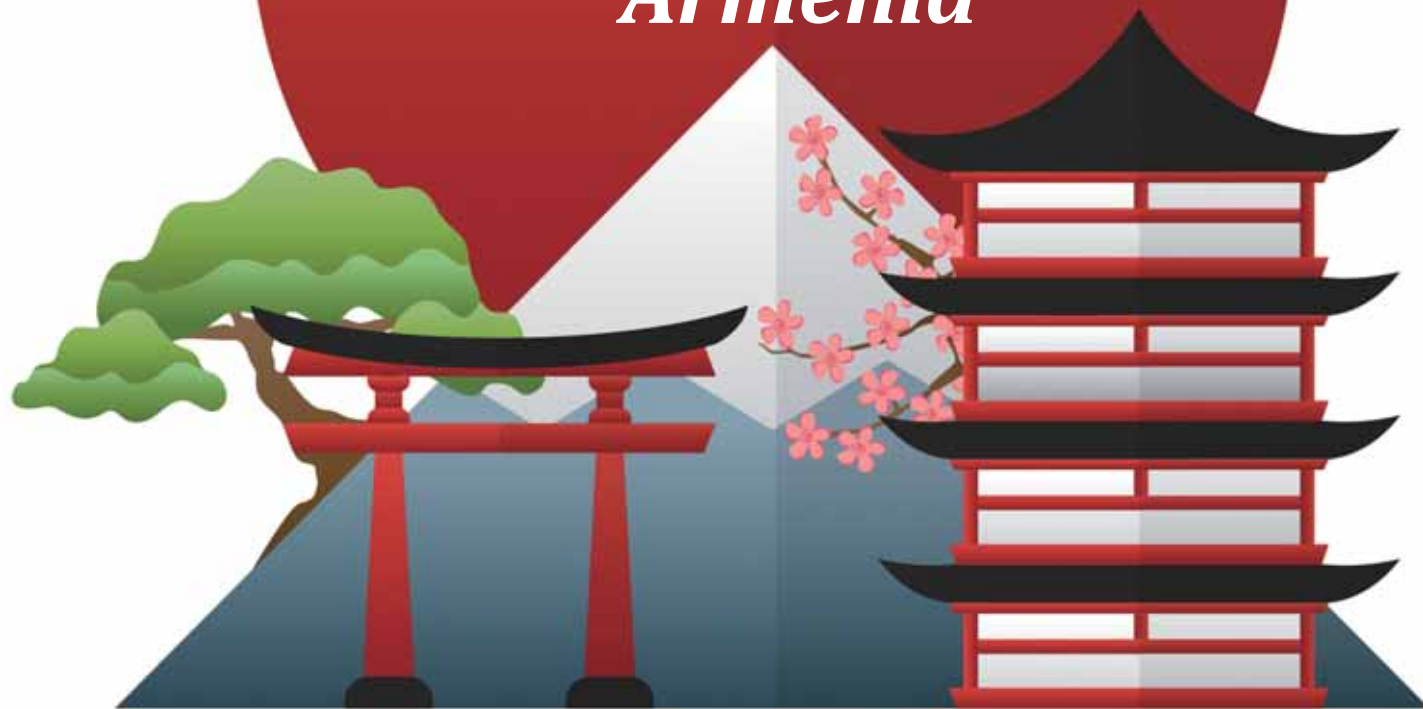




*Japan's
Development
Cooperation with
the
Republic of
Armenia*



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Foreword

It's my pleasure and honor that this year we celebrate the 25th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and the Republic of Armenia.

Japan highly values its partnership and friendly relations with the Republic of Armenia and believes that through joint efforts our countries will further expand bilateral cooperation.

This brochure provides conspicuous information related to Japan's development cooperation with the Republic of Armenia during the past quarter of a century, representing a diverse range of assistance activities conducted, emphasizing the existing potential, works completed so far and the prospects for the future development.

I hope that this brochure will give you better understanding of peculiarities of Japanese-Armenian cooperation and will contribute to building closer and stronger partnership between our nations.

Respectfully yours,

Eiji TAGUCHI

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Armenia

Background information

As Japan's partner in the Caucasus region, which occupies an important location as energy and logistics corridor linking Central Asian countries and Europe, Armenia shares with Japan basic values such as freedom, democracy, basic human rights, the rule of law and market economy.

Basic Policy of Assistance: Achieving Balanced and Sustainable Economic Growth

In order to help to attain balanced and sustainable economic growth and social development, increase the efficiency of governance in public sector, Japan's cooperation focuses on such areas as improvement of institutions and infrastructure, disaster prevention measures both in the capital city and regions.





Priority Areas

Improvement of institutions and infrastructure for economic growth and regional development

Many rural areas in Armenia are located in the mountains, therefore access to such areas is not easy. Agriculture as the region's main industry has low productivity, and no other major industry apart from agriculture is developed. With the aim to stimulate the region's economy, Japan provides assistance in improving the basic infrastructure. Japan also offers assistance in development of human resources for promotion of small and medium enterprises.

Strengthening of disaster prevention measures

Armenia with most of its territory covered by mountains is a country which frequently suffers from earthquakes. Therefore Japan offers its experience and technologies in the sphere of disaster prevention and provides assistance in development of human resources to improve Armenia's disaster management capacity.

Forms of Official Development Assistance (ODA)

ODA LOANS

Form of development cooperation, which provides low-interest, long-term and concessional funds to finance development efforts in such areas as economic and social infrastructure.

TOTAL*

JPY 31,808,000,000

USD 318,080,000



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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Form of development cooperation for the transfer of technology required for economic and social development of developing countries.

TOTAL*

JPY 4,012,000,000

USD 40,120,000

GRANT AID

Form of development cooperation, which requires no obligation for repayment by the recipient country.

- Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)
- Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots projects (GCGP)
- General Grant Aid
- Cultural Grant Assistance
- Non-Project Grant Aid
- Grant Aid for Increase of Food Production

TOTAL*

JPY 6,942,000,000

USD 69,420,000

** Total amount up to 2015 fiscal year
1 USD = 100 JPY*

IMPROVING INSTITUTIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

IMPROVING BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPING MANAGING CAPACITY

ODA LOANS

Yerevan Combined Co-Generation Power Plant Project
JPY 15,918,000,000 (USD 159,180,000), 2005

Electricity Transmission and Distribution Project
JPY 5,399,000,000 (USD 53,990,000), 1998



GRANT AID

Project for Improvement of Road Maintenance Equipment
for Yerevan City
JPY 541,000,000 (USD 5,410,000), 2002

PROMOTING SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES AND SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (RURAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH THE USE OF REGIONAL RESOURCES



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Project for Development of Local Production and Promotion of Local Brands

JPY 225,400,000 (USD 2,254,000), 2013-2016

JPY 262,000,000 (USD 2,620,000), 2016-2019

Human Resources Development Project for SME's

JPY 110,000,000 (USD 1,100,000), 2005-2008

GRANT AID

Support for purchase of agricultural equipment
and fertilizers

JPY 2,780,000,000 (USD 27,800,000), 1997-2009

Non-Project Grant Aid "Support for purchase of
agricultural fence, printing paper, vehicles, etc."

JPY 500,000,000 (USD 5,000,000), 1997



Improvement of services of education and healthcare program

The program focuses on development of human resources for improvement of obstetrical service, especially reproductive healthcare and education. It is beneficial specifically for rural areas where social services need to be developed. Regarding the educational sector, attention is mainly focused on improvement of school facilities.



EDUCATION



HEALTHCARE



PEACE AND SECURITY



HUMAN SECURITY PROJECTS

GRASSROOTS PROJECTS (GGP)

Project for Construction of a Drainage System in Arapi Village

JPY 11,400,000 (USD 114,000), 2017

Project for Improving the Quality of Children Rehabilitation Services and Care in Aragatsotn Region

JPY 4,600,000 (USD 46,000), 2017

Project for Supporting Mine Risk Education in the Republic of Armenia

JPY 10,200,000 (USD 102,000), 2016

Project for Refurbishment of Yerevan National Medical University-Affiliated "Heratsi High School"

JPY 9,900,000 (USD 99,000), 2016

Project for Renovation of the School in Ditak Village

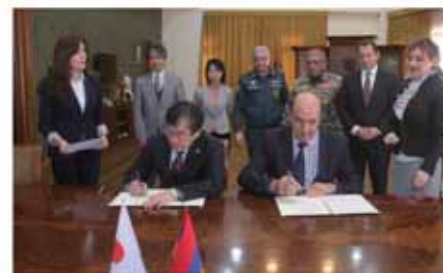
JPY 9,700,000 (USD 97,000), 2015-2016

Project for Improving Maternal and Child Health Care Services in Chambarak

JPY 9,400,000 (USD 94,000), 2013

Project for Improvement of Yerevan Vocational Education and Training Institute No. 1

JPY 7,223,600 (USD 72,236), 2013



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GRANT AID

Project for Improvement of Obstetrical Service in the Republic of Armenia

JPY 209,000,000 (USD 2,090,000), 2005

Project for Improvement of Medical Equipment

JPY 495,000,000 (USD 4,950,000), 2001

Project for Improvement of Medical Equipment of "Armenia" Medical Center

JPY 518,000,000 (USD 5,180,000), 2000

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Project for Health-Maternal and Child Health / Reproductive Health

JPY 130,000,000 (USD 1,300,000), 2004-2006



CULTURAL GRANT ASSISTANCE

- Project for the Improvement of Equipment for Digitizing Archival Records of Armenian Public Television
JPY 137,900,000 (USD 1,379,000), 2017
- Project for the Improvement of Equipment for Restoration of Collections of the National Gallery of Armenia
JPY 27,900,000 (USD 279,000), 2009
- Project for the Improvement of Musical Instruments of Yerevan Komitas State Conservatory
JPY 42,800,000 (USD 428,000), 2008
- Supply of Sound Equipment to Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex
JPY 43,900,000 (USD 439,000), 2004
- Supply of Sound Equipment to the Armenian National Academic Theatre of Opera and Ballet
JPY 28,900,000 (USD 289,000), 2003
- Supply of Equipment for Preservation of Historical Documents to the Matenadaran - the Mesrop Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts
JPY 49,300,000 (USD 493,000), 2001
JPY 2,724,144 (USD 27,241.44), 2008 (follow up)
- Musical Instruments and Sound Equipment to Armenian Philharmonic Orchestra
JPY 49,800,000 (USD 498,000), 1999



GRASSROOTS PROJECTS (GCGP)

- Project for Improvement of Environment for Learning Japanese Language in the Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University
JPY 3,743,640 (USD 37,436.40), 2017
- The Project for the Renovation of Armenian-Japanese Scientific, Educational and Cultural Center "Hicari"
JPY 9,666,621 (USD 96,666.21), 2013
- Project for the Renovation of Music School of Armavir Rural Community
JPY 9,209,127 (USD 92,091.27), 2009

STRENGTHENING REGIONAL MEASURES FOR DISASTER PREVENTION PROGRAM

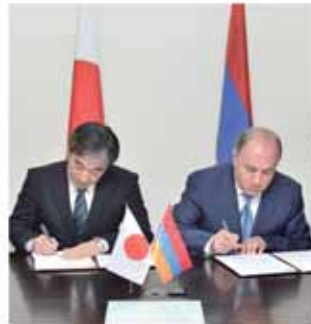
This program focuses on disaster prevention measures for the sake of people living in areas with high risk of disasters both in terms of strengthening technologies and infrastructure, as well as training for people on improving the capacities related to disaster management.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Landslide Disaster Management Project
JPY 325,300,000 (USD 3,253,000)
2014-2017

Seismic Risk Assessment and Risk
Management Planning Project
JPY 340,000,000 (USD 3,400,000)
2010-2012

Development of Communities affected by
Landslides
JPY 10,696,000 (USD 106,960)
2004-2006



GRANT AID

Project for Improvement of Fire Fighting
Equipment
JPY 1,540,000,000 (USD 15,400,000), 2017

Non-Project Grant Aid “Economic and Social
Development Program”
JPY 200,000,000 (USD 2,000,000), 2016

Project for Improvement of Fire Fighting
Equipment in Yerevan
JPY 881,000,000 (USD 8,810,000), 2009





Japan Fund through International Organizations

via World Bank (WB)

- Agriculture Policy Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity Building Project, funded by Japan Program for Human Resource Development Fund
JPY 200,000,000 (USD 2,000,000), 2017-2019
- Armenia National Disaster Risk Management Program
JPY 125,000,000 (USD 1,250,000), 2015-2017
- Strengthening the Livelihoods and Voice of Poor and Vulnerable Persons Project in Armenia, funded by Japan Social Development Fund
JPY 287,000,000 (USD 2,870,000), 2013-2016

via Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- Strengthening Government and Civil Society Cooperation in Open Government Partnership to Improve Public Services, funded by Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction
JPY 100,000,000 (USD 1,000,000), 2016-2018
- Solid Waste Management Solutions for Remote and Small Communities Project, funded by Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction
JPY 55,000,000 (USD 550,000), 2015-2017

via United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- Solar Energy for Low-Carbon Sustainable Lifestyles in Solak, Aygavan and Malishka Rural Communities of Armenia Project, funded through the 10YFP Trust Fund
JPY 10,000,000 (USD 100,000), 2017-2018



Trainings



***From 1993 to 2016** Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) received **632 trainees** from the Republic of Armenia in the areas of administration, public service, agriculture, mining, energy, commerce, tourism, human resources, medical services and healthcare, social services, etc.*

Cultural trainings/workshops

- *Training Program on Museums and Community Development, **2015-2016***
- *Training Program on Conservation and Risk Management of Historic Towns for Cultural Tourism, **2014***
- *Training Program on Comprehensive Museology, **2013***
- *Workshops on Conservation and Restoration of Fabric-Dyeing of Cultural Assets such as Archaeological Relics and Ethnic Materials (lectures and practical training) at the request of the History Museum of Armenia, **2011-2014***

Commemorative ceremony dedicated to the victims of Great East Japan Earthquake and Spitak Earthquake



On the 11th of March, 2017, 6 years after the Great East Japan Earthquake, in Spitak City, located in northern Armenia, in front of the monument (khachkar) for the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake a commemoration ceremony was held in memory of victims of Spitak Earthquake of December 7, 1988 and Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011, which was attended by the Ambassador of Japan Mr. Eiji Taguchi and his spouse, and from the Armenian side the Minister of Emergency Situations Mr. Davit Tonoyan, Governor of Lori Marz Mr. Artur Nalbandyan, Mayor of Spitak City Mr. Gagik Sahakyan, Head of Rescue Service Mr. Mushegh Ghazaryan, Chief of Rescue Service of Lori Marz Mr. Karen Hovhannisyan, residents and Rescue Service employees of Spitak City were present during the ceremony. Approximately 100 people participated in the ceremony of laying flowers at the Khachkar.

During the ceremony in Spitak City an Armenian Church mass was served, after which Ambassador Taguchi expressed his gratitude to the Armenian Government, Armenian Church and to the people of Armenia for the support received after the Great East Japan Earthquake. He also thanked the residents of Spitak City for holding victims commemoration ceremony every year and mentioned the willingness of Japan to develop the cooperation in the area of disaster prevention with Armenia, which is also considered as seismic country. After the ceremony the guests made a visit to the Fire Service of Spitak City.



The Government of Japan has provided support to Armenia in the area of disaster prevention including through JICA's projects till today. From Armenian side, Japan has received sincere support including the mass which was attended by the President of RA Mr. Serzh Sargsyan as well as donations for the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011.

Furthermore, 1 year later, in April 2012 by the initiative of Spitak's branch staff of Ministry of Emergency Situations, who visited Japan for JICA's project, a monument dedicated to the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake was built next to the monument in the memory of victims of the Spitak Earthquake.

Every year on 11th of March residents of Spitak hold victims commemoration ceremony. The commemorative words on this monument (khachkar) are written in both Japanese and Armenian languages.

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