

Chapter 1 Japan's Official Development Assistance in Terms of Disbursement

In 2010, Japan's net ODA disbursements accounted for \$11,020.98 million as ranked fifth in the world, and Japan's gross ODA disbursement is \$18,828.18 million as ranked second in the world.



Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (a nutritionist and a community development officer) propose kongxincai (a type of leafy vegetable) to people in Senegal (Photo: Erina Hirobe)

Japan's net bilateral ODA disbursements in 2010 totaled approximately \$7,336.97 million (¥643.9 billion). Contributions to international organizations amounted to approximately \$3,684.00 million (¥323.3 billion). These figures make for a 16.4% increase from the previous year in overall ODA disbursements, reaching approximately

<Disbursement Analysis>

Japan's 2010 net disbursements of ODA increased approximately 16.4% over the previous year. Japan remained at its 2009 ranking of fifth place among OECD-DAC³ member countries, behind the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, and France. In gross disbursements, Japan was in second place, as in the previous year.

A breakdown of 2010 net disbursements shows that bilateral ODA accounted for roughly 66.6% of overall disbursements, while ODA through international organizations accounted for about 33.4%. Bilateral ODA,

\$11,020.98 million (¥967.2 billion).¹ Disbursements of bilateral ODA that are not calculated in repayment amounts for government loans, etc., totaled approximately \$18,828.18 million (¥1,652.4 billion), a 14.5% increase over the previous year.²

which is implemented in consultation with developing countries, is expected to strengthen Japan's relationship with recipient countries. On the other hand, ODA provided through international organizations takes advantage of the specialized knowledge and political neutrality of those organizations to enable support of countries and regions that would otherwise be difficult to reach with bilateral aid. Japan flexibly uses bilateral aid and aid through international organizations, while also coordinating their use and striving to ensure that the manner of assistance is appropriate.

Note 1: Excluding disbursements to Eastern European countries and countries that are no longer targets, as well as a portion of contributions to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). Numbers have been rounded, so totals shown may not match in some cases.

Note 2: The relation of gross and net disbursements is as follows: net disbursements = gross disbursements - amount recovered (repayment amounts of government loans from recipient countries to donor countries)

Note 3: OECD-DAC: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development-Development Assistance Committee

A breakdown of net bilateral ODA by type indicates that disbursements calculated as grant aid totaled approximately \$3,463.74 million (¥304.0 billion), accounting for approximately 31.4% of overall ODA disbursements. Of this amount, grant aid through international organizations totaled approximately \$1,269.02 million (¥111.4 billion), or approximately 11.5% of the whole. In addition, technical cooperation totaled approximately \$3,478.48 million (¥305.3 billion), or approximately 31.6% of the whole. Government loans totaled about \$394.75 million (¥34.6 billion).⁴

Japan's bilateral ODA by region is as follows.

The figures in parentheses are gross disbursements.

- ▶ Asia: \$2,528.32 million (\$8,105.91 million)
- ▶ Middle East and North Africa: \$1,591.76 million (\$2,339.90 million)
- ▶ Sub-Saharan Africa: \$1,732.75 million (\$1,835.29 million)
- ▶ Latin America and the Caribbean: \$-343.55 million (\$1,005.55 million)
- * The negative figure indicates that loan repayments, etc., exceeded the disbursed amount.
- ▶ Oceania: \$176.29 million (\$196.87 million)
- ▶ Europe: \$180.51 million (\$232.45 million)
- ▶ Assistance covering multiple regions: \$1,561.95 million (\$1,561.95 million)

Table III-1 Japan's ODA by Type (2010)

ODA disbursements (2010 calendar year)		Dollar basis (US\$1 million)			Yen basis (¥100 million)		
		Current year	Previous year	Change from the previous year (%)	Current year	Previous year	Change from the previous year (%)
Grant aid		3,465.59	2,377.01	45.8	3,041.42	2,220.13	37.0
debt relief		20.88	68.33	-69.4	18.33	63.82	-71.3
grants provided through multilateral institutions		1,269.15	825.90	53.7	1,113.81	771.39	44.4
grant aid excluding the above		2,175.56	1,482.78	46.7	1,909.28	1,384.91	37.9
Grant aid (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)		3,463.74	2,374.26	45.9	3,039.80	2,217.56	37.1
debt relief		20.88	68.33	-69.4	18.33	63.82	-71.3
grants provided through multilateral institutions		1,269.02	825.81	53.7	1,113.70	771.30	44.4
grant aid excluding the above		2,173.84	1,480.12	46.9	1,907.77	1,382.43	38.0
Technical cooperation		3,488.50	3,194.75	9.2	3,061.53	2,983.90	2.6
Technical cooperation (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)		3,478.48	3,118.40	11.5	3,052.74	2,912.58	4.8
Total grants		6,954.09	5,571.76	24.8	6,102.95	5,204.03	17.3
Total grants (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)		6,942.23	5,492.65	26.4	6,092.54	5,130.14	18.8
Loan aid		473.95	684.20	-30.7	415.94	639.05	-34.9
(loop aid, excluding debt relief)		480.77	749.68	-35.9	421.93	700.20	-39.7
(amount disbursed)		8,323.84	7,754.65	7.3	7,305.05	7,242.84	0.9
(amount recovered)		7,849.88	7,070.44	11.0	6,889.10	6,603.80	4.3
(amount recovered excluding debt relief)		7,843.07	7,004.97	12.0	6,883.12	6,542.64	5.2
Loan aid (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)		394.75	683.56	-42.3	346.43	638.44	-45.7
(loop aid, excluding debt relief)		401.57	749.03	-46.4	352.42	699.60	-49.6
(amount disbursed)		8,201.95	7,667.66	7.0	7,198.08	7,161.59	0.5
(amount recovered)		7,807.20	6,984.10	11.8	6,851.65	6,523.15	5.0
(amount recovered excluding debt relief)		7,800.39	6,918.63	12.7	6,845.67	6,462.00	5.9
Total bilateral ODA		7,428.04	6,255.97	18.7	6,518.89	5,843.07	11.6
Total bilateral ODA (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)		7,336.97	6,176.21	18.8	6,438.97	5,768.58	11.6
Contributions and subscriptions to multilateral institutions		3,684.00	3,294.58	11.8	3,233.10	3,077.13	5.1
Contributions and subscriptions to multilateral institutions (excluding contributions to the EBRD)		3,684.00	3,290.37	12.0	3,233.10	3,073.21	5.2
Total ODA (net disbursement)		11,112.04	9,550.54	16.3	9,751.99	8,920.21	9.3
Total ODA (net disbursement) (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries and some disbursements for the EBRD)		11,020.98	9,466.58	16.4	9,672.07	8,841.79	9.4
Total ODA (gross disbursement)		18,961.92	16,620.99	14.1	16,641.10	15,524.00	7.2
Total ODA (gross disbursement) (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries)		18,828.18	16,450.69	14.5	16,523.72	15,364.94	7.5
Preliminary estimate of nominal Gross National Income (GNI) (US\$1 billion, ¥1 billion)		5,602.75	5,180.47	8.2	491,700.60	483,855.80	1.6
% of GNI		0.20	0.18		0.20	0.18	
% of GNI (excluding disbursements for Eastern Europe and graduated countries and some disbursements for the EBRD)		0.20	0.18		0.20	0.18	

*1 Japan has a record of disbursements to the following 12 graduated countries and territories: United Arab Emirates, Israel, Qatar, Cyprus, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovenia, Bahrain, Brunei, Hong Kong and Malta.

*2 The 2010 exchange rate designated by the Development Assistance Committee (DAC): US\$1 = ¥87.7606 (¥5.6394 appreciation compared to 2009).

*3 Due to rounding the total may not equal the sum of each type of assistance.

*4 Grant aid includes assistance through international organizations that can be classified as country assistance.

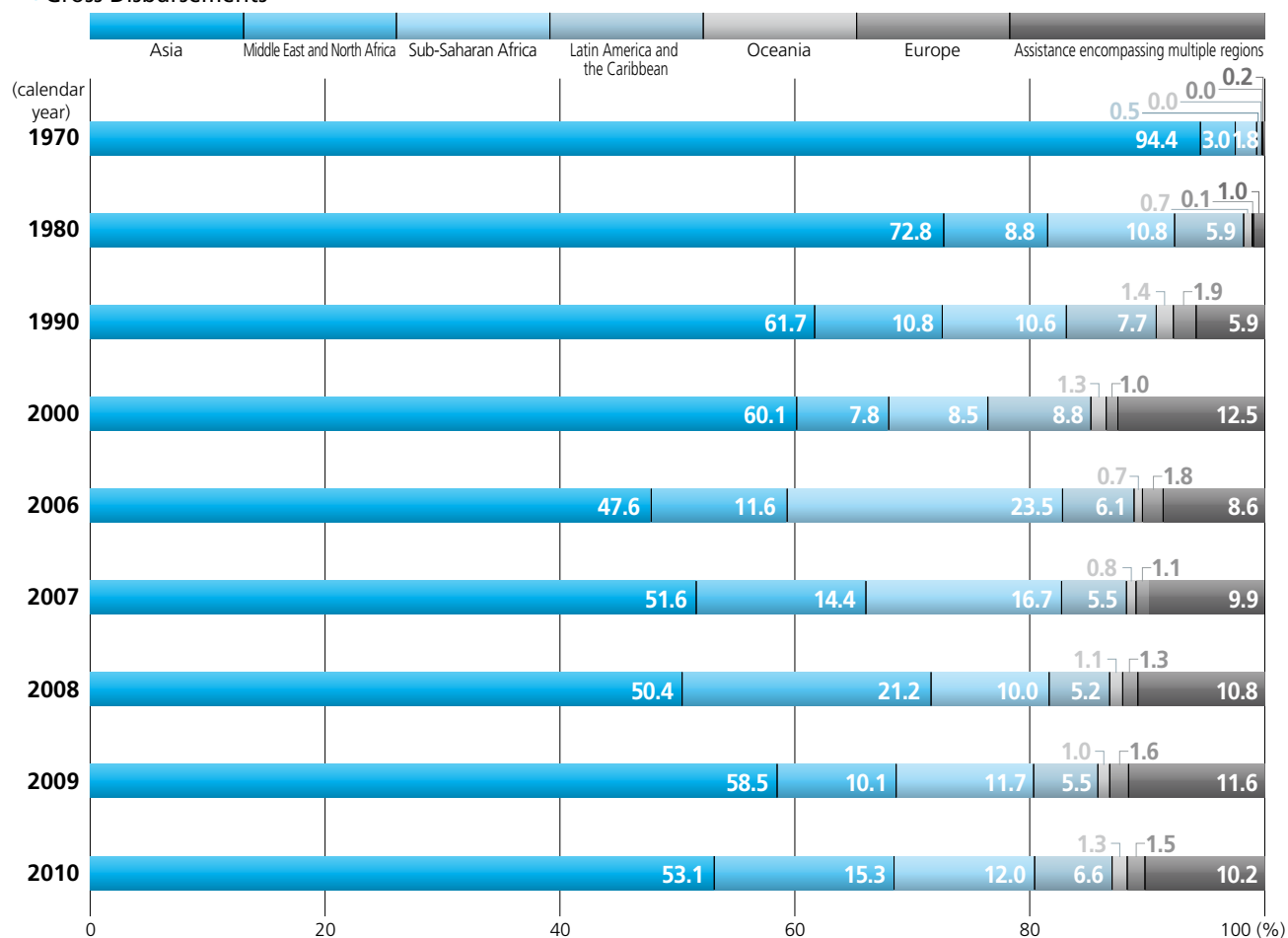
*5 Debt relief includes debt cancellation of ODA loans and debt reduction of insured commercial claims. It does not include debt rescheduling.

*6 In accordance with the decision of the OECD-DAC Statistics Working Group, a portion of contributions to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has been recorded as ODA.

Note 4: Conversion rate: 2010 US\$1 = ¥87.7606, 2009 US\$1 = ¥93.4000 (The exchange rate by the OECD-DAC.)

Table III-2 Trends in Japan's Bilateral ODA by Region

● Gross Disbursements



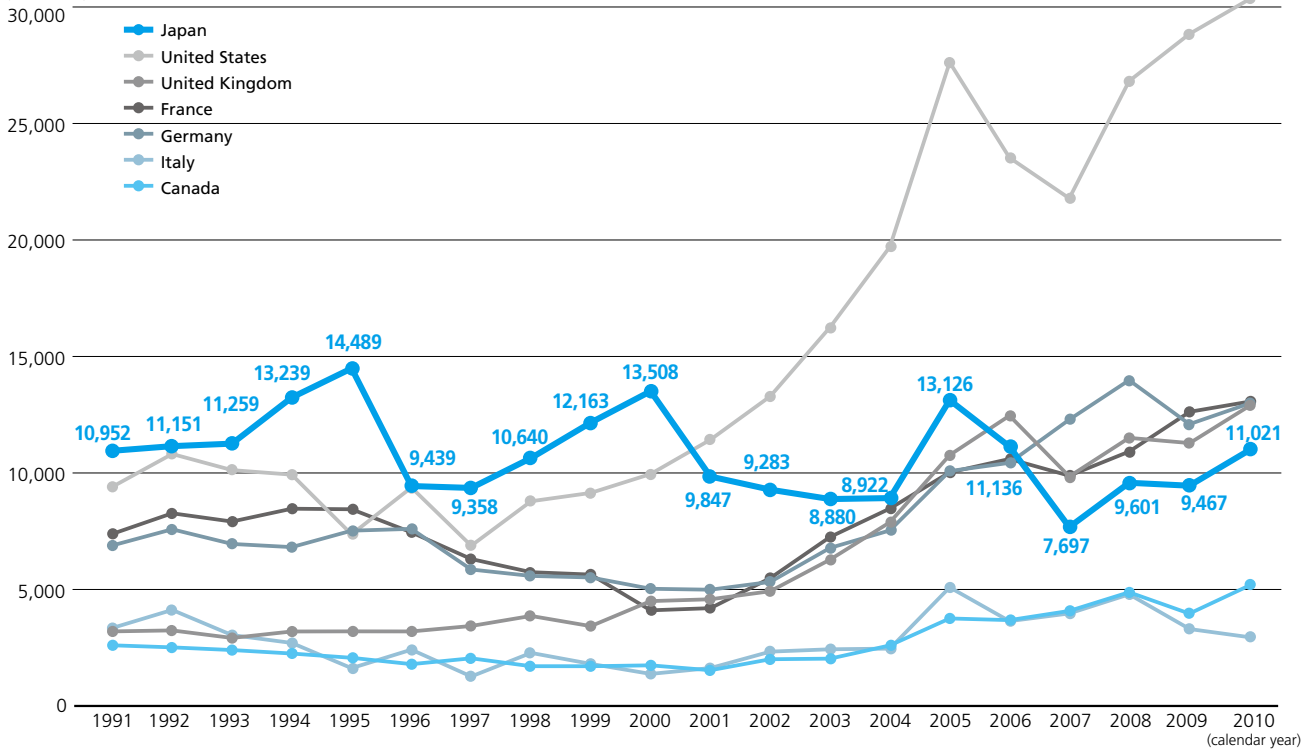
*1 ODA to the European region since 1990 includes aid to Eastern Europe.

*2 Assistance encompassing multiple regions includes the dispatch of survey groups, administrative costs and promotion of development awareness, all encompassing multiple regions.

Table III-3 Trends in the ODA of Major DAC Countries

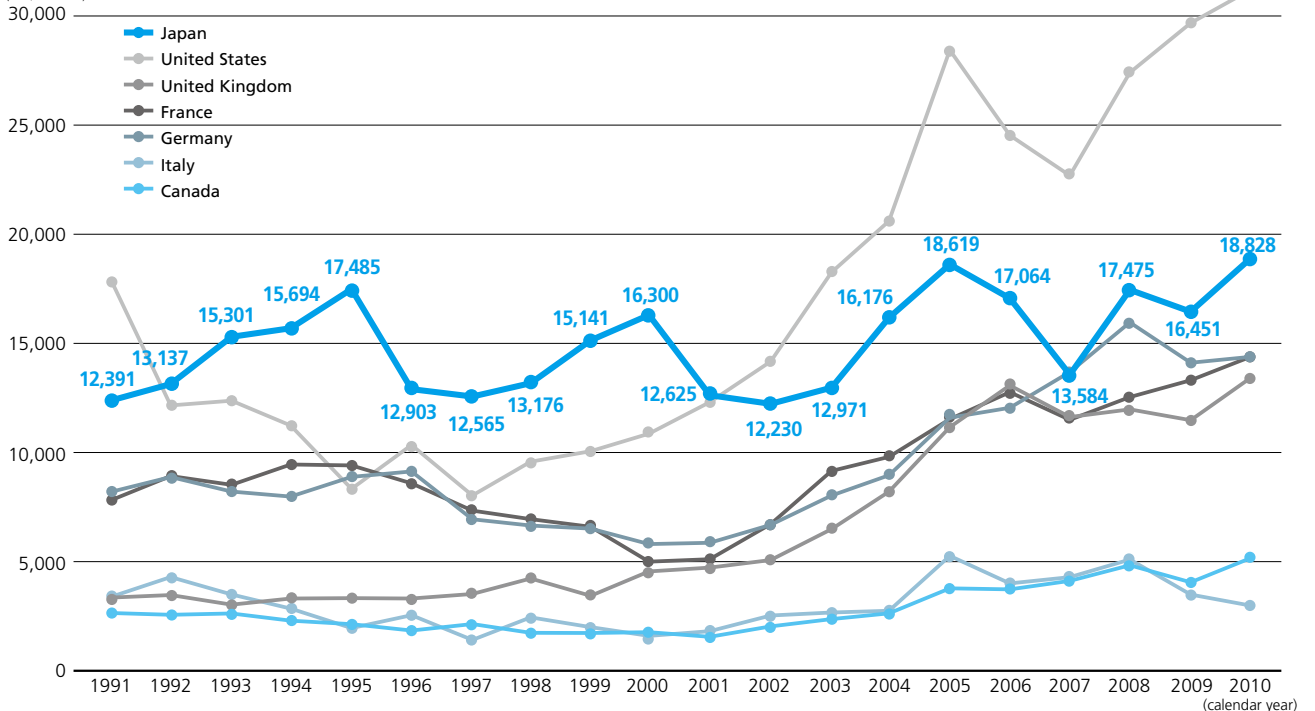
Net Disbursements

(US\$ million)



Gross Disbursements

(US\$ million)



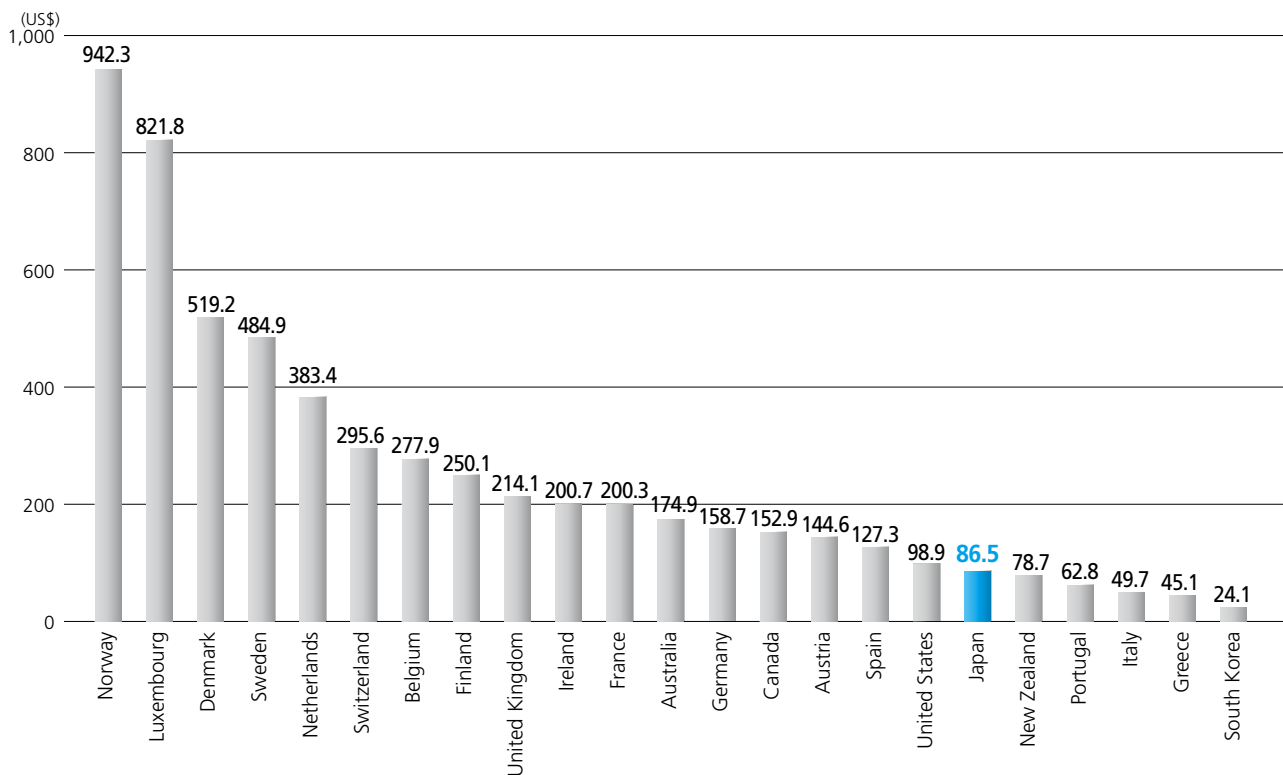
Source: DAC press release, DAC statistics (DAC statistics on OECD. STAT)

*1 Excluding assistance to Eastern Europe and graduated countries.

*2 U.S. figures for 1991 and 1992 exclude military debt relief.

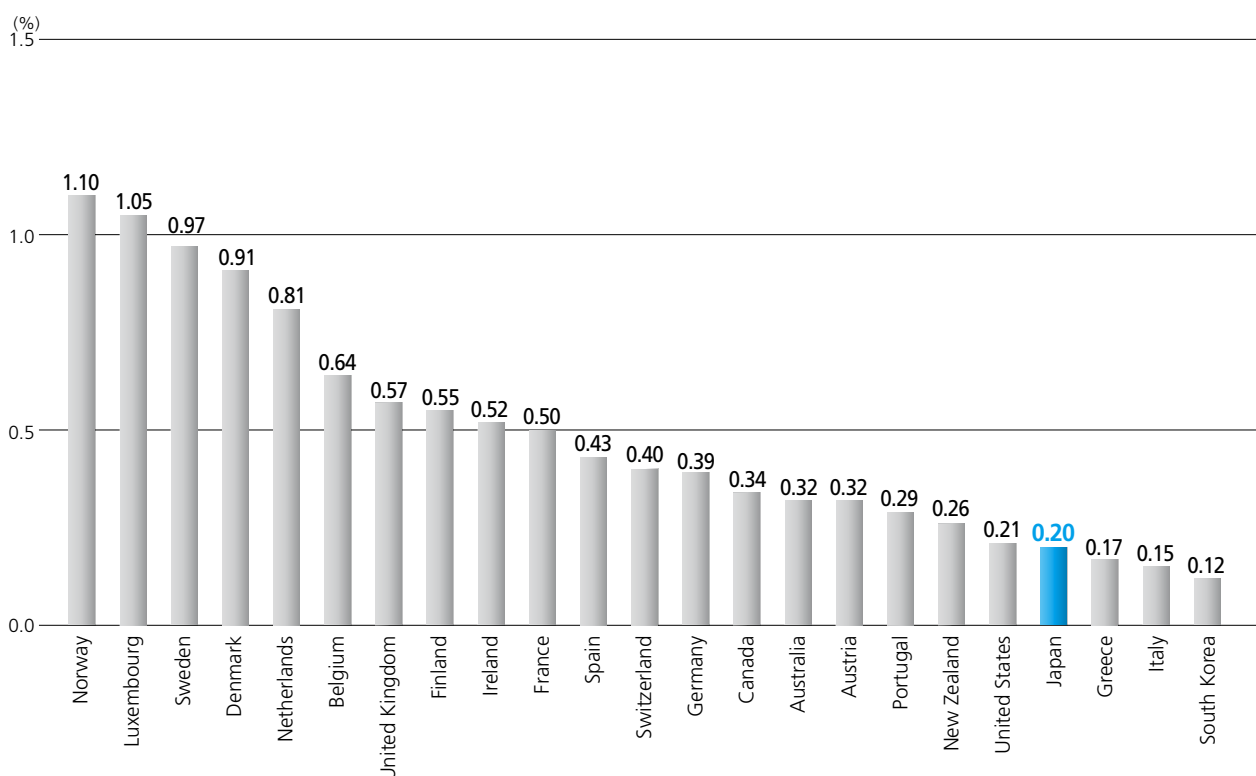
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Table III-4 Per Capita ODA in DAC Countries



Source: Disbursements from DAC press release, population figures from DAC statistics (DAC statistics on OECD. STAT)
 * Excluding assistance to Eastern Europe and graduated countries.

Table III-5 Ratio of ODA to GNI in DAC Countries



Source: DAC press release, DAC statistics (DAC statistics on OECD. STAT)
 * Countries are placed in descending order of their ratios of ODA to GNI.

Table III-6 Trends in Japan's ODA and as Percent of GNI