

2. Boosting Economic Growth – Infrastructure –

Actions to be taken in the next 5 years under the TICAD Process (Yokohama Action Plan)

The TICAD process will focus on:

- (1) Regional transport infrastructure, including roads and ports
- (2) Regional power infrastructure
- (3) Water-related infrastructure
- (4) Enhanced involvement of regional institutions
- (5) Promotion of public-private partnership (PPP) in infrastructure

Principal measures taken under the TICAD Process up to February 2009

- **Regional transport infrastructure, including roads and ports as well as regional power infrastructure**

Out of the total target amount of grant aid and technical assistance (JPY 37 billion) over five years in the field of infrastructure, at least JPY 13.37 billion (about 36%) has been committed (E/N base): at least ten grant aid cooperation projects for transport infrastructure and four projects for power infrastructure were initiated, and seven technical cooperation projects for transport infrastructure and three projects for power infrastructure were initiated. (For details, see page 2 on the Appendix II, TICAD IV Progress Status List)

JBIC signed an Untied Loan totaling up to 7.5 billion yen with Eskom Holdings Limited (ESKOM) to power transmission projects in South Africa.

- **Promote facilitation of cross border procedures**

Out of the target number of fourteen One Stop Border Posts (OSBP) announced, assistance for three posts is underway. In addition, three customs seminars/training programmes were held to support OSBP.

Future challenges

- In order to implement infrastructure projects in African countries in an efficient and effective manner, the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) should continue to gather updated infrastructure-related information from relevant parties, and, in particular, from African countries, AU/NEPAD, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and from the respective regional Economic Communities (REC's), while being aware of more targeted priorities set from a regional and sub-regional perspective. In this regard, it is absolutely crucial for African countries to finalize, as early as possible, the AU/NEPAD Medium and Long Term Strategic Framework (MLTSF).
- The Private Sector should be further encouraged and motivated to participate in infrastructural-development projects in African countries, including through the facilitation of public-private partnership (PPP) arrangements so as to promote further trade and investment possibilities.