Japan’s Support to SAARC

1. Support for Sustainable Development in South Asia
   A. Assistance to Address Climate Change and to Protect Environment
   B. Support for Infrastructure Development
   C. Support for Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management

2. Promotion of People-to-People Exchange

3. Support for Democratization and Peace-Building
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A. Assistance to Address Climate Change and to Protect Environment

Japan implements variety of support for SAARC Member States which make efforts to address climate change and to protect environment as urgent issues in South Asia. Japan has announced its plan to provide fast start financing worth about 15 billion US dollars in total up to 2012, under which Japan has supported projects to introduce low-carbon energy such as solar power generation and continues to assist the region's concerted efforts to address climate change.

Afghanistan
- Project for Introduction of Clean Energy by Solar Electricity Generation System (Grant Aid: $6.8 million, FY09)

Pakistan
- Project for Introduction of Clean Energy by Solar Electricity Generation System (Grant Aid: $4.7 million, FY09)

India
- Rajasthan Forestry and Biodiversity Conservation Project (Phase 2) (ODA Loan: $177.0 million, FY11)
- Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Energy Saving Project (Phase 2) (ODA Loan: $337.1 million, FY11)
- New and Renewable Energy Development Project (ODA Loan: 337.1 million, FY11)
- Sikkim Biodiversity Conservation and Forest Management Project (ODA Loan: $52.27 million, FY09)

Maldives
- Project for Clean Energy Promotion in Malé (Grant Aid: $10 million, FY09)

Bangladesh
- Programme for Improvement of Solid Waste Management in Dhaka City toward the Low Carbon Society (Grant Aid: $12.15 million, FY08)
- New Haripur Power Plant Development Project (II) (ODA Loan: $222.1 million, FY08)
- Central Zone Power Distribution Project (ODA Loan: $97.15 million, FY08)
- Bheramara Combined Cycle Power Plant Development Project (Engineering Services) (ODA Loan: $22.09 million, FY09)
- Rural Electrification Upgradation Project (ODA Loan: $132.41 million, FY09)
- Khulna Water Supply Project (ODA Loan: $176.7 million, FY11)

Nepal
- Forest Preservation Programme (Grant Aid: $6.4 million, FY09)
- Project for Introduction of Clean Energy by Solar Electricity Generation System (Grant Aid: $6.4 million, FY09)

Bhutan
- Rural Electrification Project (Phase 2) (ODA Loan: $24.6 million, FY11)
- The Study on GLOFs (Glacial Lake Outburst Floods) in the Bhutan Himalayas” (FY09-12, 3 years)

Sri Lanka
- Disaster Management Capacity Enhancement Project Applicable to Climate Change (Technical Cooperation, FY08-)
- Project for Capacity Development of CDM Promotion in Sri Lanka (Technical Cooperation, FY09-)
- Project for Introduction of Clean Energy by Solar Electricity Generation System (Grant Aid: $8.6 million, FY09)
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B. Support for Infrastructure Development

Japan supports building infrastructure, such as roads, railways and energy facilities, in order to foster regional connectivity in South Asia region for its sustainable growth and development.

**Afghanistan**
- Rehabilitation of Ring Road in Mazar-e-Sharif City (Grant Aid: $17.0 million, FY09-10)
- Rehabilitation of Airfield Pavements at Kabul International Airport (Grant Aid: $14.43 million, FY10), etc.

**Pakistan**
- National Transmission Lines and Grid Stations Strengthening Project (ODA Loan $226.2 million, FY09)
- East-West Road Improvement Project (N70) (Phase 1) (ODA Loan $136.7 million, FY08)

**India**
- Bihar National Highway Improvement Project (ODA Loan, $257.3 million FY11)
- Andhra Pradesh Rural High Voltage Distribution System Project (ODA Loan, $208.9 million FY11)
- Madhya Pradesh Transmission System Modernisation Project (ODA Loan, $207.6 million FY11)
- Bangalore Metro Rail Project (II) (ODA Loan, $222.8 million FY11)
- Dedicated Freight Corridor Project (Phase 1-2) (ODA Loan: $918.8 million, FY09-10)
- Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System Project (Phase 2) (V) (ODA Loan: $326.6 million, FY09)
- Kolkata East-West Metro Project (II) (ODA Loan: $227.2 million, FY09)
- Chennai Metro Project (II) (ODA Loan: $581.1 million, FY09)

**Nepal**
- Project for the Improvement of Kathmandu-Bhaktapur Road (Grant Aid $26.72 million FY08-10)
- Project for Construction of Sindhuli Road (Section III) (Grant Aid: $6.26 million, FY09)
- Project for the Improvement of Community Access (Grant Aid: $10.53 million, FY09)

**Bhutan**
- Reconstruction of Bridges (Phase III) (Grant Aid: $24.21 million, FY09-)
- Improvement of Machinery and Equipment for Construction of Rural Agriculture Road Phase II (Grant Aid: $5.80 million, FY09)

**Sri Lanka**
- Project for Construction of Manmunai Bridge (Grant Aid $13.55 million FY11)
- Project for Reconstruction of 5 Bridges in Eastern Province (Grant Aid $13.26 million FY09-10)
- Greater Colombo Urban Transport Development Project (Phase 2) (ODA Loan $337.1 million FY10)

**Bangladesh**
- Padma multipurpose Bridge Project (ODA Loan: $384.3 million, FY11)
- Chittagong City Outer Ring Road Project (ODA Loan: $88.31 million, FY09)
- Eastern Bangladesh Bridge Improvement Project (ODA Loan: $69.24 million FY08)
Building upon lessons learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake, Japan will support disaster risk reduction and disaster management for South Asian countries. Japan will contribute to build a disaster-resilient community and to strengthen cooperation among the entire South Asian region in this field.

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C. Support for Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management

**Japan**
- Japan-SAARC Symposium on Disaster Reduction at Kobe, Japan, Jan. 2010

**Afghanistan**
- Snow Clearance and Avalanche Control in Northern Region (Grant Aid: $5.0 million, FY10)
- Enhancing Disaster Management and Preparedness in Gohr (Grant Aid: $1.5 million, FY10), etc.

**Pakistan**
- Import finance for flood reconstruction (ODA Loan, US$53.2 million, FY 10)
- Project for strengthening flood warning and management capacity (in collaboration with UNESCO)(Grand Aid, $3.19 million, FY11)
- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Emergency Rural Road Rehabilitation Project (ODA Loan $156.4 million, FY10)

**Bhutan**
- Project for Restoration and improvement of Vital Infrastructure for Cyclone Disaster (Grant Aid, $11.45 million, FY11)

**India**
- Information Network for Natural Disaster Mitigation and Recovery (Science and Technology Research Partnership: SATREPS, FY10-)
- Programme for Construction of Multipurpose Cyclone Shelters in the Area Affected by the Cyclone Sidr (Grant Aid, $8.48 million, FY08)
- Programme for the Improvement of Capabilities to Cope with Natural Disasters Caused by Climate Change (Grand Aid, $15.96 million, FY 10)
- Project for the Improvement of the Storm Water Drainage System in Dhaka City (Phrase II)(Grand Aid, $8.11 million, FY07-08)
- Project for the Establishment of the Meteorological Radar System at Moulvibazar (Grant Aid,$8.62 million, FY07)
- Emergency Disaster damage Rehabilitation Project (ODA Loan, $60 million, FY07)
- Emergency Grant Aid for Cyclone Disaster (Grant Aid: 3.6 million, FY07)

**Nepal**
- Earthquake Risk Reduction and Recovery Preparedness Program for South Asia Region (Grant Aid, $5.26 million, FY06)

**Sri Lanka**
- Emergency Natural Disaster Rehabilitation Project (ODA Loan, $78.7 million, FY11)
- Project for Improvement of metrological and Disaster Information Network (Grand Aid, $6.96 million, FY07)
- Maldives Tsunami Reconstruction Project(ODA Loan, $24.6 million, FY06)

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Japan has implemented youth exchange programs to help lay the foundation for a common future vision and solidarity and to promote mutual understanding among the younger generation between SAARC member states and Japan.

**Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS)**

Through the JENESYS Program, Japan contributed approximately $7 million to the SAARC-Japan Special Fund (103 persons for FY07, 246 persons FY08, 185 persons for FY09, 187 persons for FY10, Total 721 persons).

**High School Students Invitation Program**
- Welcome Reception
- Home-stay
- Trip to Hiroshima
- Study Tour

**Invitation Program for Human Resources in the Field of Science and Technology**
- Ironworks Tour
- Final Presentation

**Invitation Program for Learners and Teachers of Japanese Language**
- Flower Arrangement
- Visit to a Japanese Language School

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[Map showing countries involved: Afghanistan, Nepal, Pakistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives, India]
3. Support Democratization and Peace-Building

Japan continues to support the SAARC Member States that have made progressive efforts for democratization and peace-building in order to promote their further efforts.

**Afghanistan**
- **Japan’s Assistance Package (announced in Nov. 2009):** Japan will provide assistance up to an amount in the region of five billion US dollars in about five years from 2009, based on the future situation of Afghanistan.
  
  To date, Japan has implemented approximately 1.75 billion US dollars (175.3 billion yen) of assistance, based on the assistance package (as of Oct. 2010).
  
  (1) Support in enhancing Afghanistan’s capability to maintain security
    - Assistance equivalent to salaries of all policemen (116,000 people) for 6 months through UNDP-LOTFA (Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan)
    - Police training in Japan and Turkey
    - Literacy for Empowering Afghan Police, etc.
  
  (2) Assistance for reintegration of grass root level soldiers
    - Contribution to the Peace and reintegration Trust Fund through UNDP ($52 million), etc.
  
  (3) Assistance for Afghanistan’s sustainable and self-reliant development
    - Rehabilitation of Ring Road in Mazar-e-Sharif City (Grant Aid: $17.0 million, FY09-10)
    - Rehabilitation of Airfield Pavements at Kabul International Airport (Grant Aid: $14.43 million, FY10), etc.

**Nepal**
- **Project for Promoting Peace Building and Democratization through the Capacity Development of the Media Sector in Nepal (Technical Cooperation, FY10-13)**
- **Participatory Watershed Management and Local Governance Project (Technical Cooperation, FY09-14)**
- **Gender Mainstreaming and Social Inclusion Project (Technical Cooperation, FY08-13)**

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**Pakistan**
- **Programme for the Sustainable Development through Peace Building and Economic Recovery in North West Frontier Province (Grant Aid: $12.1 million, FY09)**

**Sri Lanka**
- **Project for Reintegration and Reconciliation Assistance to Northern Conflict-Affected Communities (Grant Aid: $1.5 million, FY11)**
- **Non-Food Relief Item Assistance under PKO ($0.47 million, FY09)**
- **Project for Demining in Northern Sri Lanka (Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects)**
  - 6 projects for total about $3.64 million since Jan. 2009

**Bhutan**
- **Local Governance and Decentralization Phase II (Technical Cooperation Project, FY07-10)**