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**Assisting Iraq is Important for Japan.**

- The development of Iraq as a peaceful and democratic state is important for the peace and stability of not only the Middle East region but the international community as a whole.
- The reconstruction of Iraq is an issue of the entire international community. Japan has endeavored as a responsible member of the international community. Japan took initiative to the establishment of the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRFFI) in February 2004, and convened the third donor committee meeting of the IRFFI in Tokyo.
- The Middle East is a vital region for Japan’s energy security.

(Note: The IRFFI is administered and operated jointly by the United Nations and the World Bank for the reconstruction of Iraq. More than 25 donor countries and organizations have contributed some $1.4 billion to the fund. Japan served as the first chair country and disbursed $400 million (about half the total donations at that time).

**Major Approaches**

Life Infrastructure Reconstruction
- Assistance in the fields of electricity, water and sanitation, medicine, education and job creation.
- They are implemented in cooperation with relevant Iraqi ministries, local authorities, international organizations and NGOs.

Security
- Stable security condition is indispensable for Iraq’s reconstruction.
- Provision of police vehicles.
- Training programs for police officers.

Culture and Sports
- Assistance for restoration of the Iraqi cultural heritage.
- Sports exchanges in judo, soccer, etc.
- Supply of popular Japanese TV programs, such as “Captain Tsubasa,” “Project X” and others.

Environment
- Support for environmental management of the Iraqi Marshlands in southern Iraq through the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

**Debt Relief**
Japan agreed to cancel 80% of approx. $7.6 billion public debt (approx. $6 billion) Iraq owes to Japan in three stages.

**Capacity Building**
Japan’s training programs have trained more than 1,300 Iraqi citizens in Japan or neighboring Arab countries (as of May 2006).

**Personnel Contributions by Self-Defense Forces**
Self-Defense Forces have engaged in medical assistance, distribution of drinking water, rehabilitation and maintenance of schools and other public facilities.

**Maximum $5 Billion in Reconstruction Assistance**
$1.5 billion of grant aid has already been obligated. Tangible results have been appearing in Iraq. Maximum $3.5 billion yen-loan projects have been taking shape one by one.
Achievement to Date

Highest Priority: Development of Life Infrastructure - urgent needs for nation building.

The Iraqi society suffers from predicament caused by the administration of the former Husein government, the economic sanction of the international community and the use of force against Iraq.

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$1.5 Billion grant in Official Development Assistance (ODA) to the nation

Effective implementation by the combination of ODA and SDF in Al-Muthanna Governorate

$200 million by the ODA → Collaboration → 600 SDF troops

- Road repairs, asphalt paving
- Job creation by SDF
- Implementation of Employment programs through international agencies
- Repairs/repaving of 130 km of community roads
- Creating jobs for approx. 10% of the unemployed in the governorate

(Example)
- Provision of water purification facilities and garbage disposal instruments through ODA (the SDF purified the water initially)
- Provision of medical equipment thorough ODA and technical instruction by SDF
- School repairs and rehabilitation (SDF repairs at 36 schools. ODA rehabilitated 73 schools)
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(Example)
- Construction of high capacity power plant in Samawah
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(CURRENT GRANT ASSISTANCE-BASED SUPPORT DETERMINED FOR IMPLEMENTATION FROM EARLY APRIL 2006)

Northern Iraq
(Mosul, Dahuk, Arbil, Sulaymaniyah, Kirkuk, Diyala)
- Health care activities and distribution of subsistence goods through JPF
- Temporary repairs of hospitals and schools, wintering support for domestic refugees
- Emergency reconstruction programs targeting domestic refugees, returnees, residents
  (JPF)
- Iraq Reconstruction and Employment Program

Iraq Reconstruction and Employment Program II
- Rehabilitation of and provision of equipment to general hospitals in the Northern Region
- Provision of medical equipment through “Hashemite Chari-
  ty Organization” of Jordan
- Cooperation in preserving cultural artifacts at the Iraq National Museum
- Community Rehabilitation Project
- Supervision of police stations in the Northern Region

Emergency Rehabilitation of Al-Kadhimiya Teaching Hospi-
- Provision of medical equipment to general hospitals in
- Rehabilitation of and provision of equipment to general hospitals in the Central
- Rehabilitation of and provision of equipment to general hospitals in the Southern
- Iraq Reconstruction and Employment Program

Kirkuk
- Rehabilitation of and provision of equipment to general hospitals in the Northern Region
- Community Rehabilitation Project

Taji
- Rehabilitation of Gas Turbine Power Stations

Saudi Arabia

Baghdad and Surrounding Regions
- Provision of water purification facilities
- Provision of armored vehicles
- Provision of fire trucks
- Rehabilitation of and provision of equipment to general hospitals in the Central Region
- Equipment to elementary schools and a technical school in Baghdad
- Provision of furniture and playground equipment to a disabled children center in Baghdad
- Rehabilitation of medical equipment to clinics
- Provision of equipment to institutions for the deaf
- Improvements in elementary and middle schools, vocational training schools, teaching training schools
- Improvement of Karbala domestic productive association
- Improvement of Industrial Technology Technical Yogyakarta School of Mineral Resources
- Donation of football equipment to the Iraq Football Association
- Provision of juvenile books for all primary schools in Al-Muthanna Governorate
- Provision of medical equipment to all primary schools in Al-Muthanna Governorate
- Provision of teaching materials and equipment for Samawah Nursing High-School
- Provision of medical equipment to Samawah Maternity and Children Hospital
- School Rehabilitation Project
- Iraq Reconstruction and Employment Program

Muthanna (Samawah and Surrounding Regions)
- Provision of armored vehicles
- Provision of fire trucks
- Rehabilitation of Samawah General Hospital
- Provision of medical equipment to primary health centers in Al-Muthanna Governorate
- Provision of equipment for solid waste management such as garbage collection vehicles and containers to the city of Samawah
- Construction of a diesel power station in Al-Samawah
- Program for the police training in Al-Muthanna Governorate
- Provision of water purification units, water tanks and tankers to Al-Muthanna Governorate
- Establishment of 4 wells in Al-Busayyah
- Provision of medical equipment and medicine to Samawah General Hospital
- Provision of medical equipment to the Al-Rumaythah and Al-Khidhir Hospitals
- Provision of ambulances to Al-Muthanna Governorate
- Provision of equipment to specialized clinics, central health exam clinics
- Provision of broadcasting equipment to Al-Muthanna TV Station
- Assistance for road repairs in Al-Muthanna Governorate
- Provision of road and bridge repair equipment to Al-Muthanna Governorate
- Provision of equipment for police check points in Al-Samawah
- Provision of equipment for police stations in Al-Muthanna Governorate
- Provision of equipment for Al-Muthanna border police station
- Provision of electric generators to Al-Samawah
- Samawah Promenade Project (7 projects)
- Provision of equipment to the Orphanage in Al-Samawah
- Provision of football equipment
- Rehabilitation of the Olympic Stadium in Al-Muthanna Governorate
- Provision of sports equipment to Al-Muthanna Governorate
- Iraq Reconstruction and Employment Program II and III
- Community Rehabilitation Project
- School Rehabilitation Project
- Provision of mobile substations
- Provision of special vehicles for garbage disposal and sewage cleaning
- Provision of police vehicles
- Provision of police buses and motorcycles
- Provision of Ambulances
- Improvement of north-south trunk communications network
- Improvement of long-distance transit switches for telecommunication
- Provision of trucks to strengthen Iraq Red Crescent Society transport capacity
- Emergency Humanitarian Assistance

Note: JPF: Japan Platform

In addition, $500 million through International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq

Direct assistance to Iraq (approx. $911 million: includes training
- grassroots human security grant assistance,
- grassroots cultural grant assistance, etc.)

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Iraq Reconstruction and Employment Program

Kuwait

Persian Gulf

Arbil
- Rehabilitation of and provision of equipment to general hospitals in the Northern Region

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Grant Assistance Cooperation (Approx. $1.5 billion)

- **Direct Assistance to Iraq (approx. $911 million)**
  - **Electricity**
    - Provision of mobile substations: Provision of 23 mobile substations throughout Iraq, including two in Al-Samawah.
    - Rehabilitation of Gas Turbine Power Stations: Replacement of gas turbine power generators in Taji and Mosul.
    - Rehabilitation of Mosul Hydroelectric Power Station: Rehabilitation of hydroelectric power stations (machinery and parts provision, installation, adjustment, trial operation and training).
    - Construction of a diesel power station in Al-Samawah: Construction of 60MW generation capacity power station in Al-Samawah.
  - **Medical and Health Care**
    - Rehabilitation of general hospitals: Provision of medical equipment and facilities at 11 general hospitals.
    - Provision of ambulances: Provision of 700 ambulances to hospitals nationwide under control of Ministry of Health.
  - **Water and Sanitation**
    - Provision of water purification facilities: Provision of prefabricated water purification facilities (compact units) in Baghdad.
    - Provision of special vehicles for garbage disposal and sewage cleaning: Provision of garbage collection trucks, waste landfill bulldozers and cesspool cleaning trucks throughout Iraq.
    - Provision of equipment for solid waste management such as garbage collection vehicles and containers to the city of Samawah: Provision of garbage collection trucks and waste-use containers and other garbage collection machinery.
  - **Security**
    - Provision of police vehicles: Deployment of police vehicles in 27 cities (including 40 vehicles in Al-Muthanna Governorate, including Al-Samawah)
    - Provision of fire trucks: Provision of fire trucks to Baghdad, Al-Basra and Al-Muthanna Governorate, including Samawah (6 units).
    - Training program for police officers in the Al-Muthanna Governorate

- **Others**
  - Improvement of north-south trunk communications network: Construction of trunk transmission lines between northern and southern Iraq, supporting inter-regional communications.
  - Improvement of long-distance transit switches for telecommunications: Renewal of 10 long-distance switchboards in major cities, restoring telephone service to support connections to trunk transmission lines and phone service to major cities.
  - Grassroots level assistance and support for culture and sports
    - Baghdad and other regions: school renovation and sewage canal rehabilitation, provision of football equipment to Iraqi Football Association (transportation cost support), supply of the Japanese TV programs "Oshin," "Project X" and "Puppet Theater," provision of judo equipment and supply of transportation cost for used judo equipment.
    - Al-Muthanna Governorate (including Al-Samawah): Provision of medical supplies and equipment, football equipment, water purification facilities, water tanks and tankers, filming and editing equipment, road repairs and maintenance, provision of ambulances, rehabilitation of the Olympic Stadium, donation of children’s books to elementary schools, provision of electric generators, installation of wells, provision of equipment to border police, improvements of the Anti-Tuberculosis Center, Allergy and Asthma Center and Special Center for Dental Care.

- **Yen Loans (Up to $3.5 billion)**
  - March 28, 2006: The government of Japan announced its intention to provide yen loans up to the total amount of 76.489 billion yen to Iraq for implementing the following projects: “Port Sector Development Project,” “Irrigation Sector Loan” and “Al-Mussaib Thermal Power Plant Rehabilitation Project.”
  - June 18, 2006: The government of Japan announced its intention to provide a yen loan up to the amount of 3.348 billion yen for implementing “Samawah Bridges and Roads Construction Project.”

- **Debt Reduction (Approx. $6 billion)**
  - November 24, 2005: Agreement upon the details of the condition of debt relief signed by Japan-Iraq foreign ministers based on Paris Club agreement.
    - Debt concerned: Contain debts that the Republic of Iraq owes to Japan Bank for International Cooperation, and commercial debts insured by the government of Japan (Japan ranks first among Paris Club creditor countries in terms of credit).
    - Total amount of debts concerned: Approximately 889,000 million yen (approximately $7.6 billion dollars).
    - Debt relief method: The debts will be cancelled by 80% in total in three stages (amounting to a reduction of approximately 710,000 million yen, excluding rescheduling interest).

- **Assistance through International Agencies (approx. $116 million)**
  - Emergency humanitarian assistance, support for education, electric power, health care, employment, cultural and other fields through UNDP, UNICEF, UN-HABITAT, etc.

- **International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq ($500 million)**
  - Japan disbursed $490 million to the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRFFI) – United Nations administered portion $360 million, World Bank administered portion $130 million.
  - Japan served as an IRFFI donor committee chair (one-year term) at Abu Dhabi Meeting (February 2004). Following the meeting in Doha in late May, the third meeting was held in Tokyo that October. The fourth meeting was held in July 2005 in Jordan. Total donations to IRFFI approx. $1 billion (about half consisting of Japanese donations).
  - Decision to donate $40 million to support the National Assembly election of Iraq in January 2005.
  - Other assistance includes donation of $10 million to International Finance Corporation (IFC) small-scale business financing fund.

- **Assistance through NGOs (approx. $27 million)**
  - Implementation of assistance in health care, education, water supplies and other fields through Japanese NGOs (including Japan Platform) and international NGOs.
Baghdad 437,400 km² (about 1.2 times the area of Japan) 27.1 million (World Bank estimate for 2004) Arabic, Kurdish (both official), others Arab (Shiite approx. 60%, Sunni approx. 20%), Kurd approx. 20%, Turkoman, Assyrian, etc. Islam (Shiite and Sunni), Christianity Republic President Jalal Talabani (elected April 22, 2006) A new government was established on May 20, 2006, on the basis of the results of the National Assembly election held on December 15, 2005. The National Assembly election was held on December 15, 2005. The first meeting was held March 16, 2006. $25.5 billion (2004; IMF estimate) $942 (2004; IMF estimate) 115 billion barrels (BP statistics; the 3rd in the world) Source: BP Statistical Review of World Energy (2005) World’s Top 10 Countries in Confirmed Oil Reserves

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