

# JICA Tokyo PROFILE

Japan International Cooperation Agency  
Tokyo Center



## Message from the President

On April 1, I assumed the presidency of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as the successor to Dr. KITAOKA Shinichi.

Today's world is beset with multiple crises. Among them, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has left in its wake the whole-scale destruction of Ukraine's land and infrastructure, and resulted in numerous casualties along with an unprecedented number of refugees and internally displaced persons. This war and ensuing humanitarian crisis pose a great challenge to the liberal international order.

Furthermore, the Covid-19 pandemic still has not been resolved and natural disasters thought to be caused by climate change now strike all over the world with seemingly increasing frequency. Likewise, natural disasters caused by crustal movement, as the recent volcanic eruption and tsunami that struck Tonga in January shows, continue to bring serious damage.

In the midst of this pandemic, geopolitical crisis like invasion to Ukraine occurred and has been giving severe impact on the world economy. While this ongoing complex crisis bring a serious threat to all human beings, it severely affects economy and society of developing countries, and disproportionately hit the most vulnerable people.

Under such circumstances, international cooperation is growing in significance more than ever before. As the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan points out, it is vital for Japan to proactively contribute to securing international peace, stability and prosperity through Official Development Assistance (ODA). In view of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP), it is also becoming more important for Japan to establish and maintain close relationships with partner countries in upholding the universal values of freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and the freedom of the high seas.

JICA, as the main implementing agency of Japanese ODA, plays a pivotal role in promoting international cooperation as well as the sound development of Japan and the international socio-economy by contributing to the economic and social development, reconstruction, and economic stability of developing countries. To be more specific, JICA holds up its mission of promoting "quality growth" and "human security." Based on this mission, JICA will focus on securing the foundations of economic growth in developing regions, promoting human-centered development to meet basic human needs, promoting the universal values, and securing a peaceful and stable society.

Furthermore, JICA will proactively leverage its global reach to address new challenges. These challenges include building a sustainable and resilient society, strengthening ties between diverse people and developing regions, contributing to the acceptance of foreign human resources as well as multicultural coexistence, and fostering leaders who have strong ties to Japan and who are well-versed in Japan's modernization experience through the JICA Development Studies Program and the JICA Chair (JICA Program for Japanese Studies).

Through these efforts, JICA will comprehensively contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

As president, I fully intend to carry forward JICA's longstanding tradition of working hand in hand with people of partner countries as we strive to realize our vision of "Leading the world with trust." I seek your continued cooperation as we work towards this goal.

April 1, 2022



**TANAKA Akihiko**

President  
Japan International  
Cooperation Agency

## Message from the Director General

My name is TANAKA Izumi, Director General of JICA Tokyo.

COVID-19 is currently spreading like wildfire throughout the world. It seems that we have no choice but to find a way to live in this new era alongside COVID-19, with which we have no experience. We might be forced to think again about the meaning of the word "global" and related trends as we move ahead. What seems to be needed now for the sake of the future is for all of the people of the world, in their various respective locations, to confront these difficult times and consider what we might be able to do about them.

JICA's organizational vision is to "lead the world with trust." JICA, with its partners, will take the lead in forging bonds of trust across the world, aspiring to a free, peaceful, and prosperous world where people can hope for a better future and explore their diverse potential as individuals.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted at the UN Sustainable Development Summit in 2015. These goals require all the people of the world to work together to achieve a society that "leaves no one behind." In this era in which we are forced to live alongside COVID-19, how can we leave no one behind as a society? I believe that the key to this puzzle lies in trust between countries and between people, and in the mutual effort to find a way to get through this together in an environment of trust.

JICA Tokyo was established to serve as a hub that connects people primarily in Niigata Prefecture, Nagano Prefecture, Gunma Prefecture, Saitama Prefecture, Tokyo Metropolis, and Chiba Prefecture with people in developing countries and regions. In cooperation with all of these parties, we aim to "lead the world with trust" in this new COVID-19 era.

Please feel free to drop by JICA Tokyo. We always welcome your visits and inquiries.



**TANAKA Izumi**

Director General of JICA Tokyo

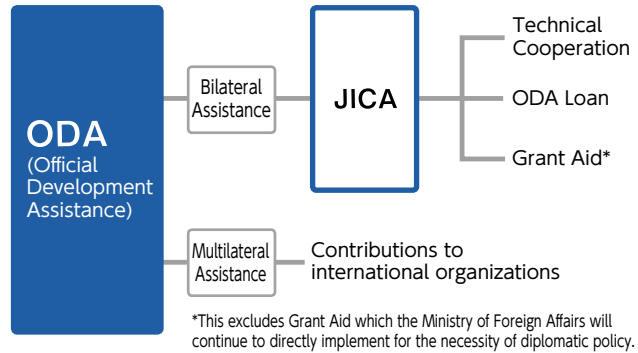
## Japan's ODA and JICA

A variety of organizations and groups, including governments as well as international organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and private companies, carry out financial assistance to developing countries for socioeconomic development. ODA, as defined by the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), must meet the following three requirements:

- It should be undertaken by governments or government agencies
- The main objective is the promotion of economic development and welfare in developing countries
- It has concessional terms, having a grant element of at least 25%

Note: The grant element measures the concessionality or "softness" of financial terms of a loan. The lower the interest rate and the longer the maturity period, the higher the grant element, which means it is more beneficial to the borrower. The grant element for a grant is 100%.

ODA is broadly divided into bilateral aid, in which assistance is given directly to developing countries, and multilateral aid, which is provided through international organizations. JICA provides bilateral aid in the form of Technical Cooperation, Japanese ODA Loans and Grant Aid.



## Role of JICA's Domestic Offices

In addition to its headquarters in Tokyo (Chiyoda-ku and Shinjuku-ku), JICA has established in-country offices in each region.

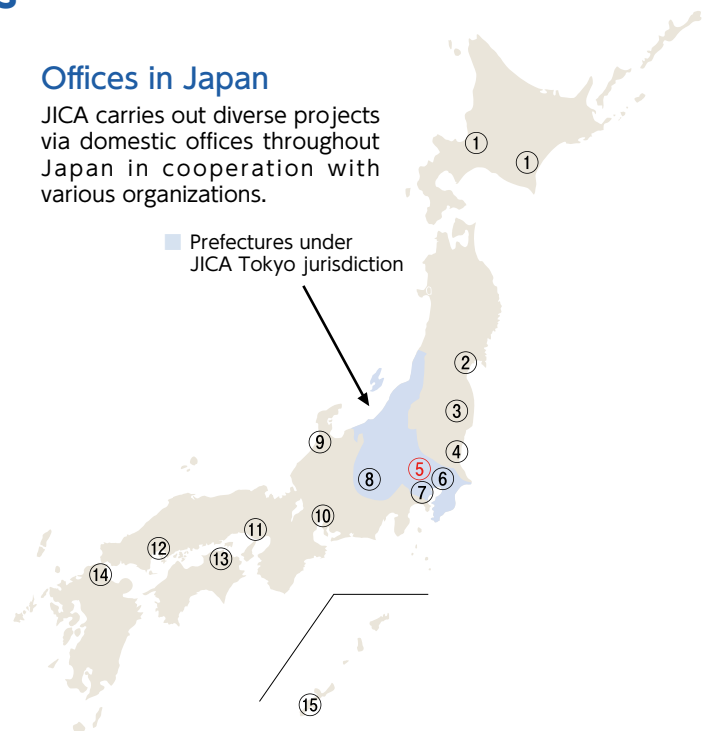
JICA's in-country offices are important sites for JICA's international cooperation.

They provide opportunities for trainees from developing countries to learn about Japan's experiences and technologies and for training volunteers, and training for volunteers, but they also serve as a place to deepen exchanges with local people. The main purpose is to provide opportunities for trainees from developing countries to learn about Japan's experience and technology, and to train volunteers. The main purpose is to provide opportunities to learn about JICA projects and international cooperation, as well as to provide information on information on JICA projects and international cooperation, support for foreign human resources and multicultural and multicultural activities, support for the development of global human resources, and international cooperation projects in cooperation with local governments, NGOs, universities, and private companies. We also provide information on JICA projects and international cooperation.

Our domestic offices in Japan serve as bridges between developing countries and regions in Japan. The domestic offices act as bridges between developing countries and regions of Japan, promoting international cooperation that makes the most of regional characteristics. We will promote activities that contribute to regional development through international cooperation. The domestic offices will promote activities that contribute to regional development through international cooperation, as well as international cooperation that takes advantage of regional characteristics.

### Offices in Japan

JICA carries out diverse projects via domestic offices throughout Japan in cooperation with various organizations.



### Domestic Offices and JICA Global Plaza

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| ① JICA Hokkaido (Sapporo) | ⑧ JICA Komagane                      |
| ① JICA Hokkaido (Obihiro) | ⑨ JICA Hokuriku                      |
| ② JICA Tohoku             | ⑩ JICA Chubu/<br>Nagoya Global Plaza |
| ③ JICA Nihonmatsu         | ⑪ JICA Kansai                        |
| ④ JICA Tsukuba            | ⑫ JICA Chugoku                       |
| ⑤ JICA Tokyo (Shibuya-ku) | ⑬ JICA Shikoku                       |
| ⑥ JICA Global Plaza       | ⑭ JICA Kyushu                        |
| ⑦ JICA Yokohama           | ⑮ JICA Okinawa                       |

# JICA Tokyo Information

JICA Tokyo is an international center that was established in Shibuya, Tokyo in 1985.

It is the largest of all nine JICA centers established throughout Japan, both in terms of activity scope and accommodations.

Since it was founded, JICA Tokyo has conducted training programs to communicate Japanese knowledge and technologies to more than 50,000 personnel from developing countries. The center also serves as a place for local residents to learn more about Japan's international cooperation and JICA activities.

In April 2014, the JICA departments in charge of public participation programs (such as regional collaboration and NGO collaboration) merged in order to better carry out activities related to the promotion of volunteer dispatch and the private sector collaboration in partnership with five prefectures (Tokyo, Chiba, Saitama, Gunma, and Niigata).

And TAKASAKI Annex was opened in October 2021 to reinforce JICA activities in Takasaki city and Gunma Prefecture.

We also provide consultation on the overseas expansion of private companies, such as overseas expansion support for Japan SMEs.

Would you like to join us to explore this new world together?

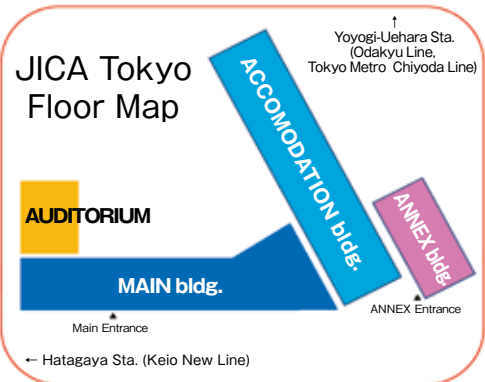
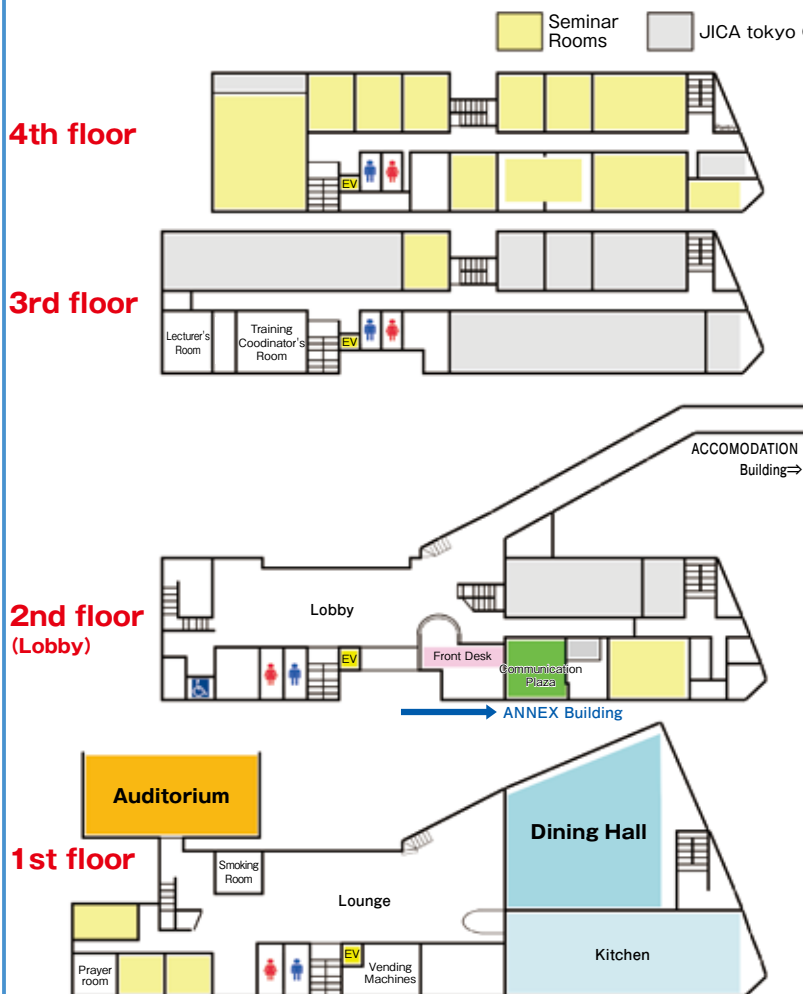
JICA Tokyo Center is a place where the future leaders of a country gather from all over the world.

You can experience a world of developing countries that cannot be expressed in letters or numbers.

We will heartily welcome you visiting JICA Tokyo Center.

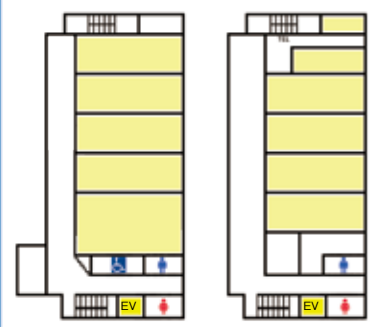


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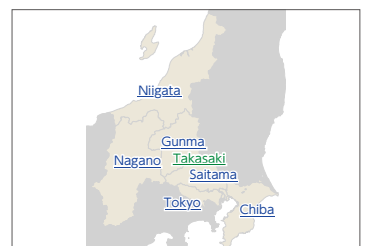
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# Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (KCCP)

**JICA Tokyo provides a diverse range of training programs to address various issues in developing countries**

JICA Tokyo, the largest training center of JICA, offers approximately 400 training programs every year with the cooperation of more than 180 organizations in Japan. The programs cover the sectors of health, transportation, industrial development, public policy, and more. We accept some 3,000 participants annually from more than 120 developing countries. Our training programs go beyond the one-way transfer of knowledge and skills - we aim “co-creation”, in which participants from developing countries are equal partners of Japan, and we share learnings and create new values together. To actualize this concept of “co-creation”, we organize our training program by best mixing of site visits, hands-on exercises, presentations and discussions, as well as lectures. Taking the advantage of our location in Tokyo, we conduct training programs in close cooperation with the central ministries and agencies of Japan, and the combination of training components provided in Tokyo as well as in regions enables our programs to address various issues faced by developing countries. JICA also offers “Long-Term Training Program”, in which the participants engage in research in specialized fields for two years or more, with the aim of obtaining a master’s or doctoral degree at graduate schools.

**For the healthy life of mothers and children  
<Continuum of Care for Maternal,  
Newborn and Child Health>**



Visit to 18-month-old health check-ups

(Photo:JOICEP)

**Realization of barrier-free environment for the disabled  
<Improvement of Accessibilities for Persons with  
Disabilities>**



Electric wheelchair fitting

**The earliest meteorological information  
for disaster prevention  
<Reinforcement of Meteorological Services >**



Observation of ozonesonde at aerological observatory

**Advanced Japanese transportation  
system to the world  
<Practical Technology on Intelligent Transport Systems>**



Exercise of car navigation system

For Better Governance <Legislative and Electoral Administration, Enhancement of Access to Justice>



Experience Japanese Ballot Boxes



Learn lawyers' activities in an area judicially de-populated

For Promotion of Tourism  
<Tourism Promotion and Marketing>



Visit to Townscape Preservation District in Takehara City, Hiroshima Prefecture

For Appropriate Tax and Customs Administration  
<Customs Administration>



Visit to Central Customs and Tariffs Laboratory

JICA Participants Welfare Program

Providing opportunities

We offer to gain a better understanding about Japan

- 1) Introducing the good traditions and culture of Japan
- 2) Information to make your stay in Japan more fruitful
- 3) Opportunities for leisure time refreshment

Winery Tours



Japanese Calligraphy



School Visit (Elementary School)



On-line English RAKUGO



Japanese Flower Arrangement



Walking Tour in Kamakura by Volunteer Groups



# JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP)

Under JICA-DSP, JICA Tokyo is accepting 453 JICA scholars (Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Long-Term))\*.  
As part of JICA-DSP, JICA Tokyo provides various opportunities to learn special development stories in local areas or rebuilding episodes after WWII, in collaboration with local governments and private companies.  
\*as of December 2022

## Background

Japan, as the first non-Western nation to become a developed country, built itself into a country that is free, peaceful, prosperous and democratic while preserving the tradition. Japan will serve as one of the best examples for our partner countries to follow in their own development.

Also, Japan and JICA could significantly contribute through ODA to the success story of development in Asia, and then have shared knowledge and expanded activities in other regions.

JICA Development Studies Program offers good opportunity to partner countries to share and apply the above mentioned experience/knowledge.

JICA-DSP is a part of the government's activities to commemorate 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration.



## Program Overview

JICA Development Studies Program is a program that invites future leaders from partner countries to Japan to complete master's or doctor's degrees at Japanese graduate schools, where they learn about Japan's experiences with its own modernization and development experience with Japanese development cooperation to other countries.

Students will not only study in their respective academic fields, but will also learn much from modern Japan's experience of development, which differs significantly from the history of growth and development found in the West. Students can study the 'Japanese experiences' systematically, including even negative ones, so that they may use this knowledge to contribute to the development of their own countries.



Photos of the programs for "Understanding the Japanese Local History and Development"  
Upper left: learning about the damage caused by the earthquake at the Mid Niigata Prefecture Earthquake in 2004  
Upper right: visiting the diversion channel of Shinano River, "Ohkouzu" in Nagaoka City (Niigata Prefecture)  
Bottom left: visiting Saku City (Nagano Prefecture) to learn community-led healthcare activities  
Bottom right: experiencing the strength of cardboard at a packaging material company in Saitama Prefecture



# Support for Development Education

JICA supports development education and education for international understanding based on three priority areas: (1) "Returning knowledge" to Japanese society (enhancing Japanese society with knowledge of developing countries), (2) providing opportunities for thought (What can I do?), and (3) bridging gaps (promoting development education in respective areas).



## International Cooperation Lectures

JICA Tokyo sends out experienced JICA volunteers to act as instructors and talk about situations in developing countries and their relationships to Japan as well as international cooperation in general. Please take advantage of these opportunities for international understanding education during integrated study periods, the other subjects or special activities in schools, as well as training programs for schoolteachers, PTA members, local governments, and others.

## Study Tour Programs for Teachers

Teachers interested in offering educational programs on international understanding and development education actually visit developing countries to deepen their understanding of the actual situation in these areas as well as international cooperation activities and Japan's relationship with developing countries. The program provides a useful experience that allows teachers to pass their insights along to the next generation of students through their teaching activities.



## Visit to JICA Overseas Project Sites

JICA Tokyo provides consultation for those interested in visiting overseas JICA project sites on study tours and the like. Prior to the overseas visit, we encourage you to take advantage of International Cooperation Lectures and visits to the JICA Global Plaza as a way of learning about international cooperation and the country they are scheduled to visit in advance.

# Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers

"JICA volunteers live and work with local people, speak the same local languages, and promote mutual understanding, all with the purpose of encouraging self-help efforts in the community. They tackle national issues such as poverty, healthcare, and educational concerns, working on the grassroots level with the aim of furthering economic and social development."



Welfare for Persons with Disabilities in Sudan



Baseball in Guatemala



Community Development in Uganda

# JICA Partnership Program

With the JICA Partnership Program, JICA supports and jointly implements cooperation activities in developing countries which are planned by Japanese NGOs, Japanese local governments, and Japanese universities, utilizing their accumulated experience and techniques. The target is projects that serve the local people directly.

## Local Government Type

Taking advantage of local skill and experience

- Applicant: Local government (NGO/CSO can help implementation)
- Screening of proposals are made once or twice a year
- Duration of the project: within 3 years
- Project budget: within 60 million JPY



Support for maintenance capacity development of water supply pipeline in Laos

## Support Type

Taking the first step toward international cooperation

- Applicant: NGO/CSO, University, Private company with little experience of international cooperation
- Screening of proposals are made once or twice a year
- Duration of the project: within 3 years
- Project budget: within 10 million JPY



Preparing the resource map of villages in Vietnam (photo taken by NGO AVENUE)

## Partner Type

Taking advantage of rich expertise and experience

- Applicant: NGO/CSO, University, Private company with little experience of international cooperation
- Screening of proposals are made once or twice a year
- Duration of the project: within 3 years
- Project budget: within 100 million JPY



Children harvested organic carrots in the vegetable garden of the nursery school (photo taken by Together with Africa and Asia Association)

## Other Programs

### JICA Donation Fund for the People of the World

In order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), JICA adopts projects financed by JICA Donation Fund for the People of the World, which receives donations from citizens and groups.

- Applicant: NGO/CSO
- Screening of proposals are made once a year
- Duration of the project: within 1 year
- Project budget: within 1 million JPY

### Activity support

JICA offers capacity-building training in organizational management and project execution to NGOs and other organizations to support their effective international cooperation activities.

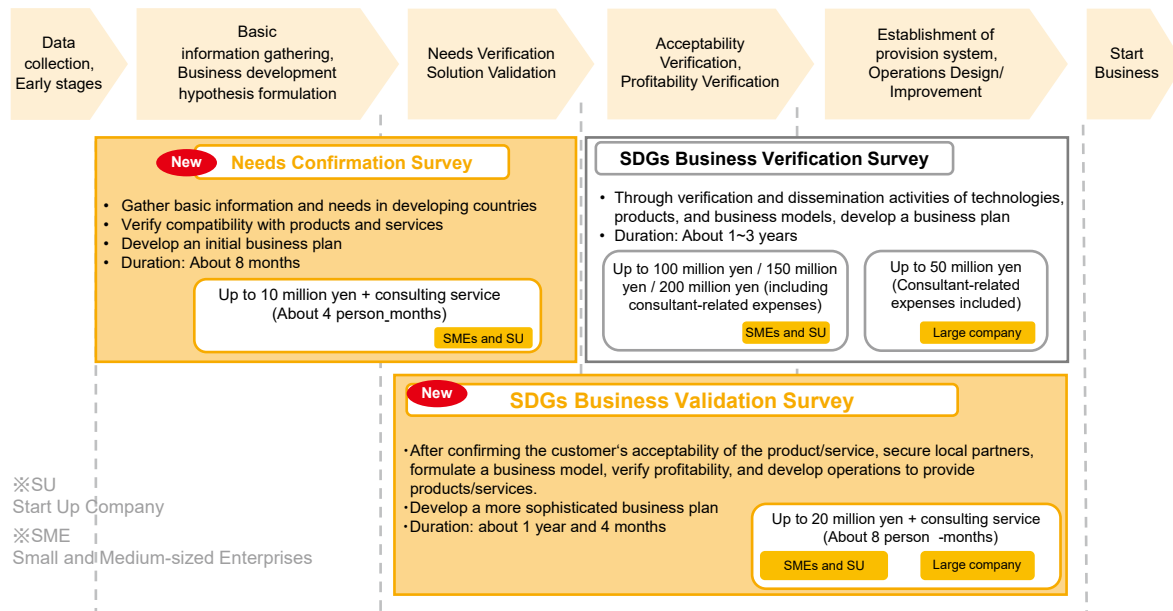
# SDGs Business Supporting Survey (collaboration with private sector)

The role of private sector has become increasingly important to achieve sustainable socio-economic development in developing countries.

In this regard, JICA supports Japanese SMEs to outreach developing countries in order to use their excellent technologies and products for solution to development issues.

JICA provides three schemes shown below for this objective.

## Overview of SDGs Business supporting Survey



## JICA Desk and Takasaki Satellite Office

### Coordinator for International Cooperation

- For the Tokyo area, please contact JICA Tokyo.
- For the other areas, please contact your local area's JICA Desk.

This is the nearest JICA Desk in your area. The coordinators, who have experience working in developing countries, look forward to welcoming you.

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### JICA Desk and Takasaki Satellite Office

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