

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Communication from Japan

The following communication, received on 28 June 2012, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Japan.

1. Japan would like to provide the following information regarding the provision of SPS-related technical assistance from Japanese fiscal year 2009 to 2011 in response to the Secretariat's request in G/SPS/W/101.
2. SPS-related technical assistance from Japan has been provided to developing countries in accordance with Article 9 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures with a primary aim to facilitate the enhancement and implementation of sanitary and phytosanitary measures in developing countries based on sound science.
3. The attached table shows Japan's SPS-related technical assistance from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2012. While every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this table presents all relevant technical assistance provided, it may not constitute a complete compilation of SPS-related technical assistance given the involvement of various Japanese Ministries and agencies and the variety of programs involved.
4. The total value of the SPS-related technical assistance provided by Japan for the period from April 2009 to March 2012 amounted to approximately 2,220,508 thousands Japanese yen.
5. The number of programmes provided by Japan for the same period amounted to 35 and assistance was provided to more than 30 countries in Asia, the Pacific region, Central America, South America, Central Asia, and Africa. Technical assistance was directed not only to individual country but also to groups of countries, regions and the whole world.
6. Japan's assistance covered all four broad categories listed in G/SPS/GEN/206: information; training; "soft" infrastructure development and "hard" infrastructure development. Japan's assistance covered most of the "typical areas of competence" listed under the headings of food safety, animal health and plant protection, in the Annex of G/SPS/GEN/206.
7. It should be noted that Japan has also been contributing to development aid as a donor country to the Standard and Trade Development Facility (STDF) since 2009.

8. The Japan's overseas aid program is managed primarily by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). JICA is established as an Incorporated Administrative Agency under the Act of the Incorporated Administrative Agency, JICA aims to contribute to the promotion of international cooperation as well as the sound development of the Japanese and global economy by supporting the socioeconomic development, recovery or economic stability of developing regions. (<http://www.jica.go.jp/english/index.html>)

Technical Assistance Provided by Japan to Members, Observers and Other Countries:
April 2009 to March 2012

Sector	Description of Programme (Date)	Form of Assistance	Provided to
Food Safety	Project for Strengthening Capacity of Inspection System for Ensuring Safety of Agro-Fishery Foods - dispatch of experts - study tour - training - provision of equipment (1 Dec 2011- 30 Nov 2014)	Training, Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure	Viet Nam
Food Safety	Project for Strengthening the Food Safety Management System - dispatch of experts - study tour (1 Feb 2009- 31 Jan 2011)	Training and Soft infrastructure	China
Food Safety	Seminar for Food Safety Policy Making and Management - training course for 6 people (30 Aug 2009- 12 Sep 2009)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Brazil, Thailand, Chile, Philippines, Ghana and Malaysia
Food Safety	Seminar for Food Safety Policy Making and Management - training course for 5 people (29 Aug 2010- 11 Sep 2010)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Chile, Jordan, Mexico and Serbia
Food Safety	Training Course on Mycotoxin Inspection for Food Safety - training course for 7 people (31 Jan 2011- 23 Apr 2011)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Argentina, Brazil, Burkina-Faso, Chile, Mongolia and Thailand
Food Safety	Seminar for Food Safety Policy Making and Management - training course for 6 people (27 Nov 2011- 10 Dec 2011)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Indonesia, Cambodia, Myanmar, Kyrgyz Republic and Jordan
Food Safety	Training Course on Mycotoxin Inspection for Food Safety - training course for 6 people (31 Jan 2012- 21 Apr 2012)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Argentina, Mongolia, Sri Lanka and Myanmar
Food Safety	Training Course on Safety Management System for Animal Food in Asia and Pacific Countries - training course for 6 people (27 Jul 2010- 16 Sep 2010)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Indonesia, China, Thailand and India
Food Safety	Capacity Development on Food Control and Food Laboratory Analysis for Food Inspectors and Food Laboratory Technicians in Palestine - contribution to training course (7 Jul 2009- 31 Mar 2012)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Jordan
Food Safety	Dispatch of Advisor for Sanitary and Phytosanitary Policy and Planning (15 Oct 2009- 14 Oct 2011)	Soft infrastructure	Viet Nam

Sector	Description of Programme (Date)	Form of Assistance	Provided to
Food Safety and Animal Health	Advanced Research Course on Control of Zoonosis for Food Safety - training course for 11 people (26 Oct 2008- 28 Aug 2009)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Burukina-Faso, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Indonesia, Mogolia, Samoa and Zimbabwe
Food Safety and Animal Health	Advanced Research Course on Control of Zoonosis for Food Safety - training course for 11 people (25 Oct 2009- 27 Aug 2010)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Burukina-Faso, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Indonesia, Mogolia, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe
Food Safety, Animal Health and Plant Health	Contribution to FAO and OIE on SPS related technical assistance for Asian developing countries -Development of controlling program and early alert system -Case study, training course and workshop -International forum (2005- 2010)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Asian developing countries
Food Safety, Animal Health and Plant Health	(1) Contribution to FAO on SPS related technical assistance for ASEAN developing countries -Workshops, training courses and information exchange meetings on international standards (2) Contribution to OIE on SPS related technical assistance for Asian developing countries -Development of roadmap for controlling transboundary diseases such as FMD in the Asian region -Promotion of disease surveillance -Workshop on FMD (2011- 2015)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Asian developing countries
Food Safety, Animal Health and Plant Health	Contribution to STDF on SPS related technical assistance for developing countries (2009-)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Global
Animal Health	Project on Capacity Development of Animal Health Laboratory - dispatch of experts - study tour - training - provision of equipment (17 Jul 2011- 16 Jul 2015)	Training, Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure	Indonesia
Animal Health	Contribution to OIE on the prevention and control of major animal infectious diseases to improve diagnostic capacity of veterinary services in Asia and the Pacific -Development of an educational	Training and Soft infrastructure	Developing countries in Asia-Pacific region

Sector	Description of Programme (Date)	Form of Assistance	Provided to
	program -Training for diagnostic technicians -Promotion of the standardization of diagnostic materials - expert mission (2009- 2013)		
Animal Health	Contribution to OIE for strengthening Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza control in Asia -Development of an early alert system -Support for revealing the propagation path of a new strain of influenza -Surveillance for early detection of a new strain of influenza -Training course -expert mission (2008- 2012)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Developing countries in Asia-Pacific region
Animal Health	International Training Course on Livestock Parasitosis Diagnosis (Prorogation) - training of veterinary specialists (6 Mar 2006- 31 Mar 2010)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Brazil
Animal Health	Training of veterinary specialists on the reliable and instantaneous diagnosis of animal infectious diseases - training of veterinary specialists (17 Jul 2006- 16 Jul 2009)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Mongolia
Animal Health	Training Course on Zoonosis Control - training course for 11 people (29 Aug 2010- 18 Sep 2010)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Argentina, China, , Indonesia, Jordan, Lao, People's Rep. of, Mongolia, Myanmar and Zimbabwe
Animal Health	Training Course on Zoonosis Control - training course for 11people (15 Aug 2011- 15 Sep 2011)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Argentina, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Lao, People's Rep. of, Mongolia, Uruguay, China, Myanmar and Zimbabwe
Animal Health	Prevention and Zoonosis Control of South American region - dispatch of experts - provision of equipment - contribution to training course (1 Oct 2011- 31 Dec 2014)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Argentina
Animal Health	Training Course on Diagnosis of avian influenza at source - dispatch of experts - contribution to training course (1 Mar 2010- 31 Mar 2012)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Malaysia

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Animal Health	Training Course on Research on Veterinary technology - training course for 7 people (24 Mar 2009-17 Oct 2010)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Mongolia, Indonesia, Zambia, Cambodia, Myanmar,
Animal Health	Project of Capacity Development for Improvement of Livestock Hygiene in the Southern Part of South America through Regional Technical Cooperation - dispatch of experts - study tour to the third country - provision of equipment (1 Aug 2005- 31 Jul 2010)	Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure	Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay
Animal Health	Technical Assistance to Enhancement of Technical Capacity of Animal Disease Control in Uganda - dispatch of experts - provision of equipment (21 Mar 2007- 19 Apr 2009)	Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure	Uganda
Animal Health	Regional Cooperation Project for Animal Disease Control among Cambodia, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam - dispatch of experts - study tour to Japan and other countries - provision of equipment (13 Feb 2008- 12 Feb 2011)	Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure	Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam
Animal Health	Technical Assistance Support to Improve the National Capacity of Animal Disease Diagnoses and Control - dispatch of experts - study tour - provision of equipment (21 Jun 2010- 20 Jun 2013)	Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure	Uganda
Animal Health	Project to Enhance Surveillance System for Avian Influenza - dispatch of experts - study tour - provision of equipment (20 Oct 2008- 19 Oct 2011)	Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure	Indonesia
Animal Health	The Rabies Prevention and Control Project - dispatch of experts - provision of equipment (7 Oct 2009- 6 Oct 2012)	Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure	Philippines (Marinduque, Catanduanes, Cebu and Camiguin)

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Animal Health	Project for Improvement on the Vaccination Program for Avian Influenza Control in Indonesia - dispatch of experts - provision of equipment - workshop - training of technical experts (26 Nov 2007- 25 Nov 2009)	Information, Training, Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure	Indonesia
Plant Health	Training Course on Integrated Pest Management for Plant Protection - training course for 9 people (6 Jun 2011- 3 Sep 2011)	Training and Soft infrastructure	Fiji, Kenya, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Uruguay
Plant Health	Standardization and Quality Control for Horticulture Products of Indonesia (Improvement of Thermal Treatment Technique against Fruit Flies on Fresh Mango) - dispatch of experts - study tour - provision of equipment (16 Oct 2009- 15 Apr 2013)	Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure	Indonesia
Plant Health	Phytosanitary Regional Training Program - training of technical experts (1 Feb 2008- 31 Jan 2011)	Information, Training and Soft infrastructure	Viet Nam