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## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

### COMMUNICATION FROM JAPAN

#### *Addendum*

The following communication, received on 13 June 2013, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Japan.

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1. Japan would like to provide the following information regarding the provision of SPS-related technical assistance from Japanese fiscal year 2012 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 2012 to 31 March 2013. The total value of the SPS-related technical assistance provided by Japan for the period amounted to approximately 170 million Japanese yen. The accumulated amount of Japanese assistance since 1 April 2009 is approximately 2.4 billion Japanese yen.
  4. The number of programmes provided by Japan since 1 April 2009 has amounted to 37 and assistance has been provided to more than 30 countries in Asia, the Pacific region, Central America, South America, Central Asia, and Africa. Technical assistance has been directed not only to individual country but also to groups of countries, regions and the whole world.
  5. Japan's overseas aid programme 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. The Government of Japan as well has implemented SPS-related technical assistance for the Asia and Pacific region through Official Development Assistance (ODA).
  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. Japan has also been contributing to development aid as a donor country to the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) since 2009. Japan and STDF co-hosted an information session on activities of the STDF in Geneva on 28 March 2012 and in Tokyo on 4 June 2013.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY JAPAN TO MEMBERS, OBSERVERS  
AND OTHER COUNTRIES  
IN FY2012 (APRIL 2012 TO MARCH 2013)**

Sector	Description of Programme (Date)	Form of Assistance	Provided to
Food Safety, Animal Health and Plant Health	<p>Project of general support for SPS-related measures and transboundary animal disease measures in Asia</p> <p>1. Contribution to FAO on SPS-related technical assistance for ASEAN developing countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dispatch of 2 experts (RAP and IPPC Secretariat)</li> <li>- Workshops, training courses and information exchange meetings on international standards</li> </ul> <p>2. Contribution to OIE on SPS-related technical assistance for Asian developing countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of roadmap for controlling transboundary diseases such as FMD in the Asian region</li> <li>- Promotion of disease surveillance</li> <li>- Workshop on FMD (2011-2015)</li> </ul>	Training and Soft infrastructure (ODA project)	Asian developing countries (ASEAN Countries)
Food Safety, Animal Health and Plant Health	Contribution to STDF on SPS-related technical assistance for developing countries (2009- )	Training and Soft infrastructure (ODA project)	Global
Food Safety	<p>Project for Strengthening Capacity of Inspection Systems for Ensuring Safety of Agro-Fishery Foods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dispatch of experts</li> <li>- Training</li> <li>- Provision of equipment</li> </ul> <p>(1 Dec. 2011-30 Nov. 2014)</p>	Training, Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure (JICA project)	Viet Nam
Food Safety	<p>Training Course on Mycotoxin Inspection for Food Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Training course for eight people</li> </ul> <p>(28 Jan. 2013- 20 Apr. 2013)</p>	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Argentina, Chile, Mongolia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand
Food Safety	<p>Seminar on pesticide residue Testing in Foods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technical expert mission</li> <li>- Lecture and Training</li> </ul> <p>(21-25 May 2012)</p>	Training and Soft infrastructure	China
Food Safety	<p>Training on pesticide residue laboratory activities.</p> <p>(11-21 Dec. 2012)</p>	Training and Soft infrastructure	Thailand

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Animal Health	Project of international contribution for main animal diseases 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 programme - Training for diagnostic technicians - Promotion of the standardization of diagnostic materials - Expert mission (2009-2013)	Training and Soft infrastructure (ODA project)	Developing countries in Asia-Pacific region
Animal Health	Programme of strengthening structure for Avian Influenza control in Asia 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 (ODA project)	Developing countries in Asia-Pacific region
Animal Health	Project on Capacity Development of Animal Health Laboratory - Dispatch of experts - Study tour - Training - Provision of equipment (17 July 2011-16 July 2015)	Training, Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure (JICA project)	Indonesia
Animal Health	Prevention and Zoonosis Control in South American region - Dispatch of experts - Contribution to training course (1 Oct. 2011-31 March 2014)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Argentina; Bolivia, Plurinational State of; Ecuador; Nicaragua; Paraguay; Peru; and Uruguay
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 June 2010-20 June 2014)	Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure (JICA project)	Uganda

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Animal Health	The Rabies Prevention and Control Project in Marinduque, Catanduanes, Cebu and Camiguin (Philippines) - Dispatch of experts - Provision of equipment (7 Oct. 2009-6 Oct. 2012)	Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure (JICA project)	Philippines (Marinduque, Catanduanes, Cebu and Camiguin)
Plant Health	The Project for Standardization and Quality Control for Horticulture Products of Indonesia (Improvement of Thermal Treatment against Fruit Flies on Fresh Mango) - Dispatch of experts - Study tour - Training - Provision of equipment (16 Oct. 2009- 15 Apr. 2013)	Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure (JICA project)	Indonesia