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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

COMMUNICATION FROM JAPAN

Addendum

The following communication, received on 15 October 2020, 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 2019 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 2019 to 31 March 2020. The total value of the SPS-related technical assistance provided by Japan for the period amounted to approximately 601 million Japanese yen. The accumulated amount of Japanese assistance since 1 April 2009 is approximately 9 billion Japanese yen.
 4. The number of programmes provided by Japan since 1 April 2009 has amounted to 94 and assistance has been provided to more than 50 countries in Asia, the Pacific region, Central America, South America, Central Asia, and Africa. Technical assistance has been directed not only to individual countries 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 was 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.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY JAPAN TO MEMBERS, OBSERVERS
AND OTHER COUNTRIES
IN FY2019 (APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2020)**

Sector	Description of Programme (Date)	Form of Assistance	Provided to
Food Safety, Animal Health and Plant Health	Project of general support for SPS-related measures and transboundary animal disease measures in Asia 1. Contribution to FAO on SPS-related technical assistance for ASEAN developing countries - Dispatch of two experts (RAP and IPPC secretariat) - Workshops, training courses and information exchange meetings on international standards (2015-2019) 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 (2015-2019)	Training and Soft infrastructure (ODA project)	Asian developing countries (ASEAN countries)
Food Safety	Project for reinforcement of sesame production (Mar. 2014–Sep. 2019)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Burkina Faso
Food Safety	Project for Ensuring Drug and Food Safety (1 July 2016–30 June 2021)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Indonesia
Food Safety	Project for Improving Safety of Agricultural Exports for Small-Scale Farmers (Dec. 2017–Dec. 2022)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Paraguay
Food Safety	Food safety administration - Training - Study tour (Sep. – Oct. 2019)	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lebanese Republic, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, North Macedonia, Paraguay, Tajikistan
Food Safety	Information exchange program on MRL setting and import food safety regulations - Lecture - Study tour (Oct. 2019)	Information exchange (ODA project)	Philippines
Food Safety	The Training Course on "Salmonella isolation, identification, and serotyping" (Oct. 2019)	Training (ODA project)	Lao People's Democratic Republic, Philippines
Food Safety	The training Course on Risk Management of Contaminants (Nov. 2019)	Training (ODA project)	ASEAN Countries
Food Safety	The Project for Market Oriented Milk Production (July 2017–June 2022)	Training and Soft Infrastructure (JICA project)	Kyrgyz Republic
Food Safety	The training course on aflatoxin (Mar. 2019)	Training (ODA project)	Thailand, Viet Nam

Sector	Description of Programme (Date)	Form of Assistance	Provided to
Animal Health	<p>OIE/JTF Project for Controlling Zoonosis in Asia under One Health Concept</p> <p>1. One Health and Veterinary Services To prevent and control Zoonosis under One Health approach - Expert meeting and workshop To strengthen capacity of Veterinary Services - Training courses co-organised with OIE Reference Centres</p> <p>2. Good Governance To strengthen good governance of Veterinary Services and animal welfare - Regional seminar (2012-2021)</p>	Training and Soft Infrastructure (ODA project)	Developing Countries in Asia Pacific region
Animal Health	<p>The Project on Sustainable Livestock Development for Rural Sindh</p> <p>- Dispatch of experts - Provision of equipment - Training (Feb. 2014-June 2021)</p>	Training, Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure (JICA project)	Pakistan
Animal Health	<p>The Project for Epidemiological Studies on Animal Protozoan Diseases in Mongolia and Development of Effective Diagnostics Measures</p> <p>- Dispatch of experts - Provision of equipment - Training (June 2014-May 2019)</p>	Training, Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure (JICA project)	Mongolia
Animal Health	<p>Project for improvement of institutional capacity for Foot-and-Mouth Disease control (June 2017-June 2021)</p>	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Myanmar
Animal Health	<p>The Training course on diagnosis of animal diseases (Jan. - Feb. 2020)</p>	Training (ODA project)	Myanmar, Thailand
Animal Health	<p>Technical Advisor for the Strengthening of the Laboratory for the Diagnosis of Livestock Disease (July 2019-July 2021)</p>	Training and Soft Infrastructure (JICA project)	Paraguay
Plant Health	<p>Practical Plant Quarantine Techniques for Export of Agricultural Products (Treatment for Disinfestation of Fruit Flies) (2018-2020)</p>	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Developing countries
Plant Health	<p>Enhancing the capacity of plant quarantine staff aiming at promoting the export of agricultural products - Training (Dec. 2019-Mar. 2022)</p>	Training and Soft infrastructure (JICA project)	Kyrgyz Republic
Animal Health	<p>Project for the epidemiological research on zoonotic virus infections in Africa (June 2019-June 2024)</p>	Training, Soft infrastructure and Hard infrastructure (JICA project)	Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zambia