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The Embassy of Japan and JICA discuss Japan's economic contribution to Iraq with the Government of Iraq in Baghdad
- 21st Monitoring Committee Meeting on Japanese ODA Projects -

On November 28, 2013, the Embassy of Japan in Iraq, Government of Iraq, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) held the Meeting of the Quarterly Monitoring Committee on Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA).

The Committee was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Thamir Abbas Ghadhban, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Prime Minister, and Mr. Kansuke Nagaoka, Minister of the Embassy of Japan in Iraq. Mr. Akira Fukushima, Deputy Director-General of the International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs joined the meeting, leading other delegates from the Government of Japan, Tokyo.

Participants from the Iraqi side at the Committee included relevant high-ranking officials from the Ministries of Planning and Development Cooperation, Finance, Oil, Electricity, Transportation, Water Resources, Construction and Housing, Industry and Mineral Resources, Municipalities and Public Works, Health, Communications, Kurdistan Regional Government, etc.

JICA officials including Mr. Kotaro Tanaka, Director, JICA HQ in Tokyo, and Mr. Shohei Hara, Chief Representative, JICA Iraq Office in Baghdad also participated in the discussion. Officials of UNDP, as supporting unit to M/C providing its neutral observations and analysis through close monitoring activities, were also present.

In addition to regular reviews and discussions on the implementation progress of 19 on-going projects amounting more than USD 4.1 billion, the participants had active discussions about possible future cooperation. The Iraqi officials expressed their appreciations for the Japanese contributions to reconstruction of Iraq, and both sides agreed to continue forward-looking discussions on future cooperation in various fields including infrastructure, electricity, energy, water, etc.

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About Monitoring Committee

The first Monitoring Committee was held in July 2008 with the objective of ensuring transparency, accountability and efficiency in project implementation. The M/C is chaired by PMAC together with GoJ/JICA.

M/C is designed to be a significant platform where Iraqi and Japanese authorities confirm the quarterly progress of each project, identify any bottlenecks and discuss countermeasures as well as cross cutting issues across projects to accelerate the project implementation. M/C serves as the platform to ensure the transparency and accountability of project implementation.

Diwani Order No (11 S Sh) in 2013 issued by General Secretariat for the Council of Ministers defines other key members of the Monitoring Committee as Director General (DG) of the International Cooperation Directorate of MoP, DG of Public Debt Management Office of MoF, Advisor of PMAC, DG of International Cooperation of PMAC, Secretary of EoJ, Chief Representative of JICA.



About JICA Iraq

JICA is the Japanese governmental agency in charge of providing a wide-range of Official Development Assistance like technical cooperation, concessional loans and grant financial assistance for developing countries in the world.

JICA has been one of the biggest donors supporting Iraq's reconstruction and development since 2003. Throughout Iraq, JICA has provided 19 concessional loans to support infrastructure projects, amounting to USD 4.1 billion, in the fields of electricity, oil, port, water, sewerage, irrigation, etc. In addition, for capacity development, JICA has been providing training courses to more than five thousand Iraqi officials. (see the attached map)

JICA established a new office in Baghdad in August 2011 to further strengthen partnerships with Iraq and to enhance JICA's support.

For more information on JICA's work in Iraq, please visit www.jica.go.jp/english/index.html and <http://www.jica.go.jp/iraq/english/office/index.html>.



About UNDP Iraq

UNDP has worked to support the Government and people of Iraq since 1976 in the areas of democratic governance, poverty reduction, crisis prevention, recovery, energy and environment. Since 2003, UNDP has been supporting a range of emergency physical rehabilitation projects to restore basic service delivery, including water and electricity.

UNDP has contributed to strengthening the democratic process in Iraq primarily through its support to the 2010 national elections. UNDP also continues to work on sustainable development, anti-corruption, rule of law, justice, human rights, public sector reform, disaster risk reduction, and environment and climate change issues.

Supporting Iraq to achieve the Millennium Development Goals is among UNDP's top priorities as it will ensure a better life for millions of Iraqis. UNDP is committed to assist Iraq achieve these goals by 2015 especially in the areas of enrolment in primary education, unemployment and access to safe and reliable water and sanitation services.

For more on UNDP's work in Iraq please visit www.iq.one.un.org

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Japan's ODA in Iraq through JICA



Yen Loan Projects: Total 19 Loans for 18 Projects (USD 4.1bil)

Technical Cooperation Projects: Total 3 Projects Training: over 5,300 participated (as of March 2013)

Deralok Hydropower Plant Construction Project (IQ-P15)
:USD 165mil (JPY 17.0bil)

The Project on Horticulture Technology Improvement and Extension
The Project for Wheat Productivity Improvement towards Food Self-Sufficiency

Water Sector Loan Project in Midwestern Iraq (IQ-P13)
:USD 401mil (JPY 41.3bil)

Al-Akkaz Gas Power Plant Construction Project (IQ-P14)
:USD 287mil (JPY 29.6bil)

Project for Spreading Water Users Associations for Efficient Use of Irrigation Water
(Coverage) All areas of the Federal Government

Irrigation Sector Loan (IQ-P2)
:USD 86mil (JPY 9.5bil)
(Coverage) All over Iraq

Electricity Sector Reconstruction Project (IQ-P8)
:USD 281mil (JPY 32.6bil)
(Coverage) All over Iraq

Health Sector Reconstruction Project (IQ-P16)
:USD 126mil (JPY 10.2bil)
(Coverage) Governorates of Thi Qar, Basrah, Salaheddin, Kirkuk, Diyala, Babilylon and Karbala

Communications Network Development Project for Major Cities (IQ-P17)
:USD 144mil (JPY 11.7bil)
(Coverage) Major cities such as Baghdad, Basrah and Mosul

Water Supply Improvement Project in Kurdistan Region (IQ-P11)
:USD 303mil (JPY 34.3bil)

Electricity Sector Reconstruction Project in Kurdistan Region (IQ-P10)
:USD 127mil (JPY 14.7bil)

Baiji Refinery Upgrading Project (E/S) (IQ-P18)
:USD 33mil (JPY 2.7bil)

Baghdad Sewerage Facilities Improvement Project (E/S) (IQ-P12)
:USD 19mil (JPY 2.1bil)

Al-Mussaib Thermal Power Plant Rehabilitation Project (IQ-P3)
:USD 331mil (JPY 36.8bil)

Khor Al-Zubair Fertilizer Plant Rehabilitation Project (IQ-P6)
:USD 156mil (JPY 18.1bil)

Basrah Water Supply Improvement Project (IQ-P9)
:USD 370mil (JPY 43.0bil)

Basrah Refinery Upgrading Project (E/S) (IQ-P5)
:USD 18mil (JPY 2.1bil)
(Phase 1) (IQ-P19)
:USD 523mil (JPY 42.5bil)

Port Sector Rehabilitation Project (IQ-P1)
:USD 272mil (JPY 30.2bil)

Samawah Roads and Bridges Construction Project (IQ-P4)
:USD 30mil (JPY 3.3bil)

Crude Oil Export Facility Reconstruction Project (IQ-P7)
:USD 432mil (JPY 50.1bil)

