

JAPAN

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Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) www.jica.go.jp

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1. Describe your country's/agency's overall strategy or approach in using ICT for development

a) Overall strategy

Japan's Comprehensive Co-operation Package to Address the International Digital Divide

- Announced during the G-8 Kyushu-Okinawa Summit in July 2000
- Consisting of non-ODA (Other Official Flows or OOF) and ODA public funding
- A total of US\$15 billion over five years
- Emphasis on the role of private sector and its initiative with the role of the public sector to complement them

b) Guiding principles for use of ICT for development

- a. Respect for the ownership of the developing countries
- b. A country-specific approach in proportion to actual conditions
- c. Coordination with other donors including international organisations
- d. Promoting south-south cooperation, multifaceted cooperation with regional organizations, the private sector, and NGOs, etc.
- e. Studying innovative approaches

c) objectives

To maximise the benefits of ICT on a global scale and to stabilise the international community, by dissolving the international digital divide.

d) Areas of application

Four Pillars of Japan's ODA Policy on ICT

- Raising awareness and contributing intellectually to policy and institution-building;
- Developing and training human resources;
- Building ICT infrastructure and providing assistance for network establishment;
- Promoting the use of ICT in development assistance.

e) References and web-links to any relevant strategy documents or guidelines

MOFA:
<http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/it/index.html>

JICA:
http://www.jica.go.jp/english/publication/studyreport/topical/ir_dev/index.html

JBIC:
http://www.jbic.go.jp/english/oec/policy/index.php/e_jisshi_priorityareas.pdf

2. Identify the main modalities for ICT integration in your overall development strategy

a) Modalities for ICT integration and programme delivery

Technical cooperation, grant aid, and yen loan

b) Partnership, including the private sector

ICT Taskforce(UN), Dotforce(G8) etc.

c) Participation, if any, in joint or multi-donor ICT for development programmes

See <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/it/coop0110.html>

“International cooperation and Collaboration in Respect of Information and Communications Technology”

d) Estimate of a global amount of funding with indications on the timeframe it covers

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e) Lessons learned from your country's/agency's experience

- Sustainability
- Technical cooperation among developing countries
- Needs for labour markets
- -Short term implementation

f) Cases that are particularly illustrative/examples of best practices

In implementing of Japanese development assistance, IT utilisation is promoted for remote training, remote education etc.

i.e. JICA-NET, University of South Pacific etc.

*See also...

<http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/it/index.html>

http://www.jica.go.jp/english/publication/studyreport/topical/ir_dev/index.html

3. Describe the institutional arrangements made by your country for mainstreaming ICT within its development strategy

a) Main agencies involved in ICT for development (e.g. development co-operation agency, ministries, research institutes)

Government of Japan, JICA and JBIC

b) The agencies' roles in the various stages (e.g. strategy, operations)

Government of Japan makes strategies in cooperation with JICA and JBIC.
JICA and JBIC are implementing agencies.

c) Contact details of your country's/agency's ICT for development focal point

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4. Country/regional focus of the ICT-enhanced development strategy

a) General description of regional and country focus

In terms of geographic focus, a bulk of the funds was directed to Asia.

b) More detailed information on main recipients of your ICT-enhanced development strategy

See <http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/it/oda/project0106.html>
"Japan's ODA Projects to Address the International Digital Divide"