Japan’s infrastructure development sector possesses excellent problem-solving skills, honed during years of experience to date.

Infrastructure is the bedrock of a country and improvement in the lives of nation's citizens. However, it entails various challenges such as Damage and Accidents, Life-cycle cost escalation, Work schedule delay, etc...

1. Technologies for Local Needs
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DESIGN TOMORROW
INFRASTRUCTURE with JAPAN
Technologies for Local Needs

Requirements for Infrastructure development vary by country, or region, depending on the degree of infrastructure development, the kind of infrastructure needed, as well as climate and environmental conditions and so on. Infrastructure could be developed to act as a long-term, deep-rooted foundation for sustainable economic development in such countries by using the most appropriate technologies to meet such different requirements. Japan can contribute to global infrastructure development utilizing the advanced technological and development skills, as well as a wealth of knowledge and know-how which the country has cultivated to date, in a flexible manner with fast construction under restricted construction conditions; proposals tailored to the nature of the resources available in the region; and the provision of technology that corresponds to the environmental risk in the region.

In Neak Loeung in Cambodia, the Mekong River was separating the two banks and the only way to cross to the other side was to use the ferry, causing a bottleneck for local transportation and economic activity. Since the level of the Mekong River can vary by 7 meters between the dry and rainy seasons, with a flow rate of up to 5 knots in the rainy season, it would take time to build a bridge. In 2011, Japan started to construct the "Tsubasa Bridge" using methods that would allow us to build it in a short period of time and proceed with construction work during the dry season when water levels were low. The project was completed according to the original plan. Once the bridge opened, it became possible to cross the river in five minutes and it is even used as a route for international traffic, connecting the Mekong Economic Zone.

Construction in Restricted Conditions

The Tsubasa Bridge - Opened in April 2015

[Tsubasa Bridge - Cambodia]

Prefabication construction method that allowed short construction period.

- Site of construction: Neak Loeung District, Kandal Province, Kingdom of Cambodia
- Structural Format: Bridge with 4 composite girders and linked PCI sections (5 spans) + PC cable-stayed bridge + bridge with 3 composite girders and linked PCI sections (5 spans)
- Bridge length: 640.0m (155.0+330.0+155.0m)
- Construction period: January 2011 - March 2015
- Total project cost: 12.1 billion yen
- Traffic volumes: approximately 5,000 vehicles per day (as of April 2015)
Since the 1960s Saudi Arabia has been using the desalination of seawater to cope with the issue of groundwater depletion. In recent years, there has been increasing use of the Reverse Osmosis Membranes Method, which reduces the cost of desalination and has an extremely high level of energy efficiency. However, in seawater desalination plants using the Reverse Osmosis Membranes Method, there have been problems where the reverse osmosis membranes have suddenly deteriorated after starting operations. To determine a cause of the issue, Japan organized an emergency response team and dispatched experts to the local sites. The team determined that the issue has been attributed to heavy metals found in the seawater of the Red Sea, and performance has been improved by developing optimal membranes for the seawater through verification of raw materials and maintenance methods. With the capacity of its advanced research and development, Japan can provide high-quality seawater desalination plants suited to the seawater conditions of each region.

**Site of construction:** Shuqaiq, Saudi Arabia
**Plant capacity:** 850MW of electricity + 212,000m³ of drinking water per day
**Configuration of equipment:** 3 steam turbines (installed capacity 3 x 340MW); 3 boilers (installed capacity 3 x 1,080T/H - crude oil-fired); seawater desalination plant (RO Level 2) 16 series (installed capacity 16 series x 562.5T/H)

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The Philippines are located in the Pacific Rim earthquake zone. Because of earthquakes and tsunami virtually every year, there is an enormous amount of economic and human suffering. This has led to an urgent need to improve monitoring capabilities for events of disaster, and to realize an accurate and rapid warning transmission system. In light of this, we have installed seismographs and tidal gages with using observational satellite to gather environmental data in real time, for building a made-to-order system equipped to deal with the full range of disaster risks. This will make it possible to shorten the time it takes to confirm detection of a tsunami’s first wave from the half-to-several hours in 2012 to a minute or less by 2018; helping to reduce the number of victims. And we are also working on introducing systems to enable the rapid restoration of the communications infrastructure in the event of a disaster through ICT Disaster Management Unit, which makes it possible to provide a minimum-required ICT environment.

**Target areas:** All regions in the Philippines
**Seismographs:** Installed at approx. 46 locations
**Tidal gages:** Installed at approx. 19 locations

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**Reverse osmosis membrane elements strong in chlorine germicides.**

**Gathering a variety of observational data in real time**

**ICT Disaster Management Unit introduced in Pasig city.**

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**Utilizing Local Resources**

**Minimizing Regional Environmental Risk**
Infrastructure is not just a matter of development, it is also crucial that it is used effectively and on an on-going basis. For this reason, Japan in coordination with the partner country, not only develops the infrastructure itself of a project, but also carries out initiatives to train human resources to ensure high-level operation and maintenance of the infrastructure; to transfer technology for self-reliant infrastructure development; and to support the creation of businesses that make use of the infrastructure. Japan both designs and implements a future that leads to autonomous economic growth in coordination with local governments, companies, municipalities, universities and citizens.

Co-Creation

Viet Nam needed to quickly build a new dedicated terminal for international services in line with the rapid increase in demand for air travel. During construction, Japanese safety and quality controls were used extensively among a construction workforce that totaled 74,134 people. With zero fatal incidents, the construction period finished ahead of schedule. In addition, specialists in refueling systems and terminal building management were dispatched to the site in Viet Nam; while tours of the facilities in Japan’s international airports were arranged for personnel from Viet Nam and other countries. Through the transfer of Japanese technology and know-how in airport operations such as fueling, baggage handling and the development of commercial facilities, the airport was deemed to have made significant improvements in avoiding congestion during the check-in process and other services; indeed it was selected as No.1 for “the most improved airport in the world” in the 2016 edition of “The World’s Top 100 Airlines” published by Skytrax – the UK aviation services research company.

Site of construction: Suburbs of Hanoi City, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
Summary of facilities: Passenger terminal building (Floor 4; Basement Floor 1; RC + S structure on roof) Total floor area: 152,153㎡ Annexed building Special airport facilities (baggage handling facilities; boarding gang-ways; flight information systems; security facilities; ticketing system); sewerage treatment plant; fuel supply systems and others
Construction period: February 2012 - December 2014

Local Transfer of Advanced Operation

Inside Noi Bai International Airport’s Passenger Terminal Building No.2

[Noi Bai International Airport - Viet Nam]

Hydrant method that allows safe refueling with a large volume of aviation fuel delivered in a short period of time.
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**Human Resource Development for Self-Reliance**

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- Number of Transmitting stations of Botswana Television: 45
- Level of awareness of terrestrial digital broadcasting increased from around 0% (in 2014) to 86% (by 2016)

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- Volume of Kenya’s geothermal resources (estimate): Approx. 7,000MW
- Total target volume of geothermal power generation (by 2030): Approx. 5,000MW
Infrastructure needs to be available for stable use over a long period; as such, in addition to having sufficient initial performance, this performance should be maintained through appropriate operation and maintenance. Japan offers coherent cooperation stretching from infrastructure development planning up to operation and maintenance, as well as support for the construction of long-term infrastructure utilization services; and in addition we also set up operation and maintenance systems to ensure long-term reliability of the infrastructure. Thus, in terms of the development of global infrastructure, Japan, with the joint efforts of the public and private sectors, commits its contribution to the development of its partner countries on a long term, wide-ranging and deep basis.

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High-speed rail rolling stock made in Japan as it runs through snow-covered fields.

[High-speed Intercity Railways - UK]

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4 Lifecycle Economic Efficiency

As infrastructure is an asset that will be used over a long period of time, it is important to consider cost effectiveness over the entire life cycle of a project, not just the initial (or "early") cost. For example at the development stage a project can incur losses due to delays in the construction period; while costs can spiral during the operational phase due to problems with breakdowns and the frequency of maintenance schedules. In addition, recently there have been demands to lower the social cost by introducing infrastructure that is more environmentally friendly. Japan offers the best proposals for economic efficiency in terms of costs over the entire life cycle of a project, with the know-how and cutting-edge technology that realizes reductions in maintenance and management costs through observance of construction schedules; high operation rates; low break-down rates; long operation lives; low environmental impact; and high scalability.

On-time Delivery

The Purple Line - connecting the capital with the suburbs (opened August 6, 2016)

Japan supplied rolling stock and a railway system for the new urban rail construction project in the Bangkok metropolitan area, as well as collaborating in civil engineering and track development. Thanks to Japan’s experience and construction management, the difficult work of building a new route in an urban area was completed on time, avoiding any increase in construction costs. The rolling stock used all-stainless steel to provide light weight, energy saving stock that is robust and resistant to corrosion. In addition, we also signed a 10-year maintenance management contract. Taking advantage of Japan’s maintenance know-how, we built a maintenance system in Bangkok in order to ensure stable operations.

- Project region: Kingdom of Thailand - Bangkok Metropolitan Area
- Total length: Approx. 23km
- No. of stations: 16
- Maximum operating speed: 80 km/h / Maximum design speed: 100 km/h
- Rolling stock width: 3160mm / Rolling stock height: 3920mm
- All-stainless steel stock that is robust, light-weight and resistant to corrosion.
High Performance, Low Deterioration

[Ultra-supercritical Thermal Power Generation - Taiwan]
With increasing global demand for electricity, there are growing expectations for coal-fired power generation which is low cost and can rely on resources that are widely distributed. In recent years there have been concerns about the high environmental impact of coal-fired power generation, but Japan has promoted ultra super critical (USC) technology for a coal-fired power plant that achieves the world's highest level of generating efficiency, as well as exerting a very low impact on the environment; this contributes to stable supplies of economical electricity, reducing environmental impact. Moreover, by optimizing equipment and operational methods in line with the quality and grade of coal, Japan is able to maintain high thermal efficiencies through minimizing deterioration, making it possible to improve economic efficiency over the entire life cycle of the plant.

Site of construction: Linkou District, New Taipei City, Taiwan  ◆ Total output: 2.4M kilowatts (3 bases)

Let's build a brighter future through quality infrastructure

- Japanese Quality Infrastructure (video) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmrHHOSJ7kU