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OF
THE JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY**

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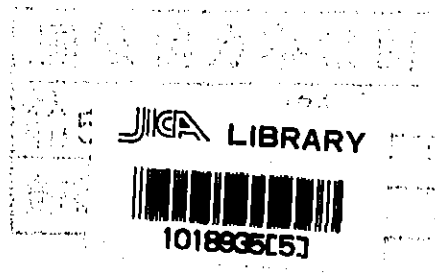


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SPEECH

Shinsaku Hogen
President of the Japan
International Cooperation Agency

It is my great privilege and honor to say a few words on this occasion in announcing the opening of the Japan International Cooperation Agency on behalf of the members of the board of directors and the staff of the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

The Japan International Cooperation Agency Law was enacted in the 72nd regular session of the Diet last May, and we were happy to see the Agency brought into existence on the first of this month.

This is a fresh beginning which is deeply significant and memorable in the history of our country's international cooperation. I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to sincerely express my profound gratitude to all the people concerned for their great efforts and cooperation in organising the Agency.

As you are well aware, the Agency is to integrate technical cooperation services as well as promote overseas cooperation activities by the younger generation on the basis of bilateral government arrangements which had been initiated by the former Overseas Technical Cooperation Agency.

The Agency provides the supplemental assistance to the Japanese emigrants previously the responsibility of the former Japan Emigration Service. At the same time the Agency is to take over a part of the activities of the former Japan Overseas Development Corporation.

In addition, the Agency is to promote development and technical cooperation in the fields of community development, agriculture and forestry industries, mining and manufacturing industry.

In other words, the Japan International Cooperation Agency was established for the purpose of contributing to further economic and social advancement in developing nations by way of undertaking mutual and closely related affairs in a comprehensive and unified manner in the field of international cooperation.

Despite the fact that our Agency has been established so recently, we, the staff of the Japan International Cooperation Agency, over one thousand people in number, are fully aware of our mission and will do our utmost in carrying out our tasks.

In conclusion, to facilitate the smooth performance of our activities, I would like to ask for the full support and guidance of Prime Minister and his Cabinet members, Government authorities, as well as other concerned people here today.

Thank you for your kind attention.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

Kakuei Tanaka
Prime Minister of Japan

Gentlemen,

It is an honour for me to have this opportunity to speak a few words in commemoration of the establishment of the Japan International Cooperation Agency. The outstanding feature of the international society since World War II is that many nations have obtained their independence to emerge as a group of developing countries with two thirds of the world population. Among them there are still some countries whose social foundations have yet to be much strengthened to attain the ideal of stability and prosperity.

Their difficulties will be understandable if we consider the fact that more than fifty of them have been independent for no longer than fifteen years.

At a time like this, I should think it is a great responsibility for advanced countries, above all for Japan whose neighbours are mostly developing countries, to make contributions to enabling mankind to enjoy peace and prosperity.

It is fitting that Japan, constantly pursuing peace, should be ready to assume such responsibility. This is why I have for long advocated that the world should be viewed not in terms of East versus West with huge armaments as heretofore, but in terms of harmonious development of South and North.

Fortunately, Japan has an abundant experience in building up a modern nation in a short period of a century and technologies we can be proud of in the world and is in a position to place them at the disposal of the developing countries.

On the other hand, Japan is one of the 'have-nots' in terms of resources, and has to depend upon the supply of huge amount of material essential to the people's living. This, among other things, accounts for the need for Japan to establish her national policy on the basis of friendship and reciprocity and promotion of international cooperation.

Therefore, it is my pleasure that the Japan International Cooperation Agency has been established as an organ to deal with the economic and social advancement of the developing countries, which is a common task of the international society, technologically and financially from a comprehensive, in-

tegrated point of view.

The new Agency should integrate and efficiently conduct a broad range of activities from social development to overseas emigration which have so far been assigned to different quarters. In performing its functions, it must also have an adequate understanding of the conditions of various countries viewed from their positions. I have no illusion, therefore, about many difficulties which will confront the Agency in inaugurating its operation.

I believe that all the distinguished people present here today desire, as I do, the growth and strengthening of the new Agency. With the ardent hope that, under President Hogen, it will come up to the expectations of all people as a nucleus of Japan's economic and technical cooperation and fully discharge its responsibilities, I wish it every success from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

Toshio Kimura
Minister for Foreign Affairs

I should like to extend to you my greetings to commemorate the establishment of the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

International cooperation is now being actively practiced in all fields of national and social activities. With regard to technical cooperation in particular, Japan has extended it, as an important means to contribute to the development of human resources and the improvement of technical standards in developing countries, through the Overseas Technical Cooperation Agency as the central organ. It is well-known not only in Japan but also among those concerned in various parts of the world that the Overseas Technical Cooperation Agency has recorded outstanding achievements, with the cooperation and assistance of all parties concerned, in receiving trainees, dispatching technical experts, conducting activities of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, etc. The Japan Emigration Service has also rendered meritorious services in contributing to promoting friendly relations with the Central and South American countries through emigration, and its services have added to the scope of Japan's international cooperation.

The Japan International Cooperation Agency, which has recently been established, takes over the works of these two Agencies and the important responsibilities of the Japan Overseas Development Corporation and the Overseas Agricultural Development Foundation. Moreover, it has been charged with an important role in the coordination of the governmental and private efforts for economic cooperation and in the closer and better combination of financial and technical cooperation, and its future activities are attracting close attention at home and abroad.

At this time when the South-North problem still remains a serious obstacle to the stable and harmonious developments of the international community, I believe that the Japan International Cooperation Agency has a mission of immeasurable significance to perform. I am keenly aware of the heavy responsibility that I bear upon myself as one who in the position to supervise the newly-born Agency.

To His Excellency the Prime Minister, their Excellencies the Heads of Mission, and the distinguished people from the Government and the business, I request to give the Agency their sympathetic support and guidance.

Thank you .

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

Yasuhiro Nakasone
Minister of International
Trade and Industry

I am pleased to have this opportunity to offer my hearty congratulations on the founding of the Japan International Cooperation Agency. The various events and developments which have occurred during the past couple of years centering around the world's natural resources and food problems have brought home the vital importance of international harmony and cooperation, especially for a country like Japan whose economy is dependent on international trade. As Japan's economic relations with other countries become closer and, as more and more Japanese people and businesses advance into other countries, their views on Japan will have a far-reaching implication on the future of this country.

It is no exaggeration to say that what we do and how we do today in the area of international cooperation will have a decisive impact on the well-being and peace of our posterity in the generations to come. Indeed, the well-being of the Japanese people is untenable in a world where other people suffer from unhappiness. And so is the peace in this country. I believe that all those who are involved in international exchanges and cooperation, not only the political and business leaders, must be aware of this common destiny of fellowmen in their day-to-day activities.

Due to the concerted efforts which the government and the people have made, this country on the whole has made remarkable advances in the area of international cooperation. We should not overlook the fact that economic cooperation by the private sector has made great progress, but the public sector has been slow in such areas of international cooperation as technological assistance, improvements of social overhead capital and cultural exchange. Even in areas where the private sector is responsible there still remains room for improvement and problems to be ironed out.

Under such circumstances, it is encouraging to witness the birth of an integrated International Cooperation Agency which is charged with establishing a comprehensive and efficient mechanism of international economic cooperation with the help of a number of people. It is the task of this Agency to step up technological cooperation on a government-to-government basis and to make an

increasing amount of funds available to needy countries to finance the construction and improvement of infrastructure such as roads, ports and harbours, to facilitate private foreign investments. A part of these activities have been conducted before by the Japan Overseas Development Corporation. We look forward to the day when the efforts of this Agency will bear fruits for the benefits of all concerned.

As for the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, we are intending to press ahead, in cooperation with the Agency, with enlightened economic cooperation programs designed to promote genuine welfare of recipient countries in ways consistent with the trade and industrial policies of the Ministry. I urge all those who are concerned with this country's international cooperation to extend their helping hand in their respective capacities to make the job of the Agency a successful undertaking.

In conclusion, I wish the Agency every success in their efforts.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

Tadao Kuraishi
Minister of Agriculture and Forestry

His Excellencies the Ambassadors and other distinguished guests, it is my great honour to be here at the celebration party for the foundation of the Japan International Cooperation Agency and to have the opportunity to deliver my congratulatory address on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

For years, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry has fully recognized the necessity of strengthening the international cooperation in the field of agriculture and forestry development, and has made much effort to establish a new powerful organization for the international cooperation.

It is, therefore, our great pleasure that the Japan International Cooperation Agency has been established on August 1st.

The most important mission of the Ministry is, as you may well know, to secure the stable supply of agricultural and forest products for the people. Recently it has become more and more important, considering the domestic and international situation of demand and supply. The first task in achieving this important mission is to develop the domestic production. At the same time, for those agricultural and forest products which we have to import more or less from abroad, it is important for us to secure the stable import of them.

It is my understanding that the international cooperation in the field of agriculture and forestry should be carried out in order to achieve the economic development, prosperity, and well-being of the people of the countries concerned through increasing the production of agriculture and forestry.

At the same time, we hope that those countries would produce sufficient agricultural and forest products so that they can export some of the surpluses to Japan as a result of above mentioned cooperation.

I am sure that the Japan International Cooperation Agency, founded on August 1st, would be very successful with the close cooperation among the nations concerned.

Here again, I would like to express my Ministry's intention to make full cooperation in order to attain the successful operation of this new Agency.

I think it is time to remind you that about 20 years have passed since the international cooperation in the field of Agriculture and Forestry began in

Japan. At this glorious occasion, I would like to express my great gratitude to the people concerned for their devotions to the foundation of the Agency, and at the same time I expect that their efforts are sure to continue for the success.

I would like to close my congratulatory address with my sincere hope for the ever-lasting successful functioning of the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

Thank you.

