JICA'S activities in MALAYSIA



What is JICA?

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) was established by the Government of Japan to promote international cooperation for the social and economic development of the developing world. In Malaysia, JICA has been extending its technical cooperation activities in various fields through the eight programmes described herein.



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1 Training Programme

The training programme accepts participants from Malaysia in the group courses and counterparts training held in Japan.

The main areas of training by sector are in public works and infrastructure development, industry, traffic and transportation, human resources development, planning and adminitration and telecommunication and broadcasting.

Since 1982, industrial and technical training and executive development courses are also held for Malaysians sent to Japan under the "Look-East" policy.

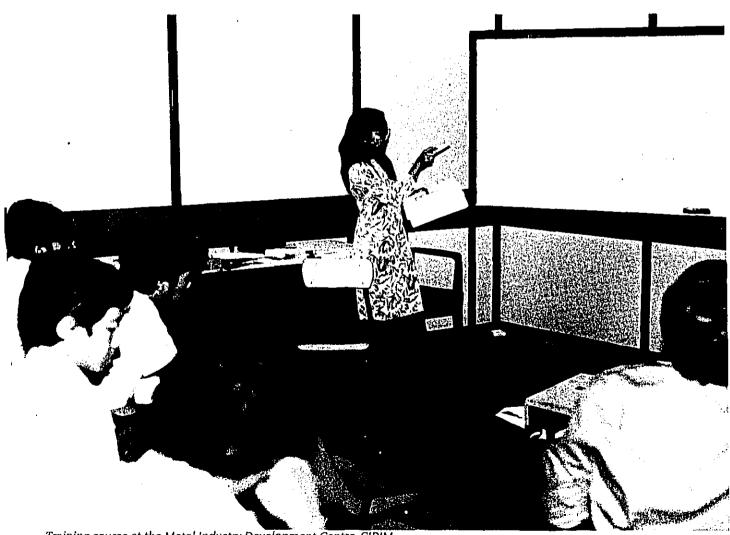


Cultural dance performed by participants of the Friendship Programme for the 21st. Century.

"The Friendship Programme for the 21st Century" provides opportunities for Malaysian and Japanese youths to deepen friendship and mutual understanding through inviting young people who are to shoulder the task of nation-building to visit Japan.

IICA also organises and supports the 3rd Country training courses in Malaysia at institutions such as Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) and ASEAN Poultry Diseases Research & Training Centre (Veterinary Research Institute, Ipoh), etc.

In January 1988, ex-participants of JICA's Training Programme formed the JICA Alumni Society of Malaysia to foster fraternity. The alumni organised activities in cooperation with JICA.



Training course at the Metal Industry Development Centre, SIRIM.

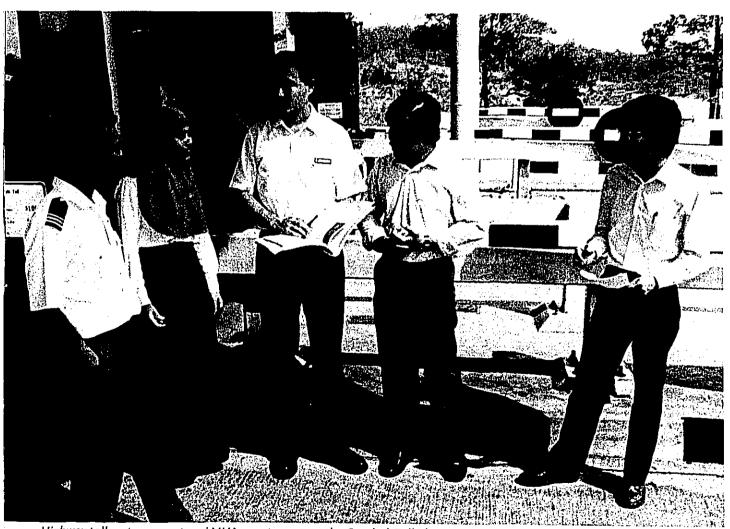


Sports Day Organised by JICA Alumni Society of Malaysia.

2 Expert Despatch Programme

Since the arrival of the first JICA expert in 1955, more than 360 experts had served throughout Malaysia passing on technical skills in relevant fields that are suited to the needs of Malaysia.

IICA experts provide technical guidance, consulting and advisory services, and engage in planning, survey and research at the departments or agencies of the ministries of Works (eg. JKR), Agriculture (eg. DID), Trade and Industry (eg. MIDA), Culture and Tourism, etc.; at statutory bodies and institutions such as Malaysia Highway Authority, Mara Institute of Technology, etc.



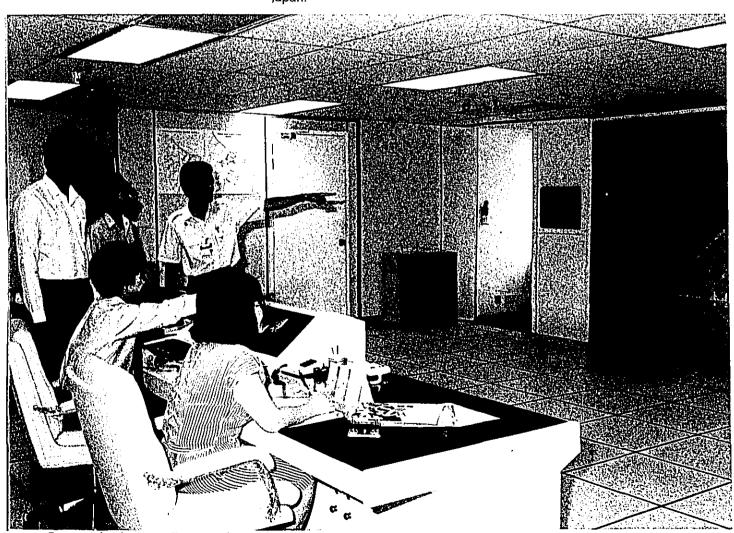
Highway toll system expert and MHA counterparts at the Gombok Toll Plaza.



Equipment Supply Programme

The objective of the program is to contribute to the economic and social progress of developing countries of needed equipment at the request of the countries.

Principal equipment for the purpose includes, (1) that which makes more effective the work of the assigned experts and JOCV volunteers, (2) that needed by the counterparts of the country concerned to continue their services after Japanese experts left, and (3) that needed by the repatriated trainees for using effectively their knowledge and skill gained in Japan.



Penang Island Area Traffic Control Centre.

Project-type Technical Cooperation Programme

This programme functions to integrate into a development project the acceptance of trainees, despatch Japanese experts and grant of equipment so as to carry out the project comprehensively and systematically from planning to the follow-up evaluation.

Project-type cooperation falls under the following four categories: (1) technical cooperation centres, (2) health, medical, population, family planning cooperation, (3) agriculture,



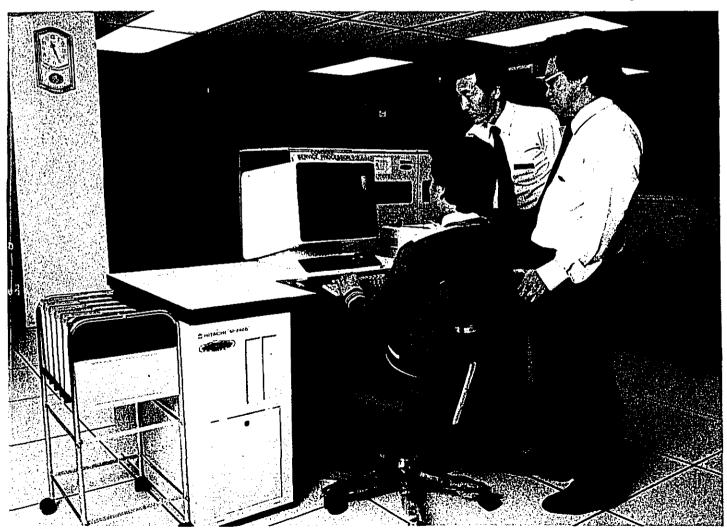
Sabah Re-afforestation Technical Development and Training Project at SAFODA.

forestry, and fisheries development cooperation, and (4) industrial development cooperation.

Projects in Malaysia includes assistance in the setting up of training centres such as: the centre for instructors and advanced skilled training (CIAST): poultry disease research and training centre at the VRI, Ipoh; National Computer Institute at INTAN; and joint research projects on fisheries and marine science and biotechnology at UPM, Serdang; on forest products at FRIM, Kepong; on re-afforestation at SAFODA, Sabah; on foundry technology (FTU) and fine ceramics at SIRIM, etc.



Centre for Instructors and Advanced Skilled Training in Shah Alam.



National Computer Institute at INTAN, Kuala Lumpur.

Development Study Programme

IICA sends survey teams to Malaysia to help in formulating development plans and projects in the public sector.

Survey findings are compiled in a report, which is then presented to the Malaysian government to be used as a basic reference in formulating government policies and in evaluating whether or not the projects are worthy of financial assistance, bilateral or multilateral.

The development study also contributes to the improvement of the technological level in providing local.



Various reports from development studies conducted by JICA.

counterpart engineers with training opportunities through field surveys and through the activities in Japan.

Development studies can be classified into the following categories according to their nature.

- Masterplan studies for urban, regional and national development in areas such as infrastructure, environment, agriculture, trade and industry, etc;
- Feasibility studies to evaluate the technical, financial and economic viability of projects on flood mitigation, tourism development, solid waste management, crop diversification, etc;
- 3) Basic design plans for projects to be implemented under grant aid;
- Prospecting of mineral resources in Perak, Sabah and Sarawak; and others.



Seminar on Flood Mitigation.



The Feasibility Study of Kelantan River Basin-wide Flood Mitigation.

6 Grant Aid Programme

JICA entends to Malaysia financial assistance without repaying obligation through the grant aid programme.

Grant Aid has been applied for the following:

- Construction of buildings for Japanese Language Centre, APDRTC in Ipoh, CIAST in Shah Alam, NPFPRC in Pulau Sayap, etc.
- 2) Purchase of Equipment for the above mentioned projects.
- 3) Others, such as purchase of fishing boat, etc.



Extension of the Japanese Language Centre of the University of Malaya.

7 Development Cooperation Programme

Under this programme, JICA extends long-term, low-interest loans to lapanese private enterprises for the construction of infra-facilities such as a bridge in Sarawak, a swimming pool in Penang, etc; and experimental or pioneer projects in the fields of agricultural, forestry and mining such as utilization of natural rubber serum, etc.

When needed JICA also carries surveys and provides technical guidance for private sector development activities.

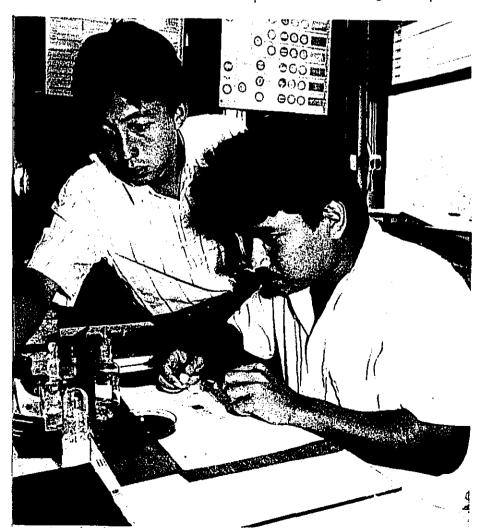


Penang Swimming Complex.

8 Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)

Every year about 100 Japanese youths are assigned to posts throughout Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak for a 2 year service as JOCV volunteers.

The activities of JOCV volunteers are diverse. Some, living in remote villages are engaged in the dissemination of farming or child health education techniques. Others teach vocational techniques, Japanese language, computer science or entomology. Many more are working as occupational and



Wood technologist in Sabah Forest Research Centre.



Nursery care volunteer in Felcra, Kedah.



Public health nurses in Kudat, Sabah.

physical therapists at welfare homes or are involving in landscaping and civil engineering projects.

Because they are involved in such a wide range of activities, each volunteer must find his own way of adapting to work and environment. Rice cultivation, automobile maintenance, nursing, surveying are typical, but the range of their activities is steadily widening. It now covers some 120 fields, including education and sports.

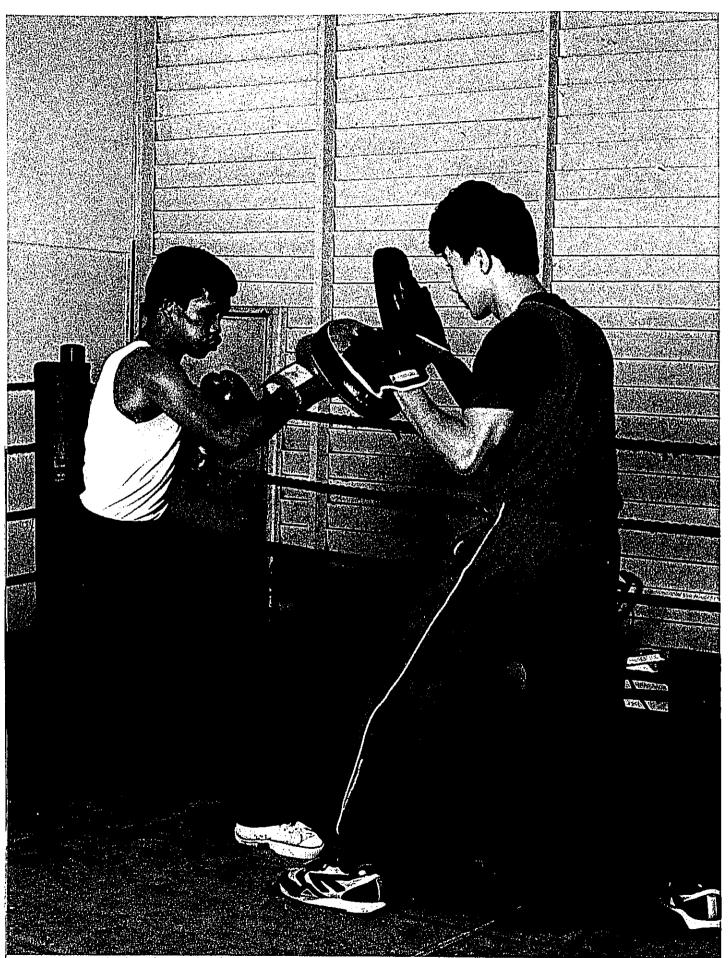
Through disseminating information about their work in Malaysia, the returned IOCV volunteers are serving as media of information on the people, culture, and many more things of Malaysia. In this sense, IOCV plays a unique role of consolidating mutual understanding between Malaysia and Japan at grassroots.



Physical therapists in Taman Sinar Harapan, Kuala Kubu Baru.



lapanese language teacher in Sekolah Alam Shah, Kuala Lumpur.



Boxing coach in Stadium Raja Muda.

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CLOSER INDUSTRIAL LINKS THE AIM

Mida-Jica studies

處理1995前固體廢物

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Two flood mitigation studies by Jica

New Straits Times - Friday Nov.

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Sistem pengangkutan di Lembah Klang

Usaha baiki perlu segera

\$4m study or rail services in Klang Valle:

Jica working with TDC on tourism development plan

Jica spends \$88.4m on cooperation projects here

Tourism plan



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