

## Mid to Long-Term Action Plan for Global Operations

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International Affairs Department

The Japan Sewage Works Agency (hereafter referred to as JS) announced its "Medium- to long-term Action Plan for Global Operations" on January 19 of this year, under the slogan "Accelerating Global Expansion." The details are introduced below.

### 1. Background

JS has been supporting each stage of wastewater projects under the slogan "From upstream to downstream in Global wastewater projects," based on the "Act on the Promotion of the Participation of Japanese Business Operators in Overseas Social Infrastructure Projects" (the so-called "Overseas Infrastructure Development Act.")

Private companies interested in the overseas deployment of technology expect JS to play a role as a public organization in facilitating the deployment of Japanese technology abroad. However, the number of overseas projects involving Japanese technology in which JS has been involved is still small. In addition, the scale of the overseas technical assistance projects that JS has implemented has been small, and they have not contributed significantly to revenue.

In the overseas water business market, which is expected to continue growing in the future, we have formulated a "Medium- to long-term Action Plan for Overseas Operations" to support the expansion of private companies overseas, make overseas operations profitable, and establish them as a new pillar of JS's business.

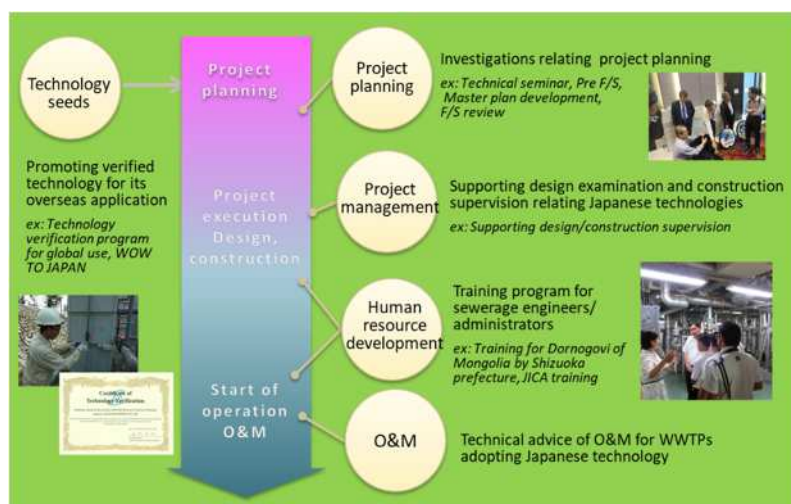


Figure 1. Image of JS international wastewater Project support

## **2. Long-term Action Plan (After 10 years or later)**

The long-term Action Plan aims to utilize the know-how that JS has accumulated in Japan to enter the overseas wastewater construction project market.

JS has accumulated expertise through its business, including planning, design supervision, construction supervision, maintenance management, and technology development. To generate revenue, JS plans to expand these activities overseas.

## **3. Medium-term Action Plan (within the next 10 years)**

In the medium-term Action Plan, JS will actively participate in ODA projects. We promote project formulation, including joint ventures with private companies for work commissioned by JICA, among other initiatives.

We will also support project implementation to receive small-scale wastewater projects from local governments in AWaP participating countries.

## **4. Expected benefits**

Promoting the Medium- to Long-term Action Plan is expected to foster trust in JS among overseas governments and local public bodies, and enable private companies to fulfill the public role expected of them. This will promote overseas expansion by Japanese companies, which is the aim of the "Overseas Infrastructure Development Act."

## **5. Immediate Activities**

For the time being, we will begin preparations for implementing the medium- to long-term Action Plan. At the same time, we will continue to focus on developing technology seeds, forming projects, human resource development, supporting local public bodies, and assisting private companies, which we have been implementing thus far.

JS aims to contribute to the creation of a good water environment, safe urban development, and the formation of a sustainable society by promoting the growth of wastewater infrastructure, including technology, human resources, and information, both in Japan and overseas, as a "wastewater system platformer".

If you have any questions about the activities introduced here, please contact the International Strategy Office ([js-international@jswa.go.jp](mailto:js-international@jswa.go.jp)).

## **Glossary**

- **AWaP (Asia Wastewater Management Partnership)**

A partnership meeting of six countries, Cambodia, the Philippines, Indonesia, Myanmar, Vietnam, and Japan, was established in July 2018 to mainstream wastewater management

- **ODA (Official Development Assistance)**

A type of “economic cooperation” that supports economic development in developing countries

- **JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency)**

An independent administrative agency responsible for implementing comprehensive official development assistance (ODA) as a form of international cooperation with developing countries, including technical cooperation, yen loans, and grant aid