

Understanding Japan's Policy on Peacebuilding – and How to Make Use of It?

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1. Introduction

– Why Japan for peacebuilding?

- ✓ **Promote Japan's security through improving global security environment**
- ✓ **Address the challenge as a responsible member of the international community and enhance its international standing**
- ✓ **Make full use of Japan's commitments, experiences and accomplishments as a "nation of peace"**

2. Historical Background

– How has it come about?

a. General

- ✓ **G8 Miyazaki Initiatives for Conflict Prevention + Action from Japan (July 2000)**
- ✓ **PM Koizumi's Sydney Speech (May 2002)**
- ✓ **Report of the Advisory Group on International Cooperation for Peace (December 2002)**
- ✓ **Study on Human Resource Development for International Cooperation for Peace – Action Plan and Recommendation by the Advisory Group (April 2004)**
- ✓ **FM Aso's Policy Speech "A School to Build Peace Builders" (August 2006)**

b. ODA

- ✓ **ODA Charter (August 2003)**
- ✓ **ODA Medium-Term Policy (February 2005)**

c. Defense and Police

- ✓ **National Defense Program Guidelines (December 2004)**
- ✓ **Policy Initiatives for Promoting International Cooperation, National Police Agency (September 2005)**

3. Major Actors – Who are they?

a. Overall Policy Coordination

- ✓ **Cabinet Office**
- ✓ **Foreign Ministry**

b. International Peace Cooperation

- ✓ **International Peace Cooperation Secretariat**
- ✓ **Foreign Ministry (Foreign Policy Bureau)**
- ✓ **Defense Ministry**
- ✓ **National Police Agency**

c. ODA

- ✓ **Overseas Economic Cooperation Council**
- ✓ **Foreign Ministry (International Cooperation Bureau)**
- ✓ **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**
- ✓ **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)**
- ✓ **Relevant Ministries (Humanitarian Relief and Reconstruction)**

4. Major Pillars – What are Japan's actions?

- **Strengthening engagement
on the ground**
- **Intellectual contribution
to the international community**
- **Human resource development
for peacebuilding**

a. Strengthening engagement on the ground

(1) Promoting international peace cooperation

- ✓ Raising the number and quality of personnel for peacebuilding
- ✓ Enhancing readiness to contribute to operations in the future
- ✓ Development of a legal framework for international peace cooperation

(2) Bolstering ODA for peacebuilding

- ✓ Promoting peacebuilding as one of the main pillars of ODA Charter ("consolidation of peace and nation-building")
- ✓ Improving the systems and schemes for provision of assistance
- ✓ Flexible and effective implementation

b. Intellectual contribution to the international community

- ✓ Contributing to developing effective approaches to peacebuilding (human security, ownership, state-building, small arms and anti-personnel mines, humanitarian relief-development gap, etc.)
- ✓ Launching Intellectual initiatives in the UN Peacebuilding Commission and other fora

c. Human resource development for peacebuilding

- ✓ **Training Japanese and other Asian peacebuilders**
- ✓ **Making use of Asian experiences for peacebuilding around the world**
- ✓ **Networking peacebuilders in Asia and beyond**

5. Enhancing Partnership – How to make use of it?

- ✓ **Political support**
- ✓ **International peace cooperation**
- ✓ **Financial resource/ODA schemes**
- ✓ **Information/Knowledge base**
- ✓ **Human network – Asia and beyond**
- ✓ **What else?**

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