

Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Egypt: Supporting the introduction and extension of Japanese-style education through financial support for the education sector

On February 21, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a loan agreement with the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Cairo to provide a Japanese ODA loan of up to 18.626 billion yen for the Egypt-Japan Education Partnership: Egypt-Japan School Support Program.

This program loan for the education sector will foster policy implementation and institutional building toward the opening of the Egypt-Japan School (EJS), which the Government of Egypt is advancing. This initiative will promote the introduction of Japanese-style education* in Egypt, improving the quality of education and building the capacity of young people.

The number of students per class has become excessive due to a population increase in recent years. Because a qualification test must be passed to advance beyond the third grade of primary school in compulsory education, the focus of education is on memorization and testing, and there is insufficient educational guidance based on individual comprehension levels and education that fosters socializing. This has resulted in the problems of inadequate student comprehension and a lack of discipline and cooperation, and Egypt faces the challenge of improving the quality of school education.



signing ceremony

In response, the Government of Egypt is promoting the introduction of Japanese-style education to nurture the desire to learn, equality and cooperation, and aims to build the capacity of teachers and school personnel and improve school administration through training for Japanese-style education. The program will support the opening of the EJS and the introduction and extension of Japanese-style education, and contribute to the improvement of quality of education and capacity building for young people in Egypt along with the Project for Creating Environment for Quality Learning, a technical cooperation project that supports the formulation of guidelines for the introduction of Japanese-style education and related human resources development.

The Egypt-Japan Education Partnership was signed between the Governments of Japan and Egypt in February 2016 with the objectives of building capacity of young people and promoting peace, stability, development and prosperity in Egypt, and the program will be implemented under that partnership to contribute to those objectives. The EJS, which is supported by the loan, plans to open throughout Egypt, contributing to the provision of an inclusive, equal and high-quality education for all people through the introduction of Japanese-style education in line with Goal 4 of the Sustainable Development Goals to "ensure inclusive and quality education for all."

* A model of education used throughout Japan characterized by tokubetsu katsudo (special activities) in which students carry out various duties such as cleaning, hold class responsibilities and participate in a class council.

(Reference)

1. Terms and Amount of Loan

Project title	Amount (million yen)	Annual interest rate (%)		Repayment period (years)	Grace period (years)	Procurement
		Project	Consulting services			
Egypt-Japan Education Partnership: Egypt-Japan School Support Program	18,626	1.0	—	30	10	General untied

2. Executing Agency

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3. Planned Implementation Schedule

- (1) Completion of program: July 2021 – with completion of the loan disbursement
- (2) Issuing of letters of invitation for consulting services:
No hiring of consultants is planned for this program.
- (3) Tender announcement of initial procurement package for international competitive bidding on project construction:
No work in conjunction with bidding is planned for this program.