



JAPAN'S COOPERATION FOR THE MINDANAO PEACE PROCESS



Brief History

DEC 2002

Prime Minister Koizumi launched the “Support Package for Peace and Stability in Mindanao” Program



DEC 2006

On the occasion of Prime Minister Abe’s visit to the Philippines, the Government of Japan announced the launch of the “Japan-Bangsamoro Initiative for Reconstruction and Development” (J-BIRD)



DEC 2009

Upon the request from the negotiating parties and the Government of Malaysia, Japan started to participate in the International Contact Group

AUG 2011

The Government of Japan supported the holding of an informal meeting between President Aquino and Chairman Murad in Narita, Japan

MAR 2014

The Government of the Philippines and MILF signed the “Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro”

JUN 2015

The Government of Japan announced on the occasion of the State Visit of President Aquino the new phase of J-BIRD under the name J-BIRD2, which focuses more on ensuring economic autonomy in the Bangsamoro Area



JUL 2018

President Duterte signed the Bangsamoro Organic Law which provided for the establishment of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)

FEB 2019

Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) was established

One of the important milestones of the Mindanao Peace Process was the first ever meeting between then President Aquino and Chief Representative of MILF Mr. Murad in Narita, Japan in August 2011. The meeting was privately arranged by the Japanese Government to promote the Peace Building process of Mindanao.

Following the BOL signing, President Duterte swore in the appointed members of the BTA in February 2019.



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Photos: JICA



In September 2006, then JICA President Madame Sadako Ogata visited several development projects in Mindanao and held talks with government officials and MILF Chief Mr. Murad. She stated that, as a strong supporter of the peace process in Mindanao, the Government of Japan decided to join the IMT to strengthen socio-economic development support. In the same year, the Japan-Bangsamoro Initiatives for Reconstruction and Development (J-BIRD) was launched.

JAPAN-BANGSAMORO INITIATIVES FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (J-BIRD)



Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office



Japan has contributed to the Mindanao peace and development a total of USD 515 M (PHP 26 B) for more than 100 projects since 2002.



MADAME SADAOKO OGATA, FORMER JICA PRESIDENT

"Peace is vital for the local people to work, and create a good future for themselves in various ways."

Madame Sadako Ogata visited the Bangsamoro region in September 2006. She was a staunch advocate of Human Security and was responsible for propelling Japan's cooperation towards Bangsamoro peace building and development.



MR. AL-HAJJ MURAD EBRAHIM
INTERIM CHIEF MINISTER OF BTA

"We really appreciated very much the assistance of Japan in pushing forward the peace process. It gives a strong momentum in order that the peace process will move forward. "



3 PILLARS OF JAPAN'S ASSISTANCE

1

*The political transition to
Bangsamoro Autonomous
Government*



2

*The Normalization
Process*



3

*Development of
Socio-Economic
Infrastructures*



THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN'S ASSISTANCE TO THE BANGSAMORO

HOUSING



Rehabilitation of Houses in Marawi (Photo: UN-Habitat)

POTABLE WATER SYSTEM



Provision of Clean Water in Maguindanao (Photo: ILO)

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN'S ASSISTANCE TO THE BANGSAMORO

LIVELIHOOD & EDUCATION



JICA-supported pond for aquaculture of Tilapia where former MILF combatants are trained to grow fish for their livelihood



JICA, in cooperation with the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), is training farmers in Mindanao so they can grow more rice and increase their income to improve their quality of life

Tailoring class for women, and school building, to improve the education of children and women



