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SUPPORT FOR THE SUSTAINABLE CAPACITY BUILDING

(Presented by Japan)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Japan has been supporting various international cooperation activities in the Asia and Pacific (APAC) and African regions under ICAO's "No Country Left Behind" initiative. This paper presents some representative international cooperation activities currently being implemented. In addition, Japan is seeking to host the Special Session of the 14th Meeting of the Common Regional VPN Operations Groups (CRV OG/14), scheduled to be held from October 27 to 31, 2025. Japan also intends to support travel expenses for participants from the Pacific Small Islands Developing States (PSIDS) to encourage their participation in this meeting.

<i>Strategic Goals:</i>	This information paper relates to the Strategic Goals: <i>Every Flight is Safe and Secure, Aviation Delivers Seamless, Accessible, and Reliable Mobility for All, and No Country Left Behind.</i>
<i>Financial implications:</i>	None
<i>References:</i>	ICAO Strategic Plan 2026 - 2050

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In November 2024, the ICAO Council approved the "ICAO Strategic Plan 2026-2050", which includes "No Country Left Behind" as one of its six strategic goals, reaffirming that capacity building remains an important priority. Based on this background, the Japan Civil Aviation Bureau (JCAB) has been supporting various international cooperation activities in the APAC and African regions. This paper presents some representative international cooperation activities currently being implemented, including JCAB's capacity building projects for the PSIDS and technical cooperation projects by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Capacity building for air traffic management in the PSIDS

- 2.1.1 In October 2023, the ICAO PSIDS Liaison Officer was dispatched to the Pacific region with the support of the Government of Fiji.
- 2.1.2 The ICAO PSIDS Liaison Officer is expected to play a vital role in fostering international collaboration, providing technical assistance, and addressing the aviation-specific challenges faced by the PSIDS.
- 2.1.3 At the ICAO Global Implementation Support Symposium 2024, JCAB announced its support for ICAO and its intention to contribute to the improvement of global civil aviation by addressing specific sustainable development challenges faced by the PSIDS.
- 2.1.4 Specifically, JCAB has provided support focusing on ATS network capacity enhancement surveys and sustainable capacity building in the PSIDS.
- 2.1.5 In December 2024, JCAB invited operational and technical personnel designated by the PSIDS to Japan for training and familiarization. This program included technical tours, workshops, and presentations designed to provide comprehensive knowledge and skills related to air traffic management in Japan.
- 2.1.6 JCAB plans to provide similar support to the PSIDS in 2025. In addition, Japan is seeking to host the Special Session of 14th Meeting of the Common Aeronautical VPN Operations Groups (CRV OG/14), scheduled to be held from October 27 to 31, 2025, and intends to support travel expenses for participants from the PSIDS.

2.2 JICA-related activities

- 2.2.1 JCAB, in collaboration with JICA, has been engaged in international cooperation activities in the field of aviation security for over 30 years, particularly through the utilization of JICA's technical cooperation schemes.
- 2.2.2 Technical cooperation is one of JICA's key areas of development assistance. It supports various States through the dispatch of experts, training programs aimed at building the capacity of local government officials, and the provision of equipment. Over the past 30 years, JCAB has dispatched

more than 200 officials as long-term or short-term experts to approximately 20 States under the JICA's technical cooperation projects, contributing to human resource development in the aviation sector.

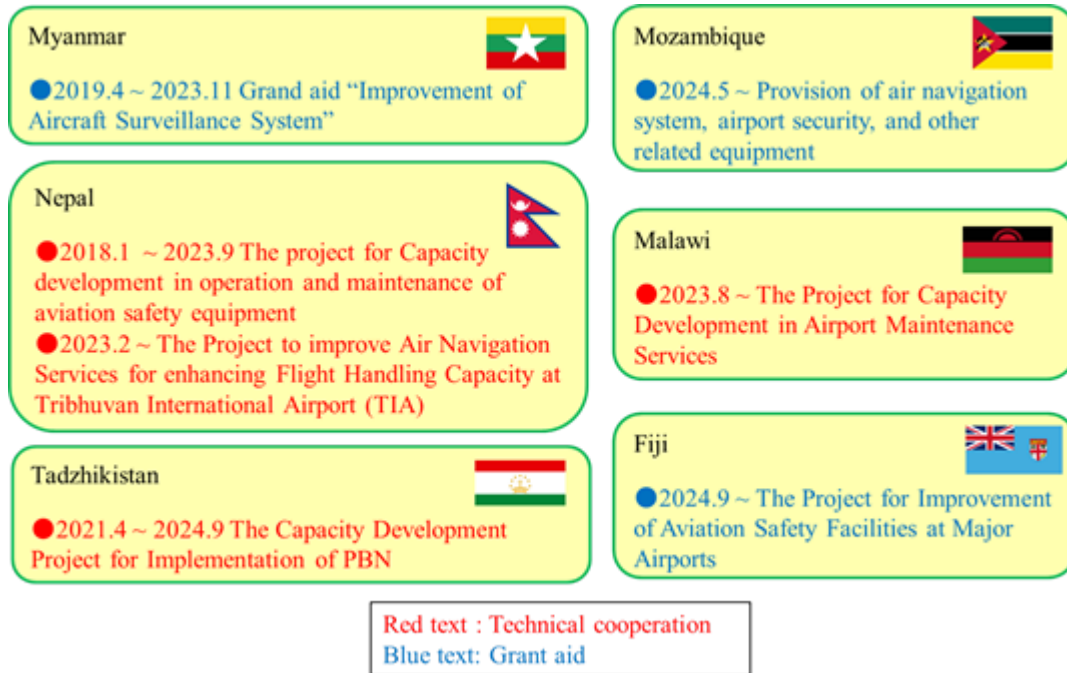


Figure 1: JCAB's Current International Cooperation Activities

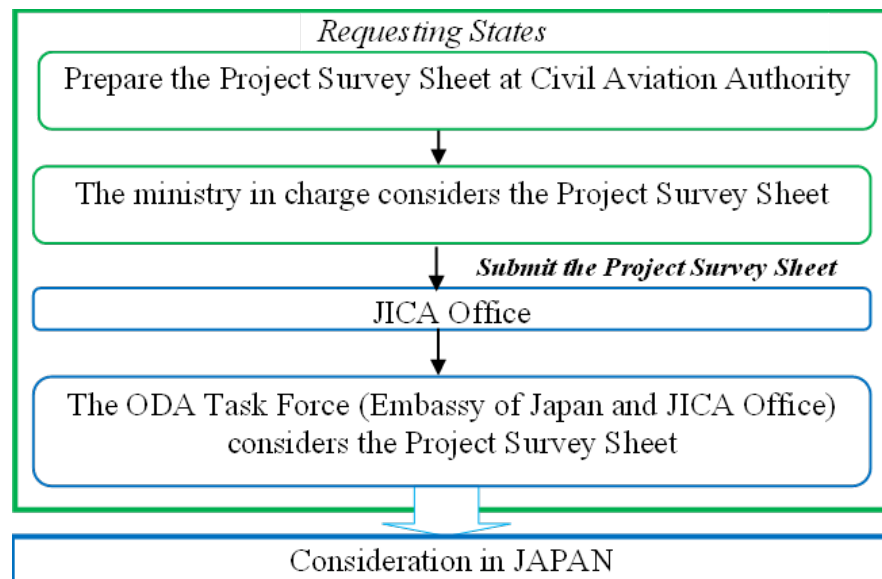


Figure 2: JICA's Technical Cooperation Scheme Procedures

2.2.3 Figure 2 illustrates the JICA technical cooperation scheme. Starting from this fiscal year, JCAB plans to provide technical cooperation to Mozambique under this scheme to strengthen its air traffic control capacity, and JCAB experts are scheduled to be dispatched.

2.2.4 JICA's "Knowledge Co-Creation Programs" are a form of technical cooperation carried out in Japan. These programs have welcomed many trainees from around the world and have also provided training on air navigation services (ANS). For example, the program titled "Introduction and Management of Air Navigation Services (ANS) Technologies," which provides extensive knowledge of ANS, has been conducted annually from 2023 to 2025.

2.3 Other Activities

2.3.1 In 2010, JCAB established the "Collaborative Actions for Renovation of Air Traffic Systems (CARATS)" to define the future direction of the air traffic control (ATC) system. However, in light of significant changes in the environment surrounding the ATC system, JCAB has formulated a new CARATS to appropriately address these changes and to realize a highly convenient and sustainable ATC system, with safety as the top priority. The new CARATS clearly states "cooperation in the development of international air traffic" as one of its goals.

2.3.2 JCAB posts on its website (https://www.mlit.go.jp/en/koku/koku_fr13_000038.html) the status of international cooperation and an overview of past international collaboration activities. Please refer to this website as needed, and do not hesitate to contact us if you require any assistance from Japan.

3. TOWARDS EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

3.1 Although JCAB has supported international cooperation activities in the APAC and African regions, there has been a lack of information regarding the support needs of each State and the status of support provided to other States. By clarifying each States support needs and sharing best practices from other States in the field of ANS, it is expected that future cooperation will generate synergistic effects.

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