

I am pleased to announce that Japan will contribute to the technical cooperation activities of ESCAP for Japanese fiscal year 2013, namely the period from April 2013 to March 2014 as follows.

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- 1. Total amount of contributions will be about 3 mio.US dollars, subject to the formal adoption of the budget for fiscal year 2013 in the Diet (Parliament).**
- 2. The financial contribution to the Japan-ESCAP Cooperation Fund will be 57,800 US dollars.**
- 3. With regard to Japanese assistance to the work plan of SIAP, the Government of Japan intends to make cash contribution of 1,640,700 US dollars and in-kind contributions equivalent to 1,280,000 US dollars. In addition, as part of its technical cooperation programme through Japan International Cooperation Agency, JICA, incooperation with SIAP, Japan will offer the fellowships for 92 man- months for 'Group Training Course.'**