

NOTES

I BETWEEN IDEALISM AND PRAGMATISM

1. One can observe that in 2002, the Japanese prime minister's office also called for a clearer formulation of Japanese foreign policy priorities while defining CA policy in combination with its Middle East policy and emphasizing energy projects as its main priority. For details, see Task Force on Foreign Relations for the Prime Minister, *Basic Strategies*.
2. This problem has been raised several times over the years, but it remains one of the main obstacles to improving the efficiency of Japanese engagement in CA. For instance, see Uyama (2003b, pp. 165–186). For a call to reform Japanese foreign policy, see Kitaoka (2002, pp. 3–12).
3. For an interesting account of Japanese diplomacy in Central Asia, see Yuasa (2008a).
4. For some comparisons between Japanese and Chinese foreign policies, see Dadabaev (2008a, pp. 121–140).

2 JAPAN'S ODA ASSISTANCE SCHEME AND CENTRAL ASIAN ENGAGEMENT: DETERMINANTS, TRENDS, AND EXPECTATIONS

1. For a number of recent examples, see Dukha (2007), Uzreport.com Business Information Portal (2007), and Mamytova (2007). For a general description and data, see Yagi (2007).
2. For the MFA's periods of classification, refer to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (n.d.).
3. The Colombo Plan for Cooperative Economic and Social Development in Asia and the Pacific was conceived at the Commonwealth Conference on Foreign Affairs held in Colombo, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) in January 1950 and was launched on July 1, 1951 as a regional intergovernmental organization that would further the economic and social development of the peoples of South and Southeast Asia. See <http://www.colombo-plan.org/history.php>.
4. In 1978, MOFA published "The Current State of Economic Cooperations and Its Outlook: The North-South Problem and

- Development Assistance” and in 1980, “The Philosophies of Economic Cooperation: Why Official Development Assistance.” See Togo (2005, p. 334).
5. For an interesting analysis and outline of the achievements of Japanese policy in Central Asia, see Yagi (2007, pp. 13–16).
 6. Japan primarily provided assistance with modernizing infrastructure such as airports and related facilities. Some of these transportation facilities remain inefficient and largely underused. See Ibragimov (2008).
 7. For details on Japanese ODA and changes to it, see Söderberg (2002). Also see Furuoka (2007).
 8. Author’s field research findings during the “Survey on Agricultural and Rural Development Based on Population Issues” in 2003 with the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA). Some results of the survey (without the interviews cited in this article) are available in printed form in Japanese and English. For the English language version, see APDA (2003) and APDA (2002).
 9. In an interview with a Japanese Embassy official in a CA country, the author was informed that current Japanese government policy regarding the provision of technical assistance is that contracts are granted on a competitive basis. Local contractors are given the same privileges as Japanese contractors. It was also emphasized to the author that local contractors are preferred in certain situations, because using local suppliers makes providing technical assistance easier and more sustainable in the long term. The only concern in this case is that local contractors are frequently not completely familiar with the documentation procedures and proper formalities for participating in tenders for contracts and they do not always have the capacity to provide the necessary equipment. This inadequacy puts foreign-based and Japanese companies in a better position, resulting in the situation referred to in the chapter. Author’s personal communication, Embassy of Japan, March 2008.
 10. One example of these projects is the support for and training of the members of the WUA in Uzbekistan. For details, see JICA materials on *Mizu Kanri Kaizen Projekto* [Improvement of the Water Management Project] (Tashkent: JICA, 2011). The project is still active.
 11. Author’s field research findings during the “Survey on Agricultural and Rural Development Based on Population Issues” in 2003 with the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA). Some of the survey results (without the interviews cited in this article) are available in printed form in both Japanese and English. For English language versions, see APDA (2002, 2003).

12. In a 2008 interview with a Japanese Embassy staff official in one CA country, the author was informed that the current policy of the Japanese government regarding providing technical assistance is that contracts for providing this assistance are granted on a competitive basis. Local contractors are given the same privileges as Japanese ones. It was also emphasized to the author that local contractors are even preferred in certain situations because using them makes the tasks of providing technical assistance easier. The only concern is that in many cases, local contractors are not fully familiar with the documentation procedures and proper formalities for participating in tenders for contracts and they do not always have the capacity to provide the necessary equipment. This puts foreign-based and Japanese companies in better positions, which results in the situation referred to in the chapter. Author's personal communication, March 2008.
13. Author's personal communication in August 2002 with the school's administration.
14. Author's interview conducted during the "Survey on Agricultural and Rural Development Based on Population Issues" in 2003 with the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA). Some of the survey results (without the interviews cited in this article) are available in printed form in both Japanese and English. For the English language version, see APDA (2002, 2003).
15. Figures are based on information provided during the author's interview with a high-ranking official at the Japan Center for Human Development in Tashkent on May 26, 2011.
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17. Centers exist in Tashkent (Uzbekistan), Almaty (Kazakhstan), and Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan).
18. For the results of the Asia Barometer project regarding Central Asia, see Dadabaev (2004a, 2005, 2006b, 2007a, b). For the full 2005 data set, see Inoguchi (2008). For the 2003 data set, see Inoguchi, Basanez, Tanaka, and Dadabaev (2005).
19. During an evaluation hearing on the Special Program for Central Asian countries at the Japanese Ministry of Education, Science, Sports, and Technology, the committee members questioned the necessity of such programs in Central Asia. September 2011.
20. While Japanese foreign policy launched several post-Soviet Russian and Eurasian diplomatic initiatives in the CA region, most of them remained on paper with hardly any practical outcomes. While the Japanese government attempted to generously support these initiatives with financial allocations to CA states, very few of these

were directly linked to the initial goals forwarded by the Japanese initiatives.

4 WATER RESOURCE DISPUTE MANAGEMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA: JAPANESE ATTEMPT AT WATER RESOURCE EFFICIENCY PROMOTION

1. Personal communication with a high-ranking official at the Ministry of Water Management of Uzbekistan, August 2003.
2. Ibid., p. 16. Trushin (1993) advocates the idea of payments for delivery of water to the delivering states as compensation for amortization and modernization of facilities rather than for water as a product. He insists that water in Central Asia should be considered regional property rather than national property.

5 CHINA AS JAPAN'S "OTHER" IN CENTRAL ASIA

1. *Ferghana.ru*, "Strany SHOS sozdatut Bank razvitiia i energoklub: Kitai obeschaet l'gotnye kredity" [SCO Member-States Will Establish Development Bank and Energy Club: China Promises Advantageous Credits], November 8, 2011, available at: <http://www.ferghananews.com/news.php?id=17592> (accessed on November 10, 2011).

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