

Target Area (Sub-program/ Component) : Development Issues
Regional Development and Poverty Alleviation
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Background
<p>In “A Ten Year Horizon Development Framework 2006-2016”, programs have been developed for the purpose of regional development, poverty reduction, etc. As the economic structure has been depending on the area around Colombo for many years, the western provinces account for 50% of GDP, and the gap between the western provinces and the other regions is widening. Also, 90% of the poor population is apparently of rural villages, and the gap between urban cities and rural villages is also an issue. In addition, another major issue is economic development and civil life improvement in the eastern and northern provinces where development was obstructed by the dispute for 20 years, and it is an important issue to develop human resources who can contribute to development/management of regional development plans, development of poverty reduction plans and organization of systems.</p> <p>Correction of a gap among regions and poverty reduction are major issues. It is expected that the JDS program will develop the capacities to design such plans and projects as well as to organize systems.</p>
Expected Research Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Development • Correction of Regional Disparity • Measure of Poverty Alleviation • Regional Autonomy