

**JODC will merge with the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS)
on March 30, 2012**

Thank you for your ongoing support for the Japan Overseas Development Corporation (JODC).

On January 18, 2012, JODC received approval from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) to merge with the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS) on March 30, 2012.

Following the merger, the organization will be named The Overseas Human Resources and Industry Development Association (HIDA).

HIDA will use the domestic and international human networks developed by both organizations to organically develop JODC experts dispatch programs from Japan and AOTS training programs for overseas industrial engineers and managers. The merger will also help the operations of both organizations to run more efficiently and effectively. We ask for your continual cooperation and support as we transition to this new organization.

Those involved in JODC experts dispatch programs or AOTS training programs can continue to contact JODC or AOTS as you have before.