February 9, 2012

Mr. Robert Zoellick
President
International Bank for
Reconstruction and Development
International Development Association

Dear Mr. Zoellick,

I refer to the Arrangement dated March 29, 1999 (the Arrangement) between the Ministry of Finance of Japan (hereinafter referred to as the Ministry) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association. It is my honor to inform you, pursuant to paragraph 1.1 of the said Arrangement that the Ministry will allocate its FY2012 contribution to the Policy and Human Resources Development Fund (hereinafter referred to as PHRD-TP021330) in the amount of JPY 3,145,064,000 as follows:

1. Staff Grants: JPY 665,543,296
4. Service fee which assists in the defrayment of the costs of administration and other expenses incurred by the Bank to manage PHRD: JPY 40,213,532.

In addition, the Ministry made earlier contributions (i) in the amount of JPY 1,744,311,000 which was allocated to the Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program and the Japan Indonesia Presidential Scholarships Program (and associated service fee) under the Contribution Letter dated August 5, 2011, and (ii) in the amount of JPY 78,320,000, which was transferred through the Multilateral Account (TF050728) to the Donor Funded Staffing Program (DFSP) (TP071222) under the letter agreement dated August 5, 2011.

I would like to reiterate the importance of promoting the visibility of Japanese resources provided through trust funds in recipient countries. On behalf of my Government, I would like to express my appreciation for your efforts over the past years and ask you to continue to take measures to promote the visibility of the PHRD activities or the fund itself.

The Ministry of Finance consents to the disclosure of this letter and related information to the subject of this letter in accordance with the World Bank Policy on Access to Information.

Sincerely yours,

Nobumitsu Hayashi
Executive Director for Japan
Dear Mr. Hayashi,

Thank you very much for your letter of February 9, 2012, confirming the Government of Japan’s FY12 contributions of JPY 3,145,064,000 to the Japan Policy and Human Resources Development (PHRD) Fund, JPY 1,744,311,000 to the Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program and the Japan Indonesia Scholarships Program, and JPY 78,320,000 to the Donor Funded Staffing Program. We would like to express our gratitude to Japan for its financial contributions to these important programs and for Japan’s valued partnership in development.

Japan’s contribution to the PHRD will help provide invaluable technical assistance to the poorest countries in the world. The World Bank will administer the new contribution in accordance with the terms of the PHRD Arrangements, as amended, between the Japanese Ministry of Finance and the World Bank Group.

We appreciate the assistance to all the PHRD programs, including the Technical Assistance Program, the Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program, the Staff Grants Program, the Japan-World Bank Partnership Program, and the Donor Funded Staffing Program. These activities benefit partner countries and serve as catalysts in enhancing the effectiveness of development assistance.

We will encourage our staff to appropriately acknowledge the role of Japanese resources provided through trust funds. We assure you that our country offices will continue to give priority to public signing ceremonies of legal agreements of PHRD grants, and to publicize the role of Japanese resources through local media. As in the past, we will keep you informed of forthcoming signing events.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Zoellick

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