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ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS ACTIVITIES
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[Asociación de Becarios de Japón en Argentina (ABJA)]

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE *ASOCIACIÓN DE BECARIOS
DE JAPÓN EN ARGENTINA (ABJA)*

This document was prepared by the Summits of the Americas Secretariat to provide information to member states of the Organization of American States on the civil society organization “*Asociación de Becarios de Japón en Argentina (ABJA)*.”

It contains the basic data and a list of supporting documentation submitted by this civil society organization (CSO) pursuant to the Guidelines for Participation by Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.

1. Background

The *Asociación de Becarios de Japón en Argentina (ABJA)* is a civil, nonprofit organization consisting of a network of human, professional, and technical resources. Its objective is to develop and promote a local, national, and international community through the transfer and adaptation of scientific and technological know-how acquired and/or perfected in Japan. Its head office is in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

ABJA carries out its activities, in collaboration with its Japanese partners, in the areas of humanitarian assistance and official development assistance (ODA), in order to meet socioeconomic challenges and promote equity and stability in the region. *ABJA* collaborates primarily with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA). It is largely funded by that agency and by individuals and private and public organizations, and also receives grants from scholarship recipients who are members of the Association and to a lesser extent from its annual meetings.

ABJA submitted its application on June 20, 2005.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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Date established: June 28, 1968

3. Primary areas of activity of the CSO and their relationship to OAS activities

ABJA's main objective is to promote an understanding of, and find solutions to, present-day social challenges, such as vulnerability and social exclusion, inequality, and poverty in the region. It works to promote democracy, equality, and security. In this regard, its areas of activity are related to those of the OAS as concerns the following:

- Strengthening and promotion of cooperation among everyone involved in the fight against poverty, the development of international law, and the analysis of legal problems pertaining to the development of peoples and political and economic integration.
- Promotion of policies, discussion, and horizontal cooperation on topics related to educational, social, scientific, and cultural development.
- Provision of advice, training, and technical assistance in trade and economic integration practices and strategies, and dissemination to the public at large of information on integration-related topics and processes such as the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).
- Promotion and support of research, training, and technical assistance on efforts to combat illicit drugs, and development of and recommendations on minimum standards for drug legislation, measurement of drug consumption and costs, and adoption of drug control measures.
- Promotion of the exercise and defense of human rights in the Hemisphere, as well as dissemination of information and raising of awareness concerning such rights, with special emphasis on gender equality.
- Efforts to help the peoples of the Americas eradicate poverty, benefit from the digital revolution, and make progress toward their economic and social development, by means of technical cooperation and training.
- Promotion of environmental protection and the sustainable use of natural resources as generators of the prosperity and sustainability of economies, the quality of life, and health.
- Promotion of research on topics related to children, and search for solutions to the problems affecting the children of the Americas.
- Promotion of solidarity-based horizontal cooperation in the areas of agriculture, fishing, industry, energy, mining, and public services.

4. CSO contributions that could be of interest to the OAS

ABJA considers that it will contribute to achieving the development goals pursued by the OAS by means of technical assistance, through its multidisciplinary team of professionals, technicians, and specialists operating in the public and private spheres. Likewise, it can contribute to the OAS by:

- Dispensing advice on the preparation of reports and the organization of seminars, conferences, and forums to define policy and set standards and guidelines for measures to eradicate extreme poverty and injustice, with particular attention paid to human rights and gender equality.
- Disseminating recommendations and suggestions on follow-up and implementation of the mandates of the Summits of the Americas in various areas of interest to the OAS.
- Exchanging experiences and information with other civil society organizations in order to foster greater citizen participation in public affairs and thereby consolidate democracy in the region.

5. OAS work areas to which the CSO can provide support

ABJA offers to work with the various units, departments, committees, and offices of the OAS in the following manner:

- Advice to the OAS Department of Legal Affairs and Services on topics related to international law in the courses and workshops thereon organized by the Office of Inter-American Law and Programs pursuant to the mandates in the “Declaration of Panama on the Inter-American Contribution to the Development and Codification of International Law” and the “Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law.”
- Participation in discussion forums and round tables organized by the Office of Education, Science, and Technology of the OAS Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), to exchange information on educational reform and scientific and technological innovations.
- Collaboration with the Office of Trade, Growth, and Competitiveness of SEDI in its efforts to strengthen the capacities of member states in the areas of trade and regional integration processes. *ABJA* would be able to provide trainers to contribute to that Office’s training programs.
- Assistance to the Office for the Promotion of Democracy of the Department of Democratic and Political Affairs in training citizens and public officials of the member states in democratic practices and values. At the same time, *ABJA* could help design projects for disseminating information on democracy and raising people’s awareness of it.

- Cooperation with the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) in the context of its partnership-for-development activities, especially with regard to the human resource training and mobilization that the IACD carries out through its scholarship programs, professional and academic exchanges, distance-education systems, etc.
- Participation in the Summits of the Americas by contributing to the debate and submitting proposals related to corruption, human rights, social and sustainable development, women's and children's rights, terrorism, drugs, health (especially HIV/AIDS), education, civil society, culture, and connectivity.
- Support for the work of the Inter-American Indian Institute (III) in its efforts to acquire a better understanding of the indigenous peoples of the region and find solutions to their problems and challenges. Specifically, *ABJA* could help conduct studies and research on the indigenous peoples of the Americas.
- Collaboration with the Tourism and Small Enterprise Division of the Office of Trade, Growth, and Competitiveness on the exchange of information and cooperation for development of the tourism sector.
- Collaboration on the technical horizontal cooperation initiatives for development promoted by the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), so that the knowledge and skills of member states with experience and comparative advantages in some topics may be transferred to other member states.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General dated June 20, 2005
- Articles of Constitution
- Bylaws
- 2004 Annual Report
- Institutional mission statement
- 2004/2005 Financial Report