

III. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

29. The ADB-JSP was successfully implemented in 2003, with 145 new scholarships awarded and 161 continuing scholars, for a total of 306 scholars at 18 designated institutions. A total of 159 scholars completed their programs. The missions to several designated institutions were beneficial in monitoring and evaluating the overall administration of the JSP at each institution. The ADB-JSP will continue to focus on providing more scholarships for master's degrees, with a few scholarships for PhD candidates pursuing careers in teaching and research. Courses will be geared toward degrees in fields directly related to poverty reduction, such as development themes, public policy, environmental management, health care, and gender studies. Continuing efforts will be made to promote the ADB-JSP among individuals with limited finances, among female candidates, and in DMCs that are underrepresented.

30. The ADB-JSP will enhance close interaction with the designated institutions, scholars, and alumni. The designated institutions will be urged to promote Japan-ADB Scholarship Alumni Association through continuing communications with their alumni. The ADB-JSP will provide increased opportunities to qualified candidates from ADB's DMCs, by adding new Japanese universities as designated institutions for the same approved fields of study offered in the current JSP.