

### III. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

27. The ADB–JSP is a unique development assistance tool that aims directly at strengthening human capacity in ADB DMCs. The program continued to be successful in 2004, with 157 new scholarships awarded and 154 continuing scholars, for a total of 311 scholars at 18 designated institutions. A total of 142 scholars completed their programs. The inclusion of two new Japanese universities in the program will increase (i) the opportunities of qualified candidates and (ii) the ratio of scholars studying in Japan.

28. ADB staff will continue to visit the designated institutions regularly to monitor the scholarship program. ADB–JSP will continue to promote the Japan–ADB Scholarship Alumni Association and to communicate with alumni through the designated institutions. It will continue to focus on providing scholarships in socioeconomic development fields at master's level. Courses will be geared toward degrees in fields directly related to poverty reduction, such as economics, development, public policy, environmental management, health care, and gender studies. Expanded efforts will be made to promote ADB–JSP among individuals with limited finances, female candidates, and in DMCs that are underrepresented. To promote ADB–JSP in the DMCs, newspaper advertisements, brochures, gatherings of scholars and alumni, and the internet will be used extensively.