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Migrants can contribute to the development of both their countries of origin and destination through their economic activity, their technical skills and capital they can provide. In order to realize such a win-win situation, however, migrants should both abide by and be afforded due protection under the laws of their countries of origin, transit and destination. Moreover, international cooperation to support the development of the capacity of each individual is necessary for migrants to enjoy the maximum benefit from migration.

For these reasons, Japan has extended cooperation to developing countries with a view to enhancing human resources in education and health. For example, Japan has offered assistance in teacher training and the improvement of teaching manuals, curricula and textbooks. In the health sector, this cooperation has taken the form of training medical and counseling staff engaged in the fight against HIV/AIDS. In addition, for over forty years the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers have been sent to developing countries to participate at the grassroots level in the community- and nation-building efforts. Based on this experience, Japan has just launched, in cooperation with the UNV, the Asia Youth Volunteers Programme for Africa to promote the exchange of volunteers between the two continents.

The issue of international migration and development is a critical global challenge.