



## NPO法人 都市計画・建築関連OVの会

**EVAA** Ex-Volunteers Association for Architects

EVAA was established in 2002 as a Non Profitable Organization (NPO) by ex-volunteers of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer program (JOCV) which has been organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), an agency of the Japanese Government.

EVAA member were working as JOCV members in several countries. For example, some of them were sent to Morocco, Kenya, Bhutan, etc. to help with the conservation of UNESCO world heritage sites.

EVAA was set up to provide technical support in terms of international cooperation, utilizing ex-volunteers' knowledge and experience in the fields of Architecture, town planning, building facilities and the environment.

EVAA's objectives are as follows:

1. To provide technical supports to current JOCV members in the field;
2. To promote understanding of situation in developing countries; and
3. To cooperate with various groups, namely donor organizations, research institutions, international NGOs, and local NGOs, for international cooperation in the above fields.

One of EVAA's important activities is to cooperate with the Building Research Institution (BRI) in Japan to develop anti-earthquake measures for buildings. EVAA's members have been dispatched to Indonesia and Peru to assist the projects there and take active roles in the projects.

EVAA members have also supported the activities of JOCV since 2005 by suggesting and discussing with candidates for JOCV members at JICA Training Centre in Japan in the fields of technical matters and their life in their host countries.

EVAA volunteers have furthermore provided technical support and planning & design skills to assist JOCV programs helping to improve the Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) of HIV services in the African countries of Kenya, Senegal, Ghana and Malawi. EVAA has published technical reports of these field activities.

