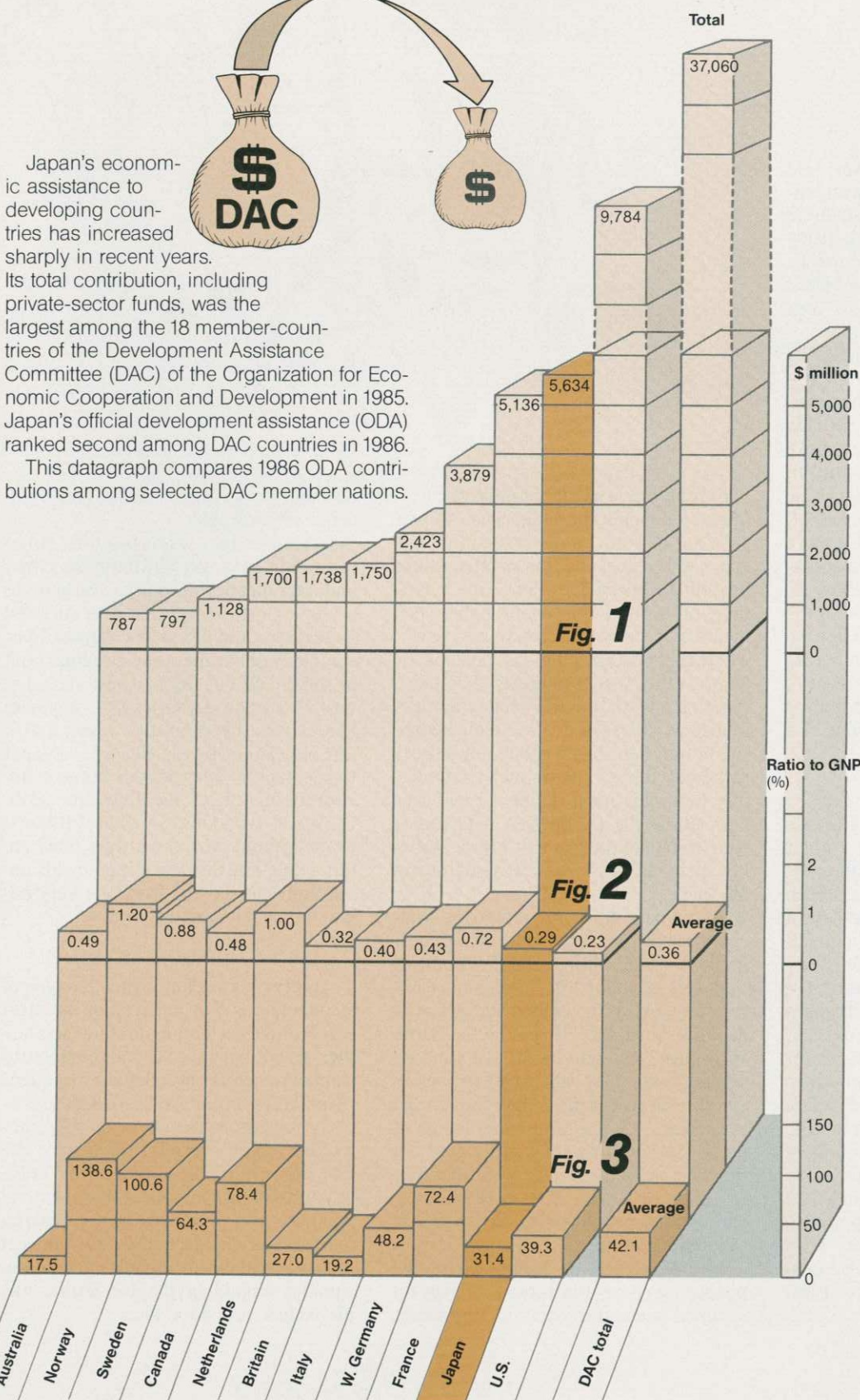
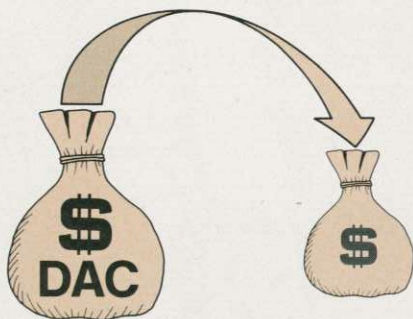


# Japan's Economic Assistance

Japan's economic assistance to developing countries has increased sharply in recent years. Its total contribution, including private-sector funds, was the largest among the 18 member-countries of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in 1985. Japan's official development assistance (ODA) ranked second among DAC countries in 1986. This datagraph compares 1986 ODA contributions among selected DAC member nations.



**Fig. 1**  
Japan's ODA increased five-fold between 1976-86. It ranked second only to the United States in 1986.

	1976 (\$ billion)	1986 (\$ billion)	1976/1986*
U.S.	4.36	9.78	2.2
Japan	1.15	5.63	5.1
France	2.15	5.14	2.4
W. Germany	1.59	3.88	2.4
Britain	0.88	1.75	2.0

Notes: 1. Countries are listed by scale of ODA.  
2. French figures include ODA to overseas territories and cantons. French ODA excluding these sums totaled \$3,511 million in 1986.  
3. \* Indicates rate of increase.

**Fig. 2**  
Japan ranks second among DAC member countries in total ODA, but is a low 14th in ODA contributions as a percentage of GNP. The United States, the largest ODA contributor, ranks 17th in such contributions. Norway ranks first and the Netherlands second, each contributing more than 1% of GNP, followed by Denmark, Sweden and France, underlining the good showing by Western European countries in ODA contributions as a proportion of GNP.

Note: The French figure includes those extended to overseas territories and cantons. French ODA excluding these sums is 0.49% of GNP.

**Fig. 3**  
Scandinavian countries lead in per-capita ODA performance, with Norway and Sweden contributing more than \$100 each, followed by Denmark, the Netherlands and France. Japan and the United States were ranked in 14th and 12th place, respectively.