The harmonious relationship between Indonesia and Japan has been started from the mid 70s when the Fukuda’s doctrine was introduced. It reformed the face of ODA (Official Development Assistant) to move beyond purely commercial objectives to a recognition of aid’s usefulness as a political-diplomatic tool in the Asian region, including Indonesia. Another big reformation of this policy was occurred in 2002. Although many observers maintained the main factor of this reform was the global politic changes following the 9-11 incident, yet some domestic factors, such us declining economic during this period and public scrutiny regarding the effectiveness of this foreign aid program also contributed significantly. This article will analyze the later factor -the public scrutiny, especially regarding the movement of Japanese NGOs with their demand for the more politically string-attached aid that will give the new implication on the relationship between these two countries.

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