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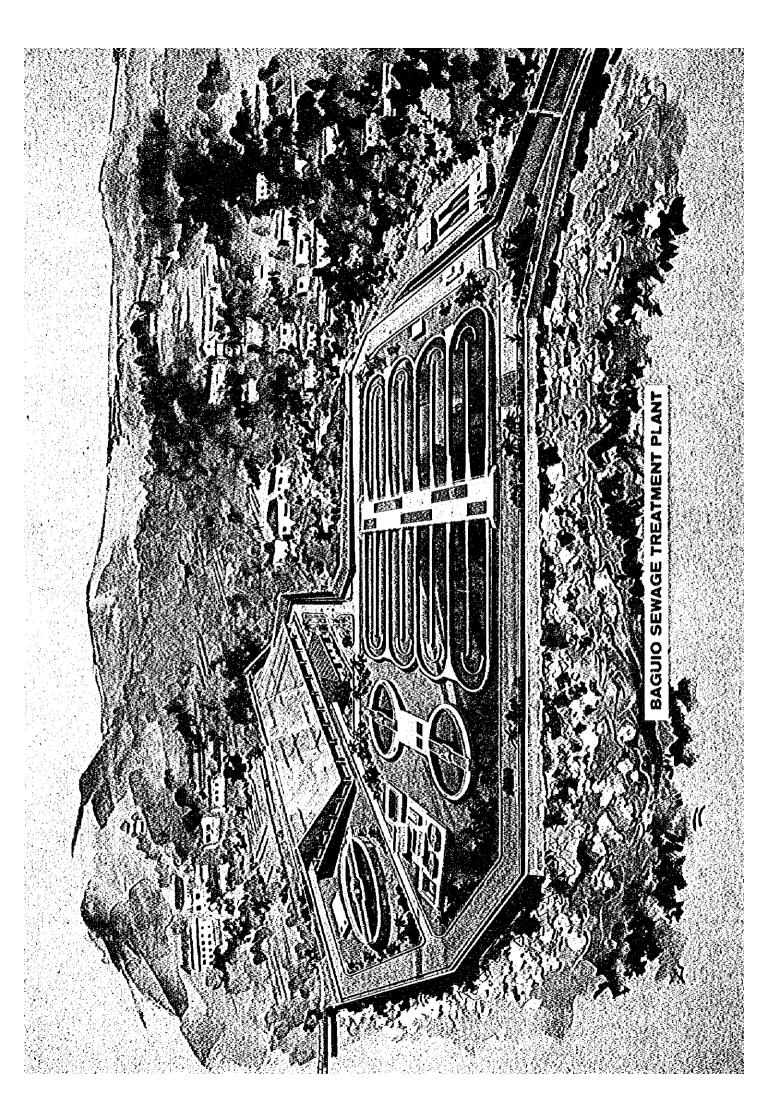


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PREFACE

In response to the request of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, the Government of Japan decided to conduct a Basic Design Study, on the Construction Project of Sewage Disposal Treatment Facilities in Baguio and entrusted the study to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The JICA sent to the Philippines a study team headed by Mr. Tatsuo Murayama, Public Sewarage Div., City Bureau, Ministry of Construction, from 8th February to 1st March, 1984.

The team had discussions with the officials concerned of the Government of the Philippines and conducted a field survey in Baguio.

After the team returned to Japan, further studies were made and the present report has been prepared.

I hope that this report will serve for the development of the project and contribute to the promotion of friendly relations between our two countries.

I wish to express my deep appreciation to the officials concerned of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for their close cooperation extended to the team.

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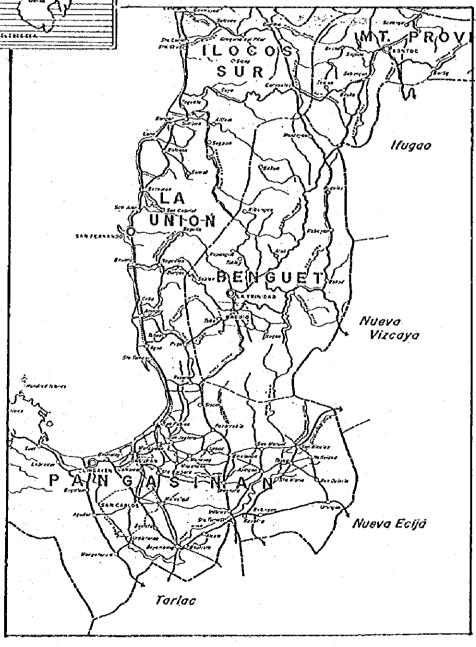
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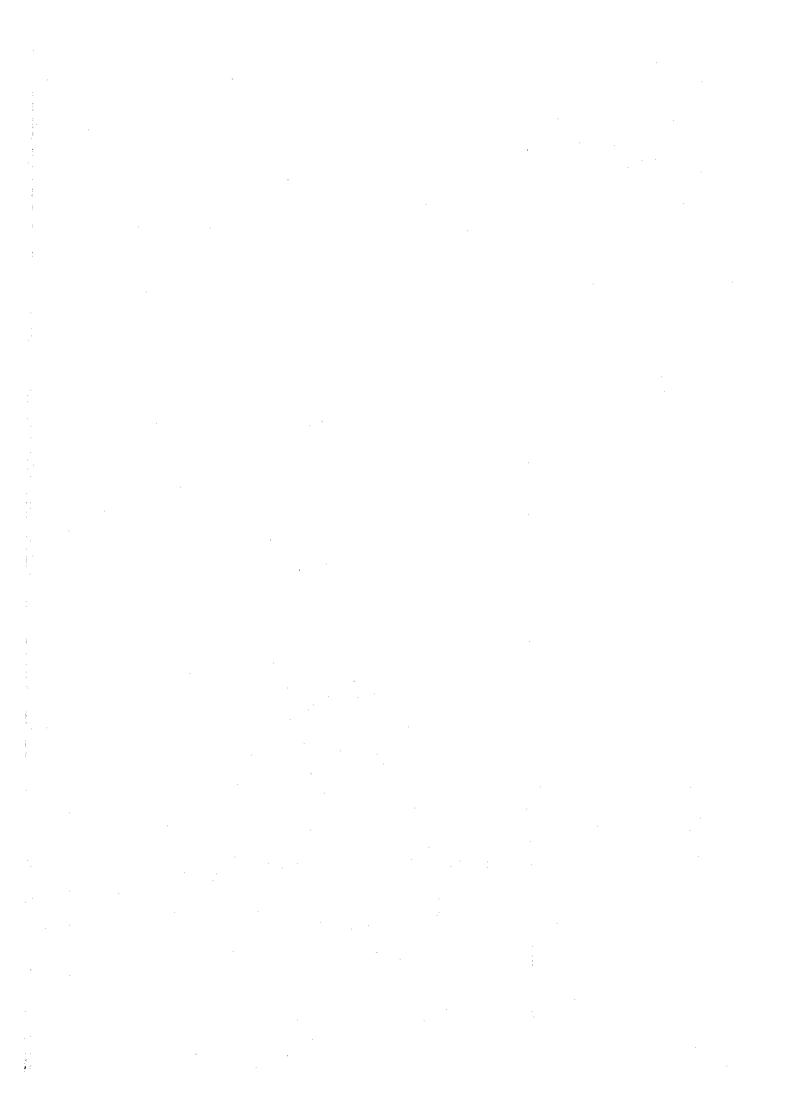


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ABBREVIATIONS

BENECO - Benguet Electric Corporation

BOD - Biochemical Oxygen Demand

BWD - Bagulo Water District
COD - Chemical Oxygen Demand

DO - Dissolved Oxygen

DIV. - Division

EPA - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

GL - Ground Level

JICA - Japan International Cooperation Agency

JSWA - Japan Sewage Works Agency

LWUA - Local Water Utilities Administration

MPWH - Ministry of Public Works and Highways

NPC - National Power Corporation

ODA - Official Development Assistance

ORP - Oxidation-reduction Potential

pH - Hydrogen ion concentration, showing degree

of acidic or alkaline of nedium

PILTEL - Philippine Telephone Corporation

RC - Reinforced Concrete Pipe

SS - Suspended Solid

Temp. - Temperature
WL - Water Level

ABBREVIATION FOR MEASUREMENTS

mm - milimeter

cm - centimeter

m - meter

km - kilometer
2
m - square meter

ha - hectare

km² - square kilometer

m3, cu.m - cubic neter

n³/day - cubic meter per day

m³/m²/day - cubic meter per square meter per day

m³/month - cubic meter per month m³/sec - cubic meter per second

kg - kilogram

kg/m³/day - kologram cubic meter per day

ton - metric ton

1 - liter

sec, s - second min - minutes

hr - hour
hrs - hours
mon - month

yr - year

kW - kilowatt

kWh - kilowatt-hour

kWh/day - kilowatt-hour per day

HP - horse power

MGD - million gallon per day

Lit./cap./day - liter per capita per day

mg/1 - milligram per litter

mV - milli volt

ppm - parts per million

C, °C - centigrade of temperature unit

kV - kilo volt

NV - mega volt

GWH - giga watt hour

N/cm³ - Number per cubic centimeter

MPN - Most Probable Number

MVA - Mega Volt Ampere

No. - number

1.s. (L.S.) - 1ump sum

% - percentage

¥ - Japanese Yen

P - Philippine Peso

MP - Million Peso

- US Dollar

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SUMMARY

SUMMARY

The city of Baguio, the "summer capital of the Philippines", with its highland characteristics, favorable climate and natural features has undergone rapid development. In contrast to this remarkable economic development, there has been observed the delay or insufficiency in areas of infrastructure implementation under the city's urban development plan. In particular, in the field of public sewerage system, attention should be drawn to the fact that wastewater is being discharged untreated into rivers owing to the absence of treatment facilities in the city, resulting in the water pollution of these rivers.

The Balili River, which flows northward from Baguio City, is utilized to supply part of the water by means of deep wells to La Trinidad and for irrigation in the vegetable farms. In line with the rapid urban development of Baguio City, water pollution in rivers due to direct discharge of untreated wastewater has become worse year by year. In La Trinidad, located downstream from Baguio, damage to vegetable cultivation and public hygiene has increased to the point where it became so serious a problem that the people appealed to the courts requesting immediate countermeasures be taken up by Baguio City. The latter has drawn up a plan to construct the necessary sewage treatment facilities to solve the said problem in good time, and has requested the Japanese Government through its national government to provide cooperation and assistance.

In response to the request from the Philippine Government, the Japanese Government despatched a basic design study team through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) from February to March 1984. The study team has performed the confirmation on the background and details of the requested plan for cooperation and assistance submitted by the Philippine Government; the field surveys necessary to determine the appropriate capacity of sewage treatment facilities and to develop the optimum design of treatment processes; and, has held discussions

repeatedly with officials concerned. Those basic items agreed upon through the discussions are contained in the minutes of discussions.

Major subjects discussed are as follows:

As to the proposed service area of the public sewerage system, it has been agreed to cover such areas being installed with sewer pipelines in the Balili River basin. The population of the subject area has had to be estimated from the present water supply amount as a practical procedure since an accurate figure is not available even from population statistics owing to the presence of long-stay visitors.

The water supply amount in the subject area is estimated to be some 11,000 cu.m/day based on the number of faucets. This figure is equivalent to approximately 79 percent of the total supply amount in the city (daily average: 13,900 cu.m/day) excluding water being supplied to the Baguio City Export Processing Zone.

The target year of this plan has been set for 1986, which is expected to be the time of coming into operation of the sewage treatment facilities, and the population in the target year has been considered to be 12 percent above the present population.

As to the planned sewage flow, it is agreed that 70 percent of households being connected to the water supply pipelines in the subject area shall be regarded to be potential beneficiaries of the public sewerage system, although Baguio City initially presented the said sewage flow as 3 MGD (approximately 11,350 cu.m/day). Based on this agreement, the planned sewage flow is estimated to be some 8,600 cu.m/day (2.27 MGD).

For selection of sewage treatment method, constructive opinions from both the Japanese and Philippine sides have been presented and discussed. The criteria for evaluation and selection of the most appropriate treatment method have been established to ensure: (1) ease of

operation and maintenance; (2) high treatment efficiency and stability of treated wastewater quality; (3) low running costs; and (4) freedom from secondary public nuisance by implementation of treatment facilities. As a result of evaluation and discussion, the oxidation ditch process has been selected.

As to utilization of abandoned facilities in the proposed construction site, it has been agreed to preserve the primary sedimentation tank and to remove, as necessary, other facilities.

The basic design of treatment facilities has been developed paying due consideration to reflect the agreement settled down with the Philippine officials. Principle approaches to the basic design are; (1) to employ, so far as possible, two series of treatment facilities to cope with suspension of plant operation for inspection and repair of facilities and standby facilities/equipment necessary for emergency bypassing of wastewater and for operation and maintenance; (2) to locate all the facilities within the proposed construction site; (3) to ensure ease of operation and maintenance; (4) to minimize running costs by means of effective facilities design and of operating plan; (5) to minimize any secondary public nuisance. This basic design also includes access roads, which, in compliance with the agreement, are to be constructed at the expense of Philippine Covernment.

The construction of treatment facilities based on this plan is considered to be carried out by the Japanese Grant-in-Aid Assistance for the periods of 4.0 months in detailed design, for the period of 2 months in bidding & contract awarding and 16 months in construction work including technical advice during test running.

The executing agency of this plan is the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA). Under the general coordination and administration of the LWUA, the necessary organization for project implementation has been established together with the allocation of respective local funds. Moreover, Baguio City will be primarily responsible for

operation and maintenance of facilities, while the LWUA will provide Baguio City with necessary technical advisement.

Upon completion of this plan, water pollution in the Balili River being caused by wastewater inflow from Baguio City will be significantly reduced; and the damage to the people and economy of La Trinidad will then be removed. These events will go beyond being a problem limited to one provincial city, to contribute significantly to an improvement in understanding of the Filipino people of the importance of public hygiene in their country. Needless to say, Japan itself has already confronted similar bitter experiences and has been aware of the importance of the conservation of the natural environment. Based on these experiences and a deep understanding of the present situation of the Philippines, if this technical cooperation with Japan is materialized through the implementation of the proposed plan, a resultant goodwill and friendship between both countries can be expected.

CHAPTER 1

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

The city of Baguio is located in the central highlands of Benguet Province, 208 km north of Manila in the northwest of Luzon Island. Baguio City has an area of 48.9 sq.km, and an altitude which varies from 1,300 m to 1,600 m; the city proper being on a plateau at an altitude of 1,400 m. The city is famous as a summer capital of the Philippines, welcoming sightseers not only from other parts of the Philippines, but also from abroad, with a peak season population approximately two times that of its 130,000 permanent residents.

In spite of the city's remarkable economic development, there have been noticeable delays or shortcomings in some areas of infrastructure implementation under the city's urban development plan. Concerning the public sewerage system, almost all of the wastewater discharged in the city is flowing into rivers without any treatment owing to the absence of public sewage treatment facilities. Thus, water pollution is occurring in the area.

The Balili River, which rises in and flows northwards from Baguio City, is the largest of four rivers in the city. La Trinidad, in marked contrast to Baguio, which is located in a hilly area, is the next municipality downriver and has extensive cultivated fields. This area, formerly known as the salad bowl of the Philippines before, is however named as a toilet bowl of Baguio City now because of the utilization of polluted water in Balili River for the irrigation. The more, there are areas where drinking water supply sources depend on wells in the Balili River Basin and problems on public hygiene are then issued from.

Given these background conditions, Baguio City has planned to construct public sewage treatment facilities to improve of the aquatic environment in the rivers and for an upgrading of public hygiene in the area, and has turned to Japan through the Government of the Philippines for necessary assistance.

The Government of Japan, in response to the request from the Government of the Philippines, dispatched a preliminary survey team on May 30, 1983 for 10 days through the Japan International Cooperation Agency, to confirm the details of the said request and to investigate the background of the proposed plan.

Based on the results of this preliminary survey, a basic design study was programmed for the proposed project. The basic design study team, headed by Mr. Tetsuo Murayama. , was dispatched for 23 days from Pebruary 8 to March 1, 1984. The study team has conducted discussions with officials of the Government of the Philippines and of the City of Baguio and various surveys necessary to carry out further study on the details of the proposed plan and to develop basic design of the proposed plan.

Major subjects of discussions and surveys are as follows:

- (1) Discussions to confirm the details of the request of the Philippine Government
 - 1) Objectives of the plan
 - 2) Discussions and agreement on the basic concept of the plan
- (2) Investigation on water pollution in rivers, water quality research, and existing wastewater (nightsoil) treatment facilities for justifying the objectives and basic concept of the plan
- (3) Investigation at the proposed construction site and its surrounding areas
- (4) Discussions on the capacity and function of the treatment facilities

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- (5) Explanation of the system of the Japanese Grant Aid Assistance and discussions on the areas of cooperation to be covered by each Government, the executing agency, and the operation and maintenance of treatment facilities.
- (6) Investigation on the existing sewer system and recommendations on improvement/reconstruction.
- (7) Investigation on the local conditions of raw materials, labor force, equipment for construction, and so on.

Based on the results of above-mentioned field works, the minutes of discussions on the agreed fundamental items were signed by the study team leader and the officials concerned in the Philippines on March 18, 1984.

The study team continued discussions and investigations for further details based on the agreed minutes of discussions.

This report contains results of these discussions and investigations, and details of the proposed plan. The composition of the basic design team and its itinerary and agreed minutes of discussions are as per attached.

CHAPTER 2

CHAPTER 2 BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

2-1 General Conditions of Water supply and Sewerage Systems in the Philippines

2-1-1 Basic Plan

The Philippine Government has set forth "the Integrated Water Supply Program, 1980-2000" and "the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Master Plan" focusing on the development and improvement of water supply and environmental sanitation facilities, in compliance with the "International Water Supply and Sanitation Decade Program" launched at the General Meeting of the United Nations in 1980. The former is a long-term program with objectives for deployment of water supply systems, while the latter is mid-term program from 1981 to 1990 aiming at upgrading the living environment in rural areas through the implementation of water supply and sanitation facilities.

The executing agencies of these programs are; the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) for areas with 20,000 population or more, the Ministry of Public Works and Highways (MPWH) for areas with less than 20,000 population.

According to the former program, service ratio of water supply in the country is planned to reach 93 % including wells, by 1990. While all households in rural areas are planned to have septic tanks, those in rural areas are to be equipped with water-sealed toilets. Especially during 1981 to 1990, which is a period of the said water decade being promoted by the United Nations, various projects and manpower development programs are planned under the assistance from international lending agencies and ODA from developed countries. However, considerable delays have been observed in these projects and their completions are not foreseeable in the near future.

In the field of sewerage system development, there are some cities which have public sewer systems; however, no public sewage treatment facilities exist except in the areas of the export processing zones, U.S. military camps, and so on. Sewerage facilities in Manila, for example, consist of a grit chamber and screening equipment and almost no wastewater treatment is undertaken. The sewage is then discharged into Manila Bay. In provincial areas, no detailed plans for construction of such treatment facilities are envisaged.

2-1-2 Present Status of Water Supply and Sewerage Systems

(1) Water Supply System

The water supply service ratio in the Philippines was 43 % in 1980. Classification by area and water supply level are presented in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1 Water Supply Service Ratio in the Philippines (1980)

Service Level	Metro- politan Manila	Provincial Cities (more than 20,000 pop.)	Rural Areas (less than 20,000 pop.)	Philippines
Level I	2 %	17 %	33 %	26 %
Level II	6 %	0 %	0 %	1 %
Level III	74 %	38 %	0 %	16 %
Not Served	18 %	45 %	67 %	57 %

The service levels presented in the above table are defined in the Philippines to indicate levels of water supply systems as follows:

Level I: Wells equipped with hand pumps

Level II: Communal faucet system

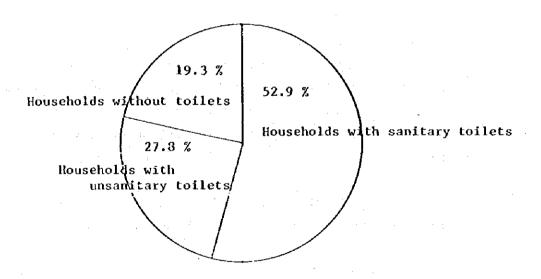
Level III: Individual house connection system

(2) Sanitary Conditions

In the Philippines, the implementation of sanitary facilities is not yet sufficient. The aforementioned program has therefore pointed out the necessity of further effort for the preventive medicine and health care for promoting social and economic development in the country.

There are various types of toilet facilities reflecting local economies and living customs in the Philippines. Among the country's 7 million households, those which use flush toilets with septic tanks account for 10.8 percent; flush toilets connected to public sewers, 1.4 percent; water-sealed toilets, 37.8 percent; sanitary privies, 2.9 percent; open pit privies, 6.4 percent; and antipolo type toilets, 16.6 percent. Provisions of these toilet facilities are shown in Figure 2-1.

Fig. 2-1 Toilet Facilities at Filipino Households



As shown in this figure, households with sanitary and unsanitary toilets account for 52.9 and 27.8 percent, respectively, leaving 19.3 percent of households without toilet facilities.

2-2 Socio-Economic Conditions of Baguio City

2-2-1 General Conditions of Socio-Economy

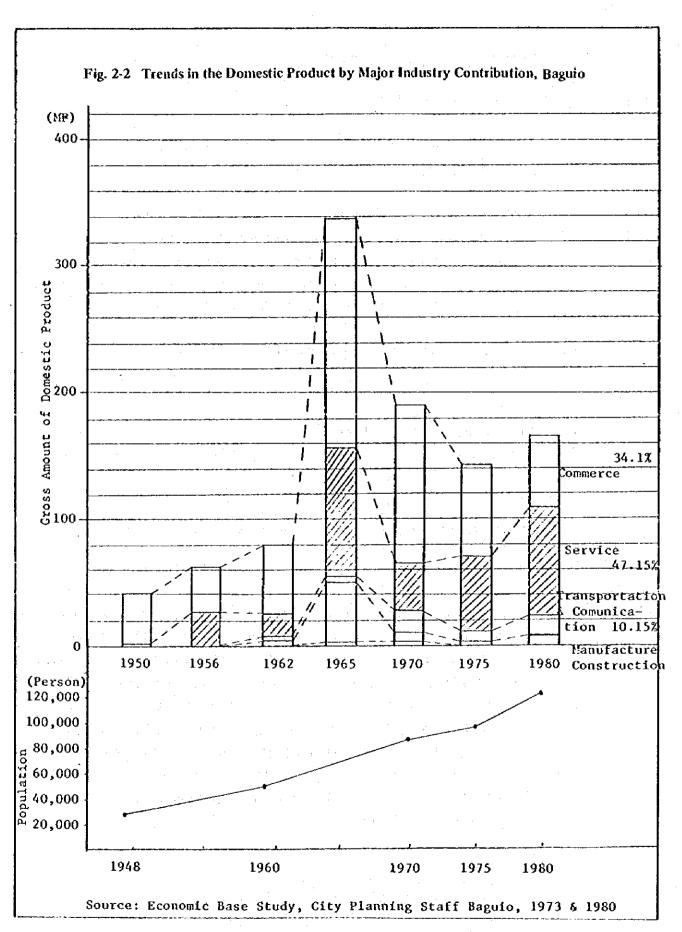
Baguio City, with a present population of some 130,000 has shown remarkable development, utilizing its features as a highland town over the last 80 years, having had a population of approximately 500 at the beginning of the 20th century.

As a famous resort, the major industry of the city is, needless to say, services and commerce. Gross production of the city due to these two sectors registered more than 80 percent of the total. Figure 2-2 presents historical changes over the last 30 years in population and gross production by major industries in Baguio City. Up to 1970, commercial industries have been in the first place, while service industries have been developing rapidly in contrast to the decline in commerce. Shares of major industries in 1980 are: service, 47.15 %; commerce and industry, 34.1 %; transportation and communication, 10.15 %; manufacturing, 6.1 %; and 2.5 % for construction and others.

As stated above, Baguio City has shown rapid development in commercial fields in connection with population increases and service industries. Investment in public utilities, on the other hand, lags behind the city's development at present. Areas where investment is required include, among others, urban infrastructures, especially for a public sewerage system.

Baguio City is therefore implementing an Integrated Program for 1983 to 1987. Major objectives of this program are to:

- (1) implement roads and bridges;
- (2) improve public market and construct satellite markets around the city;
- (3) implement sanitary sewers and stormwater drainages;
- (4) construct a slaughterhouse;
- (5) strengthen housing and public services.



2-2-2 Industry and Education

(1) Population and Employment

Present and future labor force and employment in Baguio City is shown in Table 2-2.

The ratio of employed labor force to the total labor force at age of 15 years and over registered 40.11 percent in 1980 which is slightly higher than the 37 percent national average. The actual employment ratio is supposed to be much greater than the above as young people are going on to higher grades in schools.

Table 2-2 Labor Force Plan of Baguio City

7	Base Year	Plan		
1 tem	(1980)	1983	1985	
Total Population	119,516	130,079	137,427	
Labor Force	76,318	83,063	87,755	
Employed Unemployed	30,611 45,707	33,317 49,746	35,199 52,656	

Source: City Project Development Staff, 1980

(2) Enterprises

The total number of enterprises in Baguio City was counted at 4,568 in 1980. Some 2,428 enterprises, or 53.15 percent of the total number, are wholesale and retail enterprises; followed by the 11.63 percent of commercial, storage and personal service enterprises; 6.00 percent for manufacturing; 1.43 percent for financial and real estate; and 0.62 percent for transportation and communication services. Power, gas and water supply services, which are influenced by the investment in public utilities, account for 0.08 percent. A classification by type of industry is shown in Table 2-3.

There are 64 hotels and lodgings for sightseers. Although their capacities (number of beds, etc.) are not given, the total number of single and family rooms is reported to be 2,313.

Table 2-3 Industries of Baguio City

Classification	No. of Enterprises	Percentage
Agriculture, forestry, hunting & fishing	2	0.03
Mining & Quarrying	5	0.08
Manufacturing	274	6.00
Electricity, gas & water supply	4.1	0.08
Construction	5	0.11
Wholesale & retail	2,428	53.15
Transport, storage & communication	28	0.62
Commerce & personal services	531	11.63
Finance & real estate	65	1.43
Not classified	1,227	26.86
TOTAL	4,568	100.00

(3) Education

Baguio City is famous not only as summer resort, but also as an "educational city". Consequently, there are various universities, colleges and other professional schools accepting numerous students from outside the city. The overall registered student population for 1981 to 1982 was 76,393, approximately 50 percent of which were university/college students, 27.5 percent were elementary schools and 22.5 percent were high schools, respectively.

Other statistics reveal that 26 percent of university/college students were members of families residing in the city, while the remaining 74 percent, or approximately 30,000 students, were from outside the city.

(4) Income and Expenditure

The overall personal income of the people of Baguio City was 144.5 million Pesos (approximately 2.5 billion Yen) in 1980 (Socio-Economic Profile, Baguio, 1980). This is equivalent to 1,325.46 Pesos per permanent resident or 7,820.20 Pesos per household (approximately 135,000 Yen).

On the other hand, overall expenditure amounted to 228.2 million Pesos (approximately 3.9 billion Yen); equivalent to 12,350 Pesos per household (approximately 215,000 Yen). A breakdown of average household expenditure is shown in Table 2-4.

Table 2-4 Average Household Expenditure in Baguio City (1980)

Item	Expenditures (Pesos)	Percentage
Food & beverages	6,400	51.8
Housing	1,840	14.9
Clothes	720	5.8
Education	590	4.8
Fuel, light & water	560	4.5
Gifts & contributions	490	4.0
Recreation	370	3.0
Household furnishing & equipment	250	2.0
Medical care	210	1.7
Other	920	7.5
TOTAL	12,350	100.00

Among others, 51.8 percent of total expenditure was for food and beverages, followed by 14.9 percent for housing, 5.8 percent for

clothes, and 4.8 percent for education. Fuel, light and water (fuel, electricity, water supply and public sewerage system for those in the served area) accounted for 4.5 percent.

A composition of public utility charges in the city is shown in Table 2-5.

Table 2-5 Public Utility Charges in Baguio City (monthly rate)

16.05 Pesos	1.06 Pesos/kwh
26.00 "	2.60 Pesos/cu.m
8.40 "	
	26.00 "

Electricity and water supply services are based on the basic and excess charges by use of current/water meters. The figures shown in Table 2-5 are therefore charges for consumption per meter, and not per family. According to the collected data and reports, these meters were installed for each 1.5 to 2.0 households. In addition, charges for public sewerage system are collected from approximately 7,000 households being connected to public sewer systems.

2-2-3 Drainage System and Wastewater Treatment

(1) Drainage System

A noteworthy feature of the land development in Bagulo City was that, because of the terrain, the road network was constructed first and stormwater drainage was then planned to fit in with this. According to city records, public sewer pipe laying was begun in the 1940s and there is a total of 58 km.

The surface water in Baguio City flows through a dendritic drainage system which is divided into four major systems as follows:

Baguio-La Trinidad drainage system comprising the Balili River and Asintuba drainage system comprising the Asintuba River which both flow northwards out of Baguio; Agno drainage system and Bued drainage system comprising the Bued River which both flow southwards out of Baguio.

As to the sanitary drainage, two different types of wastewater drainage are presently employed corresponding to the natural topography in the area. One is the separate sewer system draining wastewater and stormwater individually. The other is the combined sewer system draining such waters together along the same waterway.

The sanitary drainage system in Baguio City, known as the public sewerage system, is almost entirely within the Baguio-La Trinidad drainage system among the existing four drainages. Wastewater being discharged at the commercial center of the city and at the densely populated area is removed through the said sanitary drainage system. However, due to absence of wastewater treatment and disposal facilities in this system, such wastewater has been directed into Balili River without treatment, causing major pollution in the river.

(2) Wastewater and Nightsoil Treatment and Disposal

The existing conditions of sanitary treatment at all of the 26,810 households in Baguio City are shown in Table 2-6.

Table 2-6 Sanitary Treatment at Households in Baguio City (1983)

Treatment Method	No. of Households	Percentage
Public sewerage system	9,568	35.7
Flush toilets with septic tank	4,448	16.6
Water-sealed toilets	11,807	44.0
Open pit privies	987	3.7
TOTAL	26,810	100.0

As shown in the above, almost all the households have sanitary flush toilets. However, the water-sealed toilets, the most common means of excreta disposal, are designed as ground infiltration type open pit for water flushing (including flushing by means of water in a bucket). If maintenance is insufficient, it will not work sanitarily.

(3) Public Hygiene

A record of historical incidence of water-borne diseases and related mortality in Baguio City is presented along with comparative data on the national average in Table 2-7. As is clearly defined in this table, dysentery, gastro-enteritis and infectious hepatitis show remarkably high rates of occurrence.

The 1979 LWUA report on sewerage systems and sanitary facilities noted that the reason for the high incidences was: degradation of sewerage systems and sanitary facilities; lack of residents' understanding on the importance of public hygiene; and insufficiency of drinking water supply.

Table 2-7 Record of Incidence and Mortality of Water Borne Diseases in Baguio and the Philippines

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Gastro- enteritis 51.40 45.00	21.66	36.60	17.96	27.80	10.84	ţ	10.40	ı	22.45	
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2-3 Socio-Economic Conditions of La Trinidad

(1) General Conditions of Socio-Economy

The city of La Trinidad is a garden city of some 30,000 for the Balili River, downstream from Baguio City, and is affected by the water pollution caused by discharge of untreated wastewater from the latter. La Trinidad is also the provincial capital of Benguet.

The total land area of this city is 56.6 sq.km, of which approximately 80 percent is devoted to agriculture, where 90 percent of the city's total population is employed. Hajor agricultural products include rice, vegetables, and raising of pigs and poultry. The area is famous for its tableland vegetables, supplying not only the surrounding municipalities, but also the metropolitan area.

(2) Affects of Water Pollution

In La Trinidad, drinking water sources depend on springs and deep wells. A report prepared by La Trinidad Municipal Health Office pointed out that water quality at deep wells constructed near the Balili River is affected by polluted water from the river, and incidences of diarrhea, paratisism, dysentery, amoebasis and colitis, as well as typhoid fever, are observed.

^{1/} Pre-Feasibility Study Report of the Sewerage and Sanitation Systems, Baguio City; 1979

In agriculture, the major industry in La Trinidad, water from the Balili River is utilized for irrigation. An ill fame, that of the frequent occurrence of water-borne diseases being closely related to water pollution in the Balili River, triggered a serious decline in the economy of the area due to poor market-ability of vegetables grown in this area.

Conditions on public hygiene are shown in Tables 2-8 to 2-10. When these data are compared with those previously presented for Baguio City and the Philippines, it can be seen that quite high incidences exist in La Trinidad, although they are less than those of Baguio City.

Table 2-8 Disease Intelligence of La Trinidad, 1982

	NOTIFIABLE DISEASES	No.	Rate/10,000 Population
1.	Bronchitis	276	93.79
2.	Gastroentiritis and Colitis	93	31.60
3.	Influenza	63	21.40
4.	Tuberculosis	59	20.05
5.	Pneumonia	44	14.95
6.	Dysentery (all Forms)	37	12.57
7.	Gonococcal Infection	8	2.71
8.	Measles	5	1.69
9.	Infections Hepatitis	2	0.67
10.	Chiken Pox	1	0.33
11.	Tetanus	1	0.33

Table 2-9 Leading Causes of Infant Morbidity, La Trinidad, 1982

	Cases	No.	Rate/10,000 Livebirth
1.	URI	185	120.96
2.	Bronchitis	30	57.60
3.	Diarrhea	33	38.01
4.	Dermatitis	15	17.28
5.	Bronchopneumonia	13	14.97
6.	Otitis Media	3	3.45
7.	Scables	3	3.45
8.	Malnutrition	3	3.45

Table 2-10 Leading Causes of Infant Mortality, La Trinidad, 1982

	Cases	No.	Rate/10,000 Livebirth
1.	Bronchopneumonia	6	69.12
2.	Placental Insufficiency	4	46.08
3.	Respiratory Distress	2	23.04
4.	Pneumonia	2	23.04
5.	Sepsis Neonaturum	1	11.52
6.	Congentital Altelectasis	1	11.52
7.	Diarrhea	l	11.52