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PREFACE

In response to a request from the Government of Philippines, the Government of Japan decided to conduct a Feasibility Study on the Development of Viable Agrarian Reform Communities in Southern Palawan and entrusted the study to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

JICA sent a study team headed by Mr. Masahiro IIDA, Sanyu Consultants Inc., to Philippines, three times between January, 1994 and January, 1995.

The team held discussions with the officials concerned of the Government of Philippines, and conducted a field survey at the study area. After the team returned to Japan, further studies were made and the present report was prepared.

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

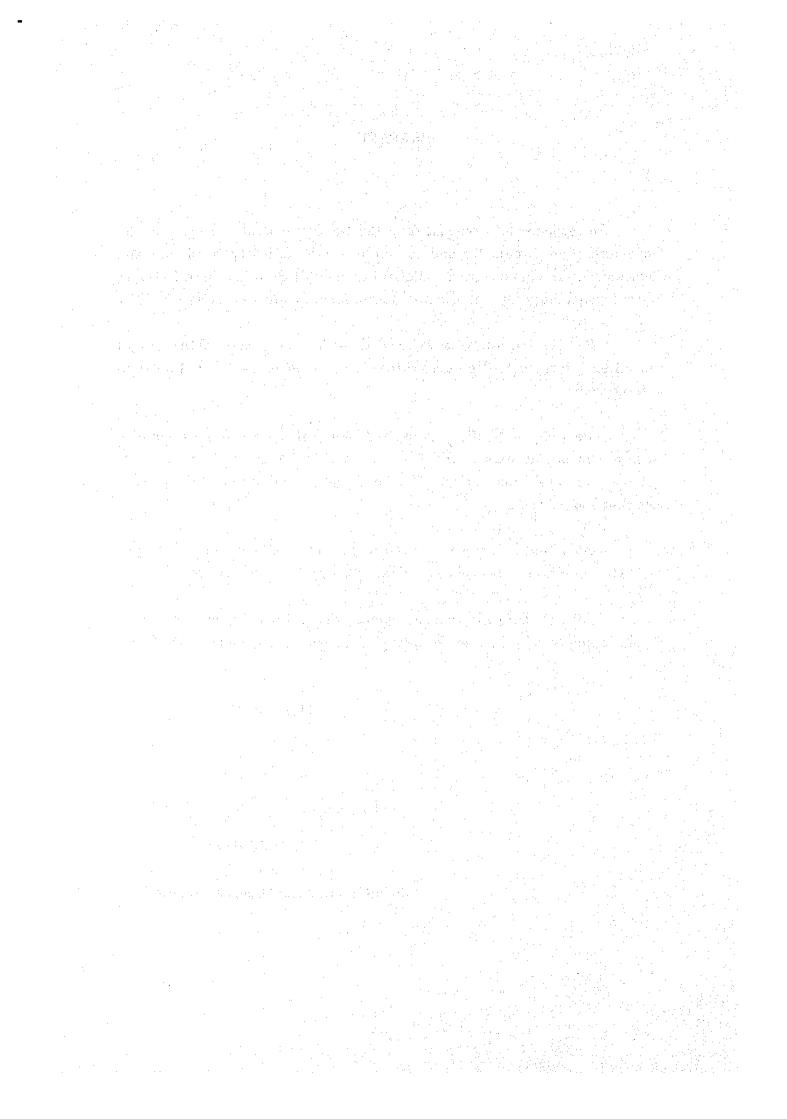
I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the officials concerned of the Government of Philippines for their close cooperation extended to the team.

March, 1995

Kimio FUJITA

President

Japan International Cooperation Agency



Mr. Kimio FUJITA
President,
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Letter of Transmittal

Dear Mr. Fujita;

We are pleased to submit the feasibility report on the Development of Viable Agrarian Reform Communities in Southern Palawan of the Philippines. The report is compiled to reflect the advice and suggestions of the authorities concerned, the Government of Japan and your Agency as well as the formulation of the above mentioned project. Also comments made by the Department of Agrarian Reform and other agencies of the Philippines during the discussions which were held in Manila, are reflected in the report.

This report presents a scheme for two stages of agricultural development, such as first stage development (priority project) and second stage development. After completion of the project, the farmer beneficiaries could enjoy an annual farm household income of more than 38,000 pesos, equivalent to about 2.5 times of the present income. The needed social infrastructure development and environmental conservation plans are also including in he scheme.

In view of the urgency of the Agrarian Reform Community development under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, it is desired to urgently implement the priority project in order to settle the farmer beneficiaries in the project area.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to your Agency, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. We also wish to express our deep gratitude to the Department of Agrarian Reform and other authorities concerned of Republic of the Philippines for the close cooperation and assistance extended to us during our investigation and study.

Very truly yours, March, 1995

Masahiro IIDA
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Feasibility Study on the
Development of Viable
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in Southern Palawan

