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FOR

THE MALAYSIA AI SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

LABORATORY PROJECT

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### I. INTRODUCTION

#### 1. Evaluation Teams

The Japanese Evaluation Team (hereinafter referred to as "the Japanese Team") organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (hereinafter referred to as "JICA") visited Malaysia from November 1 to 17, 1999 for the purpose of the joint final evaluation with the Malaysia Evaluation Team (hereinafter referred to as "the Malaysia Team") on the Japanese technical cooperation for the Malaysia AI System Development Laboratory Project (hereinafter referred to as "the Project"), which is scheduled to be complete on February 29, 2000, according to the Record of Discussions (hereinafter referred to as "R/D") signed on October 20, 1994.

Both teams discussed and studied the effectiveness, impact, efficiency, relevance and sustainability and future prospects of the Project in accordance with the Project Cycle Management (hereinafter referred to as "PCM") method.

Through careful studies and discussions, both teams summarized their findings and observations as described in this document.

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### 2. Schedule of Joint Evaluation

November 1	Arrival in Malaysia of member in charge of evaluation analysis
November 2	Meeting with Japanese experts at AISDEL
	Interview with related organizations
November 3	Interview with related organizations
November 4	Interview with counterpart personnel at AISDEL
November 5	Interview with Japanese experts at AISDEL
	Interview with related organizations
November 6	Analysis of the responses of questionnaire
November 7	Analysis of the information obtained
November 8	Arrival in Malaysia of the main body of the Japanese evaluation team
November 9	Courtesy call at Embassy of Japan
	Courtesy call at Economic Planning Unit and Ministry of Science
	Technology and Environment (MOSTE)
	Visit to JICA Malaysia office
November 10	Meeting with JICA experts at AISDEL
	Meeting with the Malaysia evaluation team
November 11	Meeting with the SIRIM personnel
November 12	Meeting with the SIRIM personnel
November 13	Information analysis and documentation
November 14	Compilation of information and analysis
November 15	Compilation of information and analysis
November 16	Finalizing Joint Evaluation Report and Minutes of Discussions
November 17	Joint Coordinating Committee
	Signing of Joint Evaluation Report and Minutes of Discussions
	Report to Embassy of Japan
	Report to JICA Malaysia office
	Departure of the Japanese evaluation team
November 18	Arrival in Japan

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#### II. METHODOLOGY OF EVALUATION

#### 1. Method of Evaluation

The Malaysia and Japanese teams jointly evaluated the Project based on the PCM method.

- Both teams examined the Project Design Matrix (PDM). A PDM is a summary table of overall description of the Project, its objectives and environments.
- Both teams confirmed the achievements of the Project in terms of objectives, outputs, activities and inputs stated in the PDM.
- Both teams conducted evaluation on the five (5) criteria, namely Effectiveness, Efficiency, Impact, Relevance and Sustainability, the content of which is stated below.

### 2. Key Criteria of Evaluation

The evaluation was conducted based on the following five (5) criteria, which are the major points of consideration when assessing the development of projects.

Effectiveness: Effectiveness concerns the extent to which the project purpose has been achieved, or is expected to be achieved, in relation to the outputs produced by the project.

2) Impact: Impact is intended and unintended, direct and indirect, positive and negative changed as a result of the project.

3) Efficiency: Efficiency is a major of productivity of the implementation process; how efficiently the various inputs are converted into outputs.

4) Relevance: Relevance determines whether the outputs, project purpose and overall

goal are still in keeping with the priority needs and concerns at the time of evaluation.

Sustainability of the development project determines whether the project benefits are likely to continue after the external aid comes to an end.

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5) Sustainability:

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### 3. Sources of Information Used for Evaluation

Following sources of information were used in the evaluation study.

- 1) Documents agreed by both sides prior to and in the course of the Project implementation.
  - R/D
  - Minutes of Discussions (M/D)
  - Tentative Schedule of Implementation (TSI)
  - Technical Cooperation Program (TCP) and others
- 2) PDM
- 3) Records of inputs from both sides and activities of the Project.
- 4) Organizational Charts
- 5) Statistics
- 6) Results of a series of interviews, questionnaires and focus group meetings

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#### III. BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

### 1. Brief Background of the Project

Malaysia established the basis for industrialization through the implementation of "The First Outline Perspective Plan 1981-1990 (OPP1)" and four (4) consecutive "Five Year Malaysia Plan" (2MP-5MP) that aimed to eradicate poverty in Malaysia.

Following OPP1, the government announced in "Vision 2020" her intention to become an industrialized nation by the year 2020. The Government launched "The Second Outline Perspective Plan 1991-2000 (OPP2)" with the objective to create sustainable economic growth and social development. OPP2 emphasizes Science & Technology, particularly with regards to strategic knowledge-based technology. OPP2 also focus on the importance of human resource development in science, technology and research and development.

"The Sixth Malaysia Plan 1991-1995" and "The Seventh Malaysia Plan 1996-2000" were launched to accomplish goals of the long-term plan. The plans emphasize the importance of human development, research and development and structural change in Malaysian economy/industry using information technology (IT). The plans also highlight economic growth with productivity and international competency in industries. IT is recognized as one of the most important strategic areas for enhancement of efficiency and productivity in the Malaysian economy.

In 1996, the "Multimedia Super Corridor Plan (MSC)" was launched by the Malaysian government to increase the efficiency of industrial structure and to bring about an advanced information society. MSC promotes the development of IT infrastructure, investment on IT and R&D in IT.

In line with the above, the Malaysian government requested technical cooperation from Japanese government in 1993 to launch "AI System Development Laboratory Project." The Project was designed to establish AISDEL to develop and promote Expert System using AI (artificial intelligence) technology that was a core of IT. The objectives of the Project were; 1) to upgrade the technical competency of Malaysian counterparts through OJT on system development, 2) to develop AI prototypes, and 3) to promote AI technology in Malaysia.

### 2. Chronological Review of the Project

The chronological review of the Project is as shown in Annex 2.

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### 3. Objectives and Outputs of the Project.

The original objectives and outputs of the Project stated in the R/D were reviewed by the Malaysian and Japanese teams using the PCM approach, and restated as follows:

Overall Goal:

AI technology is promoted in Malaysia.

Project purpose:

AISDEL is able to develop AI system and promote AI technology.

Outputs:

- 0) Operational system of AISDEL is established.
- 1) Necessary machinery and equipment are settled and appropriately utilized and managed.
- 2) Technical capability of C/P is developed.
- 3) AI system prototypes are developed.
- 4) AI training courses and other promotional activities are implemented.

The restated objectives, outputs and activities of the Project are describes in Detail Contents of Narrative Summary of PDM for Evaluation shown in Annex 1-1. The Achievement of the Project based on the restated PDM is shown in Annex 1-2.

### 4. Tentative Schedule of Implementation

The Tentative Schedule of Implementation (TSI) is as shown in Annex 3.

### 5. Technical Cooperation Program

The Technical Cooperation Program (TCP) is as shown in Annex 4-1~4-4.

### 6. The Achievement of the Project based on PDM

The Achievement of the Project based on PDM is as shown in Annex 1-2.

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### IV. RESULTS OF EVALUATION

### 1. Summary

1. Summary	
Effectiveness	With regard to technical transfer, the Malaysian staff has upgraded technical competency in the field of AI technology, although there are some items of AI technology which have not been fully transferred yet. Twenty-two (22) AI prototype systems have been developed in the Project, and these prototype systems have received good response from clients in their trial use. Therefore, it can be said that AI technology has been transferred on the whole. In addition, the dissemination activities, such as AI training courses and seminars, have been actively implemented with good response from participants, and the Malaysian staff has acquired the capability to continue these activities on their own right. As to the shortfall in items not transferred, Malaysian staff has acquired sufficient knowledge and skills to enhance their capability through continuing AI system development using technical documents and textbooks developed under the Project. With this, the project purpose can be considered to be almost achieved.
Impact	Under a situation where foreign companies appear to lead in information technology in Malaysia, AISDEL has demonstrated the competency of Malaysian engineers to develop AI systems, to the communities inside and outside of the country. AISDEL has shown great potential to become a national focal point for AI system development to stimulate Malaysian IT industries towards "Vision 2020."
Efficiency	The scale and timing of Japanese inputs such as experts, machinery and equipment, and counterpart personnel (C/P) training in Japan has been appropriate. Malaysian inputs of facilities, machinery and equipment, and budget have been also appropriate. Although allocation of Malaysian staff was not filled as initially planned, great efforts have been taken to mitigate the impact of staff shortage through information sharing and compiling technical documents and textbooks.
Relevance	The Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) initiated during the Project period reinforces the importance of developing highly qualified IT engineers in Malaysia and in view of this, the timing and objective of the Project have been indeed appropriate.
Sustainability	SIRIM had enhanced the function and operation of AISDEL by upgrading AISDEL to become the AI Centre effective from April 1999. SIRIM will apply the transferred AI technology to new income generating activities such as the development of smart card applications, while continuing original strategic activities of AI R&D to upgrade the technology transferred and to foster promotion of AI technology in Malaysia. AISDEL is expected to grow using the revenue from IT projects in addition to the financial support from Malaysian government for AI system development.
Future Prospects	On the whole, the Project is expected to achieve its project purpose during the five-year term of cooperation. After completion of the Project, SIRIM needs to secure its financial resources through the expansion of IT application using transferred AI technology as a means to get market niche. It is essential for AISDEL to sustain highly qualified staff and sufficient budget for AI system development. It is also critical to keep abreast of latest trends in AI as inputs for R&D planning and system development, in their efforts to promote AI technology in Malaysia. Developing the technical excellence of AISDEL by balancing R&D in AI and IT application will benefit Malaysian industries through application of AI technology. AISDEL will play a significant role as a prime mover in the development and sustainability of SIRIM's IT activities.

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### 2. Evaluation by Five Criteria

### 2.1. Effectiveness

Evaluation	Results	References
Items Achievement Level of Outputs	The achievement levels of outputs defined in "Detailed Contents of Narrative Summary" in the Project Design Matrix (PDM) are as follows.  (1) Output 0 "Operational system of AISDEL is established."	
	AISDEL's operational system was established through leadership of Japanese experts and has been handed over to Malaysian counterpart personnel (C/P). It can be said that the output 0 was achieved.	
	- Necessary budget was provided by SIRIM. It was managed appropriately by AISDEL.	Annex 8
	- Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) meetings were held 3 times with dispatches of study missions between 1995 and 1998 and once in 1999. The committee confirmed the progress of the Project and implementation plan.	
	- The vertical coordination meetings (Japanese Expert Meeting and AISDEL Internal Meeting) and horizontal committee meetings (AISDEL Management Meeting, Technical Meeting and Taskforce Meeting) have been regularly held; thus management mechanism was implemented adequately.	Annex 7
	- Taskforce Meeting: Each group head or sub-head of C/P chaired the meeting under the Japanese expert's guidance, and technical staff members in each group discussed the problems and progress regarding system development and actions to be taken, if necessary, based on the report from staff members.	Annex 7
	- ATM (AISDEL Technical Meeting): At ATM, Malaysian C/P and Japanese experts reported the results of taskforce meetings to the whole group. Agenda of meetings covered technical matters including schedules of system development, problems and solutions on system development and follow-ups for maintenance. The Project Manager was originally assigned to chair the meeting, but due to his absence, a Japanese expert took over the chairmanship. Since 1999, the General Manager (GM) has been chairing the meeting.	Annex 7
	- AMM (AISDEL Management Meeting): Under the chairmanship of GM, stakeholders at AISDEL have conducted AMM discussing managerial issues, including policies and directions of the Project.	Annex 7
	- AIM (AISDEL Internal Meeting): At AIM, researchers and assistant researchers discussed technical problems, solutions and progress of their tasks.	Annex 7

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- Japanese experts took leadership in management during the early stage of the Project to cope with the shortage of Malaysian C/P (see "Efficiency" for allocation of C/P).
- Malaysian C/P in general improved their independence and sense of responsibility through working and discussing the management of the project with Japanese experts.
- (2) Output 1 "Necessary machinery and equipment are settled and appropriately utilized and managed."

Annex 9-1~ 9-5

Necessary machinery for system development and training were adequately provided and efficiently maintained and utilized.

- New equipment and software contributed by the Japanese side were installed properly by Japanese short-term experts.
- Procedures for machine maintenance have been developed.
- Vendors have been doing routine servicing and maintenance according to a system maintenance contract. Concerning machinery that is not the subject to the contract, they have also been properly maintained.
- Equipment for trial testing at prototype pilot sites was installed and used appropriately.
- Workstations, PCs and large projectors for training are located at a training room and utilized appropriately.
- (3) Output 2 "Technical capability of C/P is upgraded."

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Technical capability in AI system development and project management of Malaysian C/P in general was upgraded through local training conducted by Japanese experts as well as through counterpart training in Japan. The self-help efforts of Malaysian C/P were also a key element of technical achievement.

- Five (5) out of seven (7) Malaysian C/P who have been working at AISDEL for more than two (2) years exhibited their improved ability, and some of the C/P who have been involved in the Project for less than two (2) years also showed relatively high potential to be excellent engineers.
- Four (4) technical items of AI system development have been transferred through prototype development and hands-on exercises by eight (8) long-term Japanese experts.

Annex 4-1~ 4-4, 16

A total of thirty-five (35) short-term Japanese experts were dispatched to transfer system development technologies in a wide range of software engineering. System development know-how in three (3) areas of system environment development, fourteen (14) in ES building technology, nine (9) in advanced technology, one (1) in training course development were transferred by the experts.

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- Technology transfer with regards to the upper stream of prototype development (planning and designing new projects, proposing prototype development for clients, analyzing and prioritizing clients' needs) and tuning process has not been fully completed (see "Inhibiting factors in achieving project purpose" for detail).

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The incomplete goals of technology transfer mentioned above are expected to be achieved by the own right of the C/P through continuous system development and IT research.

(4) Output 3 "AI system prototypes are developed."

The results from the questionnaire survey and interviews with prototype pilot users showed their high satisfaction levels. It, was also reported that "Well Persons' Program Support System" has the potential to contribute to the MSC since the system is one of the final candidates for "Asia-Pacific MSC-IT&T award."

- A total of twenty-two (22) prototypes (8 for diagnosis type, 5 for consultation type, 4 for design type, 4 for scheduling type, 1 for Neural Network) were developed during the Project (see Annex for the detail of systems developed). 22 prototypes are classified into 4 areas, industry (8 systems), health care (8 systems), AI short course (5 systems) and other (1 system).

Annex 4-1~ 4-4, 11-1~ 11-4

- In view of extent that Japanese experts involvement in prototype development, 5 systems were developed with "extensive involvement," 12 with "extended support," 5 with "occasional support and advice."

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- Thirteen (13) proposals and sixty-eight (68) kinds of design specifications, reports and records of meetings for prototype development have been generated.

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- (5) Output 4 "AI training courses and other promotional activities are implemented."
- Eleven (11) AI short courses (with 318 participants), open seminar, exhibitions and conferences were organized for people in different industries and students. The contents, structures, teaching methods and materials for AI short courses were appropriate based on the evaluation of participants. According to the responses to questionnaires to and interview with exparticipants, there has also been a request for short courses regarding Windows platform. A short course on mold cost estimation was conducted on the occasion of JICA third country training on mold and die in SIRIM, involving participants both inside and outside Malaysia.

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During a series of open seminar, short-term Japanese experts and Malaysian C/P and specialists introduced most advanced AI technologies to participants, which contributed to the promotion of AI technology.

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In October 1999, JICA and SIRIM jointly organized "AIAI '99 – National Conference for AI Technology and its Application for Industrial Sectors" and one hundred and eighty-one (181)

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	academics and students participated. AISDEL introduced its activities, and twenty-two (22) case studies on domestic and international research and application on AI system were published. As a result, AISDEL's leadership in AI development has been widely recognized.	
	- Thirty-five (35) technical materials for Al short courses and forty-six (46) references for seminar were developed.	Annex 12
	- Promotional activities including exhibitions, publications, advertisements and materials (brochures, flyers and posters) have been carried out as planned.	Annex 13
	- AISDEL has accepted sixteen (16) student interns from four universities and trained them for five (5) months in the topics on information process system development, neural network, genetic algorism, Well Person's Program Support, and Holiday Advisor development. It has contributed to the development of young Malaysian engineers for the future.	Annex 13, 14
Achievement level of Project Purpose	The achievement level of project purpose "AISDEL is able to develop AI systems and promote AI technology" defined in "Detailed Contents of Narrative Summary" in the Project Design Matrix (PDM) are as follows.	
	With regard to technical transfer, the Malaysian staff has upgraded technical competency in the field of AI technology, although there are some items of AI technology which have not been fully transferred yet. Twenty-two (22) AI prototype systems have been developed in the Project, and these prototype systems have received good response from clients in their trial use. Therefore, it can be said that AI technology has been transferred on the whole. In addition, the dissemination activities, such as AI short courses and seminars, have been actively implemented with good response from participants, and the Malaysian staff has acquired the capability to continue these activities. With this, the technical transfer can be considered to be almost completed by the end of the Project.	
Inhibiting factors in achieving Project	The following factors inhibited to achieve some of its technology transfer goals, especially in the upper stream of AI system development.	
Purpose	- Fifteen (15) Malaysian C/P out of forty-one (41) allocated left the Project during and after the technology transfer done by Japanese experts particularly at the early stage of the Project.	Annex 6-1~ 6-2
	- Allocation of Malaysian C/P was delayed. Furthermore, technology transfer was postponed due to the fact that unexpected changes in pilot sites for prototype development after negotiations with the original clients obliged Japanese experts to give priority to the progress of system development and took initiatives in system development activities. As a result, technology transfer in upper stream of system development will be left incomplete by the end of the Project.	

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### 2.2 Impact

Evaluation	Results	References
items		
Direct impact (Project	Concerning both intended and unintended impacts, there was no negative impact induced by the Project.	
Purpose level)	<intended impact=""></intended>	·
	- SIRIM has become a well-known organization not only in the field of standardization and industrial development but also within the IT community.	
	- AISDEL established a network with the molding community.	
	- A network was established with universities, research institutions and other educational organizations through conducting student training, open seminar and AIAI '99.	
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	- Former AISDEL staff members who left the Project became engineers of software houses and an instructor at a university. In the end, it would contribute to the promotion of AI technology in Malaysia.	
	- Through the Project, AISDEL's staff improved technical skills and knowledge in AI system development, which contributed to the establishment of the AI Centre at SIRIM. Through the AI Centre, SIRIM will penetrate not only AI system development but also develop IT programs including the "smart card project." It is important for SIRIM to balance the provision of financial/human resources between AI system development and other IT programs.	
	- From a scenario where foreign companies appear to lead in information technology in Malaysia, AISDEL has demonstrated the competency of Malaysian engineers to develop AI systems to the IT communities inside and outside the country. AISDEL has shown great potential for advanced AI development by Malaysian and given confidence to Malaysian IT engineers.	
Indirect impact (Overall Goal level)	- Through AIAI '99, the AI research themes on prototype development in Malaysia and comprehensive application of practical AI systems developed in Singapore were introduced.	
	<ul> <li>- With the application of Well Person's Clinic System in the Ipoh Hospital entering the trial stage, similar application in other health centers can be expected. The System has the potential to contribute to the MSC since the system is one of the final candidates for "Asia-Pacific MSC-IT&amp;T award."</li> </ul>	

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### <Industrial section>

- The application development of the mold cost estimation system has been carried out with support from the governmental grant mechanism, i.e., IRPA.

<Physical distribution industry (logistics area)>

- As AISDEL developed a mockup system for berth scheduling, logistics companies have expressed their desire and demand for practical AI systems for container stacking.

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### 2.3 Efficiency

Evaluation items	Results	References
Appropriate- ness of the quality, quantity and timing of inputs		Annex 20
inp aus	(1) Dispatch of experts (Total twelve (12) long-term, thirty-five (35) short-term experts)	Annex 16, 17
	- Number: Both long-term and short-term experts were dispatched as planned.	
	- Field of expertise: The expertise of long-term experts corresponded to the initial plan, and short-term experts covered a wide variety of key technologies in software engineering that were needed for AI system development. Knowledge and skills transferred to Malaysian C/P are utilized in their activities.	
	- Timing of dispatch: It was appropriate for short-term experts. The first batch of long-term experts would have been better delayed since the AI prototype themes had been changed after the negotiations with pilot sites, and it took a while to start actual prototype development.	
	- Term: It was appropriate.	
	(2) Machinery and equipment	Annex 9-1~ 9-3
	- Machinery and equipment for system development and training was appropriately provided.	
	- Location and timing of installation were appropriate.	
	- Additional PCs that were purchased locally to meet the mechanical and software upgrading during the Project had frequent hardware failures. The problem was solved by procuring another brand of computers; thus there were no significantly negative impacts on project implementation.	
	(3) Counterpart personnel training in Japan (twenty-one (21) C/P in six (6) courses)	Annex 18
	- The training contents were relevant to their project activities and have been used for producing outputs during the Project. However, a significant number of trainees left AISDEL after the training. It reduced the efficiency of inputs from the Japanese side.	
	- "Project Management of AI Laboratory": Four (4) C/P were trained and three (3) of them were transferred to other sections of SIRIM after the training.	
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- "AI Training Course Development: 2 C/P were trained. They acquired the management skills and teaching methods needed for training courses, and have been conducting AI short courses after the training.
- "System Analysis": 5 Malaysian C/P were trained. They mastered project management skills in database design building and prototype development. They have been playing major roles in system development after the training.
- "Latest Technology on AI": 10 C/P were trained and 7 of them left AISDEL. Those who stayed became leaders/sub-leaders of system development teams.
- (4) Local cost support (Total by projection: 20.7 million yen)
  - The amount and management of the Local Cost Support under the JICA scheme were appropriate.

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- Technical exchange programs with Kent Ridge Digital Labs Singapore were undertaken using the Local Cost Support.
- The Local Cost Support was utilized effectively for open seminars through which AI technology and advance IT-related technologies were promoted.
- A guest speaker from local company was invited for staff training on the subject of "object oriented analysis" using the Local Cost Support. Learning from lecture was applied to system development, and Malaysian C/P have been using textbooks for their research.
- The Local Cost Support was used for the establishment of AISDEL library. The collection range from books on basic software engineering to AI related literature. The library contributed to the establishment of an environment where C/P could pursue their research.

### <Malaysian side>

In summary, the quality, quantity and timing of Malaysian inputs such as facilities, machinery and equipment and budget were appropriate. However, allocation of staff members was not filled as planned.

(1) Machinery of equipment

Machinery and equipment were appropriately provided and installed despite delay in the provision of some PCs and software.

- (2) Allocation of budget (Total by projection: RM 7.8 million)
- Necessary budget for project implementation was provided by SIRIM as planned in most cases.

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	(3) Allocation of counterpart (26 C/P have been allocated as of November, 1999)	
	<ul> <li>During the first three and a half years, the number of Malaysian C/P was about half of its target due mainly to high demand for IT engineers in the Malaysian labor market.</li> </ul>	Annex 6-1, 6-2
	- A total of fifteen (15) Malaysian C/P resigned among forty-one (41) allocated. It created a situation where technology transfer was repeated and the accumulated technology depleted. This lowered the efficiency of technology transfer and delayed the formation of core engineer groups.	Annex 6-1, 6-2
	- Recently, the enthusiasm of Malaysian C/P toward system development has accelerated, and fewer C/P have left AISDEL.	
	(4) Provision of space, building and other necessary facilities	,
	- Malaysian side provided facilities including laboratory, training rooms and server rooms as planned, but the space was shared with another section of SIRIM during the initial one and a half years of the Project.	
Appropriateness of quality and timing of inputs in achieving outputs	It can be concluded that the quality, quantity and timing of inputs provided by both the Japanese and Malaysian sides were almost appropriate except allocation of C/P. In view of the scale of operation and outputs, inputs were appropriate.	
Support system for the Project	The support system for the Project functioned well and contributed to the efficient implementation of the Project.	
the 1 toject	(1) Steering Committee	
	- The Steering Committee meetings were held annually (total 4 times) and discussed the support system and coordination with related agencies.	
	(2) Japan Supporting Board	
	- The board meetings of which CICC was the secretariat, were held before the dispatch of Japanese study teams and upon the return of long-term Japanese experts. The committee discussed support system at the Japanese side, dispatch of Japanese experts, provision of equipment, and C/P training in Japan. It contributed to the efficient execution of the Project.	
	- The members of the Japan Support Board and their organizations gave technical support to the Japanese experts.	

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Linkage with other organizations

Throughout the Project, the linkages and interactions with other organizations were encouraged, which in turn effectively helped the achievement to the project purpose.

### (1) Prototype pilot sites

Due to the nature of the Project, it was critical to work closely with prototype pilot sites for system development. AISDEL established linkages with organizations such as Ipoh Hospital. Kontena National, and ITEM Industrial Engineering.

### (2) Ministry of Health (MOH)

MOH collaborated with AISDEL in health care prototype system development and helped establish a network with Ipoh Hospital. MOH supported AISDEL to conduct a joint seminar.

### (3) SIRIM Tooling Group

Three (3) researchers from the group collaborated with AISDEL in research and development (R&D) on system development for mold cost estimation using IRPA (Intensification of Research in Priority Areas), a governmental grant mechanism.

### (4) Kent Ridge Digital Labs Singapore (KRDLS)

Four (4) times of visits to KRDLS through technical exchange | Annex 15 programs provided Malaysian C/P with exposure to the advanced development institute and their views. It provided them with incentives for the Project. AISDEL invited a keynote speaker from KRDLS for AIAI'99.

### (5) The Electrotechnology Laboratory of Japan

As an advanced technology promoting organization, the Electrotechnology Laboratory of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Japan conducted training sessions for Malaysian C/P. The laboratory dispatched keynote speakers for AIAI '99, and they discussed with Malaysian C/P the future development of AISDEL.

### (6) University Technology of Malaysia (UTM)

- AISDEL shared the findings from its R&D programs with the Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robots (CAIRO) at University Technology of Malaysia (UTM) and discussed new AI technologies.
- (7) University Technology Malaysia (UTM), University Utara Malaysia (UUM), University of Technology MARA (UiTM) and University Malaya (UM)

AISDEL accommodated 16 interns from 4 universities for 5 months. Established networks with the universities is expected to benefit joint research efforts in the future, and the development of young experts will contribute to the establishment of an advanced IT society in Malaysia.

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Reflection of	The results of discussion with the Japanese study teams were reflected	
results of	in the increase in counterpart allocation and the introduction of	
discussions	Technology Transfer Goal (TTG) as a monitoring format for technology	
with study	transfer.	
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### 2.4 Relevance

Evaluation Items	Results	References
Relevance of Overall Goal	(1) Coherence with the Malaysian national policy  In summary, the coherence of national priority and the overall goal of the Project was highly consistent as it had been at the planning stage of the Project five (5) years ago.	
	- The coherence between the Malaysian national policies and the Project is evident given the fact that the importance of science & technology and IT human resource development, particularly with regards to strategic knowledge-based technology, as articulated in "Vision 2020" and "The Second Outline Perspective Plan1991-2000." The Malaysian government declared in these plans her intention to become an industrialized nation by the year 2020. Sustainable economic growth and balanced social development are also highlighted in the plan.	
	- "The Seventh Malaysia Plan 1996-2000," which was launched to accomplish goals of the two long-term plans mentioned above, recognizes the importance and contribution of IT to the economic and industrial development, productivity improvement, international competition and national development. The Malaysia Plan includes the human resource development in the IT industry as one of the most important items.	
	(2) Coherence with the needs of industries	
	- Given the fact that the mechanization and computerization of industries in Malaysia have advanced with economy growth, the needs and demand of IT are expected to increase. Therefore, the development of IT and IT professionals intended by the Project were consistent with the trend.	
Relevance of Project	(1) Coherence with the Malaysian national policy	
Purpose	- In 1996, the "Multimedia Super Corridor Plan (MSC)" was launched by the Malaysian government to increase the efficiency of industrial structure and to bring about an advanced information society. MSC promotes the development of IT infrastructure, investment on IT and R&D in IT. In view of this, the project purpose was coherent with the national policy.	
	(2) Coherence with overall goal	
	- It was necessary to establish a focal point for manpower development and R&D in order to promote AI advanced technology in Malaysia. Therefore, the project purpose was coherent with the overall goal.	
	(3) Relevance with the need of implementing organization	
	- To become a leading organization in advanced IT fields fulfills one of the SIRIM's aspirations.	

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### Appropriateness of the project design

- The mode of technology transfer based on the prototyping method of AI system development and hands-on training/lectures was appropriate for Malaysian C/P to learn advance AI system development step by step.
- The Project was designed based on the open system (Unix base), and this contributed to minimizing outdated systems in spite of rapid IT progress.
- At the planning stage of the Project, there were no institutions that implemented AI system development. Under such a situation, SIRIM was an appropriate organization to undertake the Project since SIRIM had been conducting industrial R&D. However, SIRIM faced difficulties in securing the necessary number of highly qualified staff as the demand for computer engineers in the private sector was high.

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### 2.5 Sustainability

Evaluation	Results	References
items Institutional sustainabili- ty	- SIRIM established the AI Centre in April, 1999 and is planning to implement a wide variety of all IT-related applications under the Centre by employing the technical outputs of the Project.	Annex 5-1~ 5-2
	- The AI Centre consists of 4 laboratories (IT security, smart card application, multimedia and AISDEL). Staff members include 26 AISDEL staff and 7 additional engineers to be working as a team.	Annex 5-1~ 5-2
	- SIRIM Training Services (STS) will take over the promotional activities of AISDEL such as AI short courses and seminars whereby all competent AISDEL staff will register as lecturers.	
	(1) The role of the implementing agency (SIRIM) in government policy	
	- It is expected that the support from the Malaysian government for R&D activities for AI technology will continue after the completion of the Japanese technical cooperation. Ministry of Science Technology and Environment (MOSTE) considers SIRIM responsible for the promotion of technology advancement as a public corporation, even after its corporatization.	
	- SIRIM will promote IT in collaboration with organizations in IT program such as MIMOS (Malaysian Institute of Microelectronics System). SIRIM is planning to embark into new areas including smart card application system, where SIRIM can utilize transferred AI technology and existing expertise pertaining to standardization.	
	(2) Prospects on cooperation with external organizations	
	- AISDEL has established relationships with industrial corporations and hospitals through the joint AI prototype development programs. The cooperation is expected to be maintained and expand through continuing system development in the future.	
	- AISDEL has established a network through organizing training courses and seminars with universities such as CAIRO/UTM, UUM, UiTM, UM, UPM (University Putra Malaysia), UKM (University Kebangsaan Malaysia), and MMU (Multimedia University). The network is expected to be strengthened in the future through collaboration in high-level prototype development.	
	(3) Operation system of implementing agency	
	- A management mechanism consisting of Taskforce Meeting, ATM and AIM has been established and is expected to be maintained.	Annex 7

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### Financial (1) Prospects on budget sustainabili-Malaysian authorities provided budget to the Project at AISDEL tv in recognition of the Record of Discussions in 1994. After the completion of the Project, SIRIM will submit a proposal to the Malaysian Government to seek financial commitment for the AI activities in the "Eighth Malaysia Plan 2001-2005". After its corporatization, SIRIM aims to be financially viable; thus the AI Centre is required to generate its own revenue. With this, the AI Centre has identified 9 potential commercial AI projects with a total value of RM 3.03 million. In addition, AI Center will request 3 projects under Government Grant (IRPA) amounting to RM460 thousand. AI Centre will bid a total of RM 3 million of the remaining budget allocated to SIRIM under the Seventh Malaysia Plan for purchasing new or upgrading AI equipment for R&D activities. The appropriate balance between R&D in AI and IT application development is crucial for future progress of AISDEL. (2) Prospects on sustainability in maintaining machinery and equipment The Malaysian government will provide necessary financial resources for renewal of system maintenance contract with vendors after expiration of the initial contract. The budget allocation for maintenance is expected to continue appropriately. There should be no problems in maintenance since the IT Section has been providing adequate services for installation of software and hardware, as well as the management of mechanical failures. Technical Technical perspectives in development, implementation sustainabilimaintenance of the Project Malaysian C/P have improved their understanding of prototype development processes. The development of group heads/subheads for system development has progressed. With adequate policy support by the SIRIM executives, it is expected that some Malaysian C/P who have upgraded technical capability will become highly qualified IT engineers. Transferred technology is expected to remain at AISDEL due to the good system of documentation and generation of manuals.

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Since 1999, AISDEL has been preparing the application of ISO 9001 for the development of quality managers and quality control systems. It is expected that system development in line with the appropriate quality management will be implemented.

It is essential for SIRIM to upgrade further the technical levels of transferred technologies in order to cope with the expansion of the AI Centre and IT application development. Malaysian C/P need to master additional IT-related technologies (see "Recommendation" for more detail).

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#### V. CONCLUSION

AISDEL has been accumulating know-how for AI system development through on-the-job training during the Project. Although technical transfer of some items will not be completed by the end of the Project, the technical capability of AISDEL in these items can be enhanced through continuous system development on their own using manuals and technical documents produced through the Project. AISDEL has acquired enough capabilities to design, plan, and implement AI short courses, seminar and promotional activities. Therefore, it can be concluded that the project purpose on the whole will be achieved by the end of the Project.

SIRIM has expressed the organization's intention to undertake system development not only the specific field of AI, but also comprehensive IT development related with the "Multimedia Super Corridor Plan (MSC)." It is expected that SIRIM will continue to enhance a wider scope of IT projects through its own efforts.

#### VI. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that SIRIM continue improving its technical expertise in IT through accumulating experiences in system development, encouraging self-education of C/P, and sharing knowledge among them in order to become a focal point for promotion and development of comprehensive IT systems including AI technologies in Malaysia.

#### 1. Short-term perspectives

- Malaysian C/P need to further improve their technical levels of upper stream of system development (planning and designing new projects, proposing prototype development for clients, analyzing and prioritizing clients' needs) and tuning process.
- Recommendations for future development of each AI prototype and project implementation based on the results of technology transfer are prioritized as shown below. It should be noted that SIRIM needs to maintain collaboration with the pilot sites.
  - a) The Diagnosis Model (Well Persons' Program Support System) developed through the Project has high potential for the application not only in health care fields but also in industrial fields. SIRIM needs to continue working on the Diagnosis Models and strengthen its marketing abilities. In line with the MSC plan, it is particularly important to make an effort to realize the Well Persons' Program Support System as a practical system.

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- b) AISDEL and SIRIM Tooling group have been collaborating in system development based on the Design Model using a government grant mechanism (IRPA). SIRIM needs to continue supporting the completion of a practical system of mold cost estimation as a package product, and promote marketing in the Malaysian manufacturing industries.
- c) The technical range of the Scheduling Model is wide, and high skills are needed for system development. Thus it is important to continue providing sufficient financial and human resources for prototype development. It is important to complete the ongoing development of container stacking system which is a type of Scheduling Model with long term perspectives because the system is a logistics system and has a significant potential market to apply in view of the overall physical distribution area.
- d) The job shop scheduling system which is a type of Scheduling Model can be applied to a variety of production management areas. SIRIM needs to tap IRPA to initiate system development in this model in addition to mold cost estimation system.

#### Other recommendations for SIRIM are as follows;

- To minimize resignation of staff members and recruit more staff by identifying attractive R&D and AI commercial projects. In addition, to cultivate a stimulating working environment where an AI engineer as a knowledge worker can enhance his/her creativity.
- To continue self-help efforts in developing internal mechanism for information sharing and technological improvement in order to maintain and develop transferred technology.
- In order to penetrate efficiently to IT application field, it is important to focus on the upper stream of system development by competent C/P. It is recommended to establish an efficient development management scheme in which the lower stream of system development can be outsourced to software houses if necessary.
- To make best use of expertise of Japanese experts for the rest of the project period.
- For the continuation of on going AI system development, it is important to balance between R&D in AI and IT application development with fair allocation of staff members and budgetary to the two.

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### 2. Mid-term and long-term perspectives

Mid-term and long-term recommendations for SIRIM are as follows;

- To keep abreast of latest international trends in AI technology and to expand the network within and outside Malaysia to identify attractive areas of R&D that are up to date.
- To continue R&D on application of AI technology for a wide range of industries, and to expand its dissemination activities.
- To acquire IT application skills in order to penetrate IT sectors in addition to specific AI sector. It is recommended to foster advanced engineers for comprehensive IT regarding practical system development through the collaboration with other organizations.
- To continue improving the quality control systems of software development in SIRIM.
- To diversify financial resources of AISDEL by seeking R&D contracts as well as other public grants.

#### VII. LESSONS LEARNED

#### 1. General Issues

- When a project requires cooperation from organizations for its activities as pilot sites for prototype development, cooperation agreement with the organizations should be confirmed in a written form by the time of R/D signing. Also, it is recommended that detail contents of project implementation be specified.
- The PCM method should be confirmed by both the Japanese and recipient sides at the early stage of a project to ensure the mutual understanding of the scope and content of project, as well as the methods of progress measurement.

### 2. Specific Issues for IT Projects

It is important for a system development project to confirm the allocation of C/P as an important assumption before commencement of the project.

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- In many IT-related projects, it is difficult to allocate sufficient number of qualified C/P due to the high demand of IT engineers in the labor market. For a project that requires extensive group work such as system development activities, it is necessary to design the technology transfer schedule to level technical capability of each group member by giving initial C/P training period according to the technical levels and number of allocated C/P.

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Narrative Summary	Detailed Contents of Narrative Summary	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verifications	Important Assumptions
<overall goal=""></overall>	<overall goal=""></overall>			
Contribute to the realization of an	Al technology is promoted in Malaysia.	1 Progress of utilization of AI technology in	1-1 Report and statistics on IT by both	a The priority of government on IT does not
information rich society in Malaysia as an		Malaysia	Government and private sectors.	change.
industrialized nation, through promotion of			1-2 Interview with and questionnaire to	b. There is no drastic change in political and
the understanding, utilization and	ļ		personnel concerned	economic situation in Malaysia.
advancement in AI technology.		2 Progress of development of practical AI	2-1 Interview with and questionnaire to	
		systems	personnel concerned	
<project purpose=""></project>	<project purpose=""></project>			
AISDEL acquires the ability to develop and	AISDEL is able to develop AI system and	1 Evaluation and utilization of prototypes	I Interview with and questionnaire to the	a AISDEL is recognized as national Al
promote AI technology.	promote Al technology.	developed by AISDEL	customers for which AISDEL has developed	center.
			Al system prototypes	b Industry and other sectors in Malaysia
		2 Level of satisfaction of participants in AI	2 Interview with and questionnaire to the	continue to utilize the services provided by
		training courses and other promotional	participants in AI training courses and other	AISDEL.
		activities	promotional activities	
<outputs></outputs>	<outputs></outputs>		0.1007	7
1 AISDEL personnel are trained in AI system		0-1 Staff allocation	0-1 Organization chart of AISDEL	a Trained C/P remain at AISDEL.
development.	established.	0-2 Budget allocations	0-2 Accounting record	b There is no drastic shift in the placement of
	į	0-3 Capability of managerial C/P	0-3 Interview with C/P directors	Al within IT technology in Malaysia.
2 Al system prototype is developed.		0-4 Number of regular meetings	0-4 Record of regular meetings	
		0-5 Number of publicity	0-5 Record of promotional activities of	†
3 AI technology is promoted in Malaysia			AISDEL	
Industry.	1 Necessary machinery and equipment are	1-1 Contents and maintenance conditions of	1-1 List of machinery and equipment,	
	settled and appropriately utilized and	machinery and equipment	maintenance record of machinery and	]
	managed.		equipment	
		1-2 Number of staff training on use and	1-2 Record of staff training	1
		maintenance of machinery and equipment	2 1 4 1 i a se estado e	1
	2 Technical capability of C/P is upgraded.	2-1 Technical level of C/P	2-1 Achievement of Technology Transfer Goal	
		2-2 Number of text books and manuals	2-2 List of text books and manuals	
		developed		
	3 Al system prototypes are developed.	3-1 Number of AI system prototypes	3-1 Record of development of AI system	!
1		developed at AISDEL	prototypes 3-2 List of proposals and design documents	ļ
		3-2 Number of proposals and design documents	13-2 List of proposals and design documents	i
			4-1 Record of AI training courses	j
	4 Al training courses and other promotional	4-1 Number of AI training courses	4-1 Record of At training courses	
	activities are implemented.	4-2 Number of participants in AI training 4-3 Number of curriculum and materials	4-2 Record of Al training courses  4-3 List of curriculum and materials	1
		1 -	14-5 List of currentum and materials	
		developed for AI training courses	4-4 Record of other promotional activities	
		4-4 Number of other promotional activities	4-5 Record of other promotional activities	
		4-5 Number of participants of other	4-5 Record of other promotional activities	
	1	promotional activities	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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Narrative Summary	Detailed Contents of Narrative Summary	Inputs	Important Assumptions
<activities></activities>	<activities></activities>	Term of Cooperation: 5 years: 1st March 1995 - 29th February, 2000	a C/P remain at AISDEL.
1	0-1 Allocate C/P as planned.		
	0-2 Formulate plans of activities.	The Malaysian Side	
	0-3 Formulate budget plan and execute		
develop AI system by means of on-the-job	properly.	Allocation of Counterpart Personnel: (as of November, 1999)	
training and lectures.	0-4 Establish and operate management	2. Provision of building and facilities:	
	system.	Facilities of AISDEL costing to (total by projection)	
2-1 Draw up development plan of prototype		3. Provision of machinery and equipment and maintenance :	
of Al system.	1-1 Formulate installation plans of machinery	ringgit (total by projection)	ļ
2-2 Undertake AI system prototype	and equipment.	4. Operating expenses: ringgit (total by projection)	
development.	1-2 Procure the machinery and the		
	equipment.		
3-1 Prepare for materials for training,	1-3 Train C/P on use and maintenance of the	The Japanese Side	-
workshops and seminars.	machinery and the equipment.	I Discoult of the construction	
3-2 Conduct training courses, workshop and	1-4 Maintain/upgrade the machinery and the	1. Dispatch of Japanese experts:	
seminars for AI developers and users.	equipment.	(a)Long-term : 12 (b)Short-term : 35	
	2-1 Formulate Technical Cooperation	2. Counterpart Personnel training in Japan :	
	Program to train C/P.	3. Provision of machinery and equipment	1
	2-2 Implement technology transfer to C/P.	387 thousand Yen for Server, Pes, Printers, etc.	<pre>conditions&gt;</pre>
	2-3 Monitor and evaluate the technology	4. Total budget: 880 millon Yen (total by projection)	The Project is implemented in the
	transfer to C/P.	in rotal blugger, bus million ren (total b) projection)	collaboration with MOSTE, MOH, MITI,
	The state of the s		UM, UTM, MIMOS, Al society and so on.
	3-1 Draw up development plan of prototypes		
	of Al system.		
	3-2 Undertake Al system prototype		
	development as planned.		
·	3-3 Monitor and evaluate development of Al		
†	system prototypes.		}
	4-1 Make implementation plans of training		
	courses and other promotional activities.		
	4-2 Prepare materials for AI training courses		
	and other promotional activities.		
	4-3 Implement, monitor and evaluate Al		
	training courses and other promotional		
	activities.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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ANNEX 1-2 Achievement of the Project based on PDM

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Narrative Summary	Detailed Contents of Narrative Summary	Objectively Verifiable Indicators	Actual Performance of Objectively Verifiable Indicators
<overall goal=""> Contribute to the realization of an information rich society in Malaysia as an industrialized nation, through promotion of the understanding, utilization and advancement in Al technology.</overall>	<overall goal=""> At technology is promoted in Malaysia.</overall>	Progress of utilization of AI technology in Malaysia	<ul> <li>1-1. According to various reports presented at a national Al conference (AIAI99), the extension of Al utilization in Malaysia in the future is anticipated. Through the Project, the development of AI engineers, enhancement of research and development and promotional activities were implemented. The Project created a corner tone for the improvement of AI utilization in Malaysia.</li> <li>1-2. Based on interviews with a professor at UTM and Japanese experts, the utilization of AI is still in progress in Malaysia. However, as the case of Singapore, increase in AI utilization is expected in the future.</li> </ul>
		Progress of research and development of practical Al system	Al R&D organizations, such as CAIRO, have been growing in Malaysia.
<project purpose=""> AISDEL acquires the ability to develop and promote AI technology.</project>	<project purpose=""> AISDEL is able to develop AI system and promote AI technology.</project>	Evaluation and utilization of prototypes developed by AISDEL	<ol> <li>Questionnaires and interviews show that the evaluation and utilization of prototype users by AISDEL were high on the whole.</li> </ol>
		Level of satisfaction of participants in AI training courses and other promotional activities	Questionnaires and evaluation reports show that the level of satisfaction of participants in AI training courses and other promotional activities was high on the whole.
<outputs></outputs>	established.	0-1. Staff allocation 0-2. Budget allocations 0-3. Capability of managerial C/P 0-4. Number of regular meetings 0-5. Number of publications	<ul> <li>0-1. The number of Malaysian counterparts allocated was about a half of its original plan during the most of project period.</li> <li>0-2. The total of 7.8 million RM (10.2 million RM in original plan) was provided between 1995 and 1999.</li> <li>0-3. Malaysian counterparts have been managing the Project autonomously since 1999.</li> <li>0-4. AISDEL Management Meeting (AMM): 85         AISDEL Technical Meeting (ATM): 119         AISDEL Internal Meeting (AIT): Occasionally Taskforce Meeting: Once a week </li> <li>0-5. Research papers published: 2 papers in 1998 and 2 in 1999.</li> </ul>
	Necessary machinery and equipment are settled and appropriately utilized and maintained.	1-1. Maintenance conditions and frequency of machinery utilization     1-2. Number of staff training on use and maintenance of machinery and equipment	<ul> <li>1-1. Based on the maintenance report and observation, maintenance conditions and frequency of machinery utilization are appropriate.</li> <li>1-2. Staff training on use and maintenance of machinery was implemented adequately.</li> </ul>
AISDEL personnel are trained in Al- system development.	Technical capability of C/P is upgraded.	Technical level of C/P     Number and quality of textbooks and manuals developed	2-1. The indicators at Technology Transfer Goat (TTG, see ANNEX 10) improved dramatically since the midterm evaluation.     2-2. 145 technical documents including manuals and textbooks were developed.
2. Al system prototype is developed.	Al system prototypes are developed.	Number of Al system prototypes developed at AISDEL     Number of proposals and design documents	<ul> <li>3-1. Total 22 Al system prototypes (8 for health care group, 8 in industrial group, 5 for training courses, 1 for other)</li> <li>3-2. 13 proposals, 68 prototype design documents</li> </ul>
3. Al technology is promoted in Malaysia Industry.		<ul> <li>4-1. Number of Al training courses</li> <li>4-2. Number and satisfaction of participants in Al training</li> <li>4-3. Number of curriculum and materials developed for Al training courses</li> <li>4-4. Number of other promotional activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>4-1. 11 AI short courses, 17 open seminars</li> <li>4-2. 318 participants for AI short courses, 1,117 for open seminar</li> <li>4-3. Technical documents: 35 for AI short courses, 46 for open seminar</li> <li>4-4. Organized AI National Conference AIAI99</li></ul>
		4-5. Number of participants of promotional activities	4-5. Many

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Narrative Summary	nt of the Project based on P	Objectively Verifiable Indicators	Actual Performance of Objectively Verifiable Indicators
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		<ol><li>Progress of research and development of practical At system</li></ol>	Al R&D organizations, such as CAIRO, have been growing in Malaysia.
<project purpose=""> AISDEL acquires the ability to develop and promote AI technology.</project>	<project purpose=""> AISDEL is able to develop AI system and promote AI technology.</project>	Evaluation and utilization of prototypes developed by AISDEL	<ol> <li>Questionnaires and interviews show that the evaluation and utilization of prototype users by AISDEL wer high on the whole.</li> </ol>
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	Necessary machinery and equipment are settled and appropriately utilized and maintained.	1-1. Maintenance conditions and frequency of	<ul> <li>1-1. Based on the maintenance report and observation, maintenance conditions and frequency of machiner utilization are appropriate.</li> <li>1-2. Staff training on use and maintenance of machinery was implemented adequately.</li> </ul>
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3. Al technology is promoted in Malaysia Industry.	Al training courses and other promotional activities are implemented.	<ul> <li>4-1. Number of Al training courses</li> <li>4-2. Number and satisfaction of participants in Al training</li> <li>4-3. Number of curriculum and materials developed for Al training courses</li> <li>4-4. Number of other promotional activities</li> <li>4-5. Number of participants of promotional activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>4-1. 11 Al short courses, 17 open serninars</li> <li>4-2. 318 participants for Al short courses, 1,117 for open serninar</li> <li>4-3. Technical documents: 35 for Al short courses, 46 for open serninar</li> <li>4-4. Organized Al National Conference AlAl99</li></ul>





Narrative Summary	Detailed Contents of Narrative Summary	Planned Inputs	Actual Inputs
ACTIVITIES>	<activities></activities>	Malaysìan Side	Malaysian Side
4101111120	0-1. Allocate C/P as planned.	Allocation of Counterpart Personnel:	Allocation of Counterpart Personnel:
	0-2. Formulate plans of activities.	1994 18	1994 7
		1995 34	1995 13
	0-3. Formulate budget plan and execute properly.		1996 14
	0-4. Establish and operate management system.	1996 34	
		1997 34	1997 18
-1. Develop training plan for AISDEL .	1-1. Formulate installation plans of machinery and equipment.	1998 30	1998 17
ersonnel.	1-2. Procure the machinery and the equipment.	1999 30	1999 26
-2. Train AISDEL personnel to be able to	1-3. Train C/P on use and maintenance of the machinery and the equipment.	2. Provision of building and facilities: The first	Provision of building and facilities : The
develop At system by means of on-the-job	1-4. Maintain/upgrade the machinery and the equipment.	floor of Block 24	second floor of Block 24
training and lectures.	1.5	Equipment and maintenance	3. Equipment: 1 million RM and technical
saming and received.	2-1. Formulate Technical Cooperation Plan to train C/P.	4. /	support for maintenance.
-1. Draw up development plan of prototype of	2-2. Implement technology transfer to C/P.	4. Operating budget : Total 10.2 million RM	4. Operating budget : Total 3.6 million RM
		(lotal by projection)	(total by projection)
Al system.	2-3. Monitor and evaluate the technology transfer to C/P.		(thousand RM)
-2. Undertake AI system prototype		(thousand RM)	
development.		1994 1,057	1994
	3-1. Draw up development plan of prototypes of AI system.	1995 1,241	1995 290
-1. Prepare for materials for training,	3-2. Undertake Al system prototype development as planned.	1996 1,493	1996 660
workshops and seminars.		1997 2,144	1997 730
-2. Conduct training courses, workshop and	4-1. Make implementation plans of training courses, workshops and seminars.	1998 2.144	1998 786
seminars for Al developers and users.	4-2. Prepare materials for AI training courses, workshops and seminars.	1999 2,144	1999 1,150
seminars for Ai developers and doors.	4-3. Implement, monitor and evaluate AI training courses, workshops and seminars.	1 ,000 2,	1
		Innanana Sida	Japanese Side
·	Inputs	Japanese Side	Japanese Side
	Term of Cooperation: 5 years: 1st March 1995 - 29th February, 2000	1. Dispatch of Japanese experts :	Dispatch of Japanese experts :
	7	(a)Long-term ; Total 12	(a)Long-term: 12
		2 Chief Advisors	2 Chief Advisors
		2 Project Coordinators	2 Project Coordinators
		2 Project Goodanaters 2 Project Management and Design of ES	2 Project Management and Design of ES
		2 ES Building Techniques (Industry)	2 ES Building Techniques (Industry)
		2 ES Building Techniques (Health Care)	2 ES Building Techniques (Health Care)
		2 ES Development Tool	2 ES Development Tool
		(b)Short-term:	(b)Short-term : 35
			Installation Plan Guidance: Intallatio
		•	and Adjustment of Equipment: Neur.
			network: Fuzzy Control: Genet
			Algorism: System standardization
			JAVA: Large scale constraint problem
			Natural language processing
			Healthcare system: Agent: Job-sho
			scheduling: Statistical analysis: Bloo
			scheduling: Network technolog
			Testing method and inspection
			Function point analysis: Po
			management: and Real work
			intelligence
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		2. Counterpart Personnel training in Japan	2. Counterpart Personnel training in Japan : 21
		Provision of machinery and equipment:	Provision of machinery and equipment:
:		3 Servers, 29 Workstations, 4 PCs,	3 Servers, 29 workstations, 30 PCs,
		Projector, Software, Printers, others	Projector, Software, Printers, others
		4. Total local expense :	4. Total local expense : 20.7 million yen (total b
			projection)
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Year	Month	[tems
	Jan.	Dispatch of Japanese Consultation Team
	Feb.	Arrival of software for version up
		Dispatch of long term expert (ES building technique – Industry)
		Dispatch of short term expert (Installation and adjustment of equipment-software version
		up)
		Dispatch of long term expert (Expert system development tools)
		Dispatch of long term expert (Expert system development tools)
	Mar.	Dispatch of long term expert (Coordinator)
		Dispatch of short term expert (System standardization technique)
		Return of long term expert (Coordinator)
1998	Apr.	Dispatch of short term expert (Supervising the installation of Machinery - Large screen
		projector)
	Jun.	Dispatch of long term expert (Chief Advisor)
		Training of two (2) counterpart personnel in Japan (Advanced project management of AI
		laboratory)
		Return of long term expert (Chief Advisor)  Dispatch of short term expert (ES building technique - Health-care system)
	Jul.	Dispatch of short term expert (ES ounding technique - Health-care system)  Dispatch of short term expert (Latest technology - Information searching agent)
	Oct. Nov.	Technical exchange with Singapore institutes
	1404.	Dispatch of short term expert (ES building technique - Job shop scheduling)
	Dec.	Dispatch of short term expert (Es building technique - 300 shop schedding)  Dispatch of short term expert (Latest technology in AI - Statistical analysis)
	Feb.	Dispatch of short term expert (Estest technology in Ar - statistical analysis)  Dispatch of short term expert (Estest technology in Ar - statistical analysis)
	Mar.	Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting (JCC)
	Iviai.	Training of five (5) counterpart personnel in Japan (System analysis)
	Jun.	Dispatch of short term expert (ES building technique - Testing methods and inspections)
	Jul.	Dispatch of short term expert (ES building technique - PC-WS Network technique)
	Aug.	Dispatch of short term expert (ES building technique - Function point method)
1999	Sep.	Dispatch of short term expert (ES building technique - Port management system)
		Dispatch of Japanese Management and Guidance Team
	Oct.	Dispatch of short term expert (Latest technology in AI - Real world intelligence
		technology)
		1st National Conference on Artificial Intelligence Applications in Industry
	Nov.	Dispatch of Japanese Final Evaluation Team
		(Dispatch of short term expert: ES building technique - Agent development method)

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ANNEX 3 Tentative Schedule of Implementation (TSI)

Calendar	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
1. Term of technical cooperation							
Japanese Fiscal Year		├					-
2. Project		- March	1995; Pr	oject Start	-		
2.1 Health-Care							
a) Staff training							Ц
b) Prototype development							
2.2 Industry field (Costing system)					-		
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a) Staff training							
b) Prototype development							H
2.3 Other Industry Fields							
Prototype development				=			Ħ
2.3 Promotion of AI Technology							
a) AI short course					-		
Preparation		İ		<u> </u>			
Course					l		
b) Seminar, etc.	1		L				
2.4 Joint Coordination Committee		-		-	-		
3. Japanese side		li					ì
3.1 Long term experts						ŀ	
a) Chief advisor (1)							
b) Coordinator (1)				ļ	<u> </u>		Ц
c) Project management and design of expert system (1)							
d) Expert system building techniques (2)		—		-		ļ	H
e) Expert system development tools (1)			l				H
3.2 Short term experts *			<u> </u>				!
3.3 Provision of equipment			_		_		
3.4 C/P training in Japan			_	_			]
3.5 Japanese Survey Team		_		_	_	_	
4. Malaysian side		li					
4.1 Establishment of the Laboratory		- End of	February	1995			
a) Interior and furnish				1			
b) Official opening of AISDEL	ĺ		- Marc	h 1996			
4.2 Arrangement of the facilities							
a) Project rooms		<u> </u>	<b>↓</b>				] [
b) Office facilities, accommodations and other	ļ		<del>                                     </del>	1			
necessary facilities for the Japanese experts			}	1			
c) Other facilities for operating the Laboratory			<del> </del>				11
4.3 Provision of counterparts and administrative staff					İ		11
a) General Manager		<del></del>	<u> </u>	<del> </del>		ļ	4
b) Consultant	}			<del> </del>	1		
c) Special Project Manager		-	1	<del> </del>	1		
d) Head (Health-Care and Industry)	1	-	1	-		<del> </del>	H
e) Researcher (Health-Care and Industry)	1	<del> </del>	-	<del> </del>	-		H
f) Assistant researcher (Health-Care and Industry)				<b></b>	-	<del> </del>	1
a) Secretary				<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<u> </u>	Ц
g) Secretary	<u></u>	1	l	<u>i</u>	1	<u> </u>	<u>1.L</u>

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ANNEX 4-1 Technical Cooperation Program - Industry

#: Correspondence with the number in Record of Prototype Development Japanese Fiscal Year 95 1998 1999 1996 1997 97/1 110 98/1 96/1 10 10 99/1 10 00/1 Technical Categories Global Plan Index 1 Intelligent Component Cost Estimation 2nd Model Practical Model Initial Model 1st Model System (ICCES) prototype development [Prototype for the model user] [Experimental [Basic facilities] (Practical system (Design type) Industry (Prototype Development : Synthesis Type Design) 1 Intelligent Component Cost Estimation Initial Model 1st Model 2nd Model Practical Model System (ICCES) Experimental Development of basic facilities of Development of ICCES prototype Development of ICCES practical system of mould cost estimation development(scaling system based on the analysis of model system(scaling up the scope of the down the scope of the for the plastic components. user. 1st step is creating the templates, system) by SIRIM. 2nd step is filling up data. 1) Initial model **▲** #1 Plastic parts cost estimation 2) 1st model Mould Cost Estimation System MCES 3) 2nd model **▲** #3 **A** #4 Intelligent Mould Costing System MOLDcost 4)Practical system Intelligent Mould Costing System MOLDcost ES Building technique System planning System analysis System design, program design, coding, and test Tuning and verification

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System analysis		.l										<u> </u>				_		<del>-</del>	
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ANNEX 4-2 Technical Cooperation Program (TCP) - Healthcare

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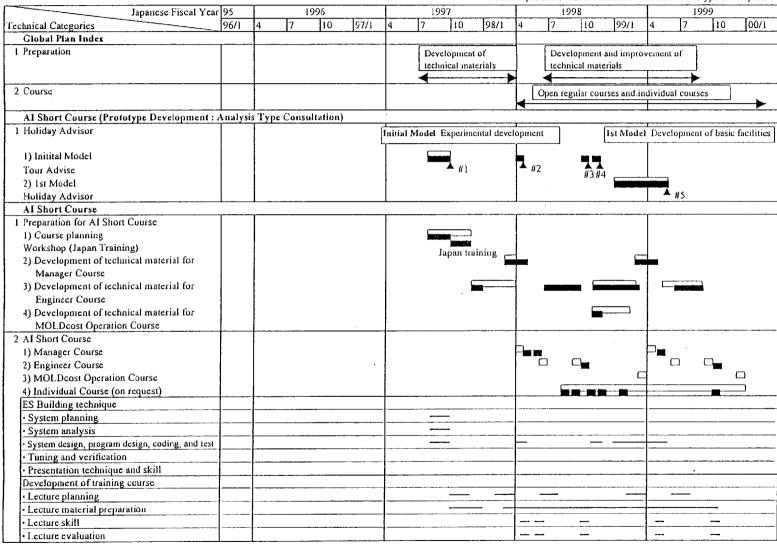
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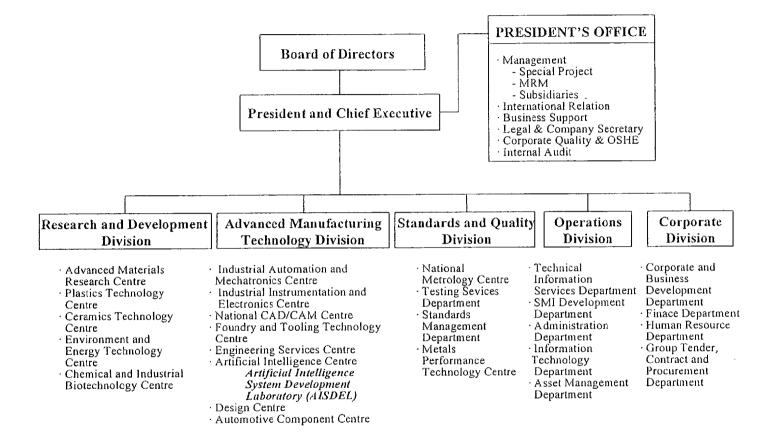
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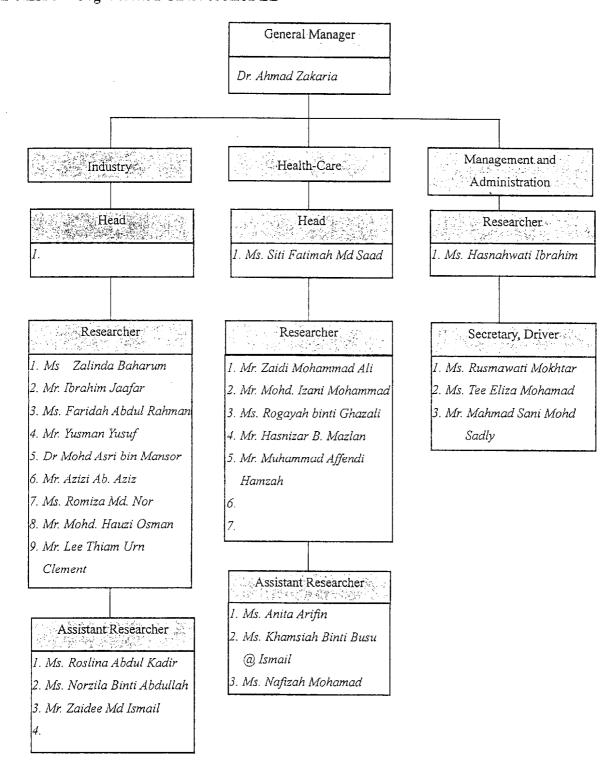
## ANNEX 5-1 Organization Chart of SIRIM



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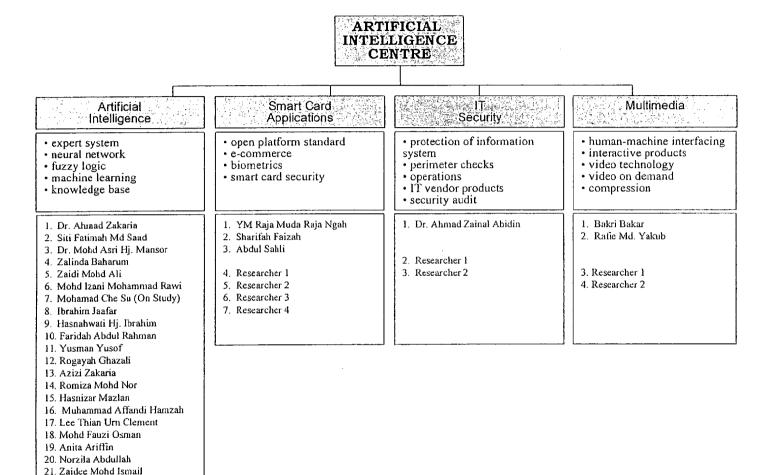
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## ANNEX 5-3 Proposed Organization Chart of AI Centre to be Effective from March 2000







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