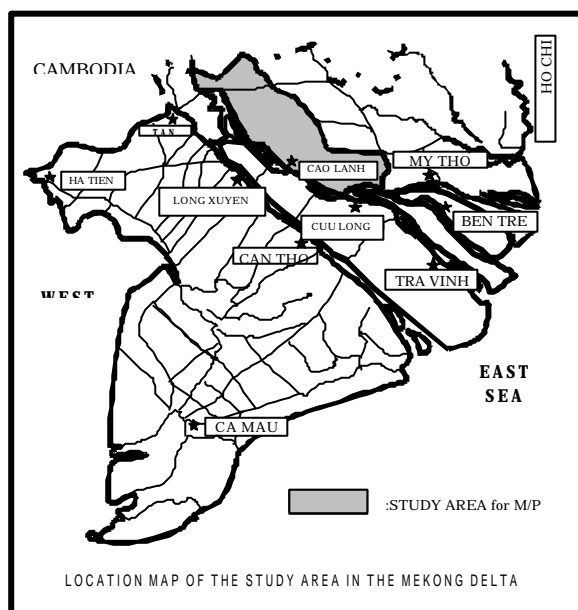


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## PREFACE

In response to the request from the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, the Government of Japan decided to conduct The Study on Integrated Agricultural Development Plan in the Dong Thap Muoi Area, Viet Nam, and entrusted the study to Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

JICA sent to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam a study team headed by Mr. Haruo Tsuchiya, Taiyo Consultants CO.,LTD. four times between March, 1999 and July, 2000.

The team held discussions with the officials concerned of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, and conducted field surveys 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 the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for their close cooperation extended to the team.

September, 2000



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Kunihiko Saito  
President  
Japan International Cooperation Agency

Mr. Kunihiko Saito  
The President for  
Japan International Cooperation Agency  
Tokyo, Japan

September 2000

Dear Sir

### LITTER OF TRANSMITTAL

We are pleased to submit to you herewith the report on the Study on Integrated Agricultural Development Plan in Dong Thap Muoi in the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. This Report presents the results of all works performed in both Viet Nam and Japan during a total period of 16 months from April 1999 to July 2000.

In line with the project objectives, namely "Inundation Mitigation", "Improvement of Agriculture Products Processing and Marketing" and "Irrigation and Drainage System Improvement", various projects in each sector are proposed broadly.

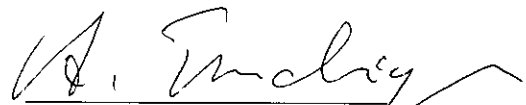
The projects are expected to contribute to the socio-economic development of the area by stabilizing and increasing agricultural production, increasing market value of the product and improving living conditions of the inhabitants. By implementation of the project, increase in farmer's income will be achieved and also poverty alleviation will be promoted in the area by increased job opportunities.

It is worth to mention that all the local officials and farmers in the Project area actively participate in the planning and project formulation of the Project, assuring the sustainable operation and maintenance of the Project after its implementation. Hence, we wish to the Project to be implemented as early as possible.

We wish to express our deep appreciation and sincere gratitude to the officials concerned of your Agency, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the Government of Japan for the courtesies and cooperation kindly extended to our team.

We also wish to express our hearty appreciation and gratitude to the officials concerned of Viet Nam Office of your Agency, the Embassy of Japan in Viet Nam, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Government of Viet Nam, Sub-Institute for Water Resources Planning, Sub-Institute for Agricultural Planning & Projection, Dong Thap Province, Tien Giang Province and other authorities concerned for close cooperation and assistance extended to our Team during field investigations and studies in Viet Nam.

Very truly yours,



Haruo Tsuchiya  
The Leader of Study Team of  
the Integrated Agricultural  
Development Plan in Dong  
Thap Muoi Area

