

4. Minute of Discussions

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on

the Basic Design Study on the Project for the Development of Agrarian Reform Communities in Marginal Areas

in

the Republic of the Philippines

In response to a request from the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, the Government of Japan decided to conduct a Basic Design Study on the Project for the Development of Agrarian Reform Communities in Marginal Areas (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") and entrusted the study to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

JICA sent to the Republic of the Philippines a Basic Design Study Team (hereinafter referred to as "the Team"), which is headed by Mr. Katsumi YAMANOME, Fourth Project Management Division, Grant Aid Management Department, JICA, and is scheduled to stay in the country from July 31 to September 28, 2000.

The team held discussions with the officials concerned of the Government of the Philippines and conducted field surveys at the study area.

In the course of discussions and field surveys, both parties have confirmed the main items described on the attached sheets. The team will proceed to further work and prepare the Basic Design Study Report.

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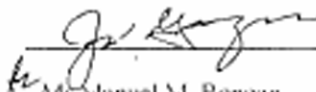


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ATTACHMENT

1. Objective

The objective of the Project is to alleviate the poverty through improving the living conditions and the agricultural infrastructure in Marangog and Silae-Dalacutan Agrarian Reform Communities (hereafter referred to as "ARC") in compliance with the national development plan of the Republic of the Philippines.

2. Project Site

The project sites are located in Marangog ARC in Hilongos, Leyte and Silae-Dalacutan ARC in Bukidnon.

3. Responsible and Executing Agency

The responsible and executing Agency is Department of Agrarian Reform (hereinafter referred to as "DAR").

4. Items agreed by the Government of the Philippines

After discussions with the Team, the 2 sites and some items were finally agreed for the Basic Design Study objects by the Philippines side (See Annex-1 , Annex- 2). JICA will assess the appropriateness of the request and will recommend to the Government of Japan for approval.

5. Japan's Grant Aid System

(1)The Government of Philippines has understood the system of Japan's Grant Aid explained by the Team. (See Annex-3)

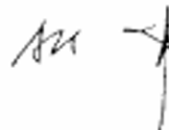
(2)The Government of Philippines will take necessary measures described in Annex-4 for smooth implementation of the Project on condition that the Grant Aid Assistance by the Government of Japan is extended to the Project.

6. Schedule of the Study

(1)The Team will proceed to further studies in the Philippines until 28 September, 2000.

(2)JICA will prepare a draft report in English and dispatch a mission in order to explain its contents around December ,2000.

(3)In the case that the contents of the report is accepted in principle by the Government of the Philippines, JICA will complete the final report and send it to the Government of the Philippines by the



early in April, 2001.

7. Other Relevant Issues

(1) The Team explained that the objective site of the Study are Silae-Dalacutan ARC and Marangog ARC and the main objective components of study are concerned with the improvement of Infrastructure such as access and living conditions which are road, irrigation facility, drainage facility (for Silae-Dalacutan ARC), post harvest facilities and warehouse, water supply facility, meeting hall etc.

Philippines side understood it.

(2) The Team explained that the security of the Team must be ensured for efficient execution of the site survey for the Basic Design Study on Silae-Dalacutan ARC and/or Marangog ARC and the Basic Design Study will be postponed in the case of the security of the Team not being secured.

Philippines side understood it.

(3) The Team stressed the importance of the following matters:

- a) establishment and/or strengthening of Community Organization / Farmer's Organization for the operation and management of the constructed and improved facilities.
- b) operation and management for the constructed and improved facilities by Community Organization / Farmer's Organization.
- c) organization of implementation bodies (especially full time staff) etc. required for smooth implementation of the Project.

Philippines side understood it and promised to establish / strengthen, official support to Community Organization / Farmer's Organization.

(4) Philippines side is in the position to make DAR responsible for the followings:

- a) establishment and/or strengthening of Community Organization / Farmer's Organization and its proper management
- b) guiding Community Organization / Farmer's Organization's management of the constructed and the improvement facilities

(5) Philippines side assured that he would be responsible for the land preparation needed for construction.

(6) Philippines side requested the consultant services for support on establishment and/or strengthening of Community Organization / Farmer's Organization and training on operation and management for constructed and improved facilities.

(7) Both side confirmed that the request items would be changeable due to the result of the Study.

