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THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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THE STUDY
ON
THE INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT
OF
FORMER SUGARCANE PLANTATION AREA
AND
THE PILOT PROJECT OF LA LUISA AREA,
MONTE PLATA PROVINCE

FINAL REPORT

AUGUST 2003

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PREFACE

In response to a request from the Government of the Dominican Republic, the Government of Japan decided to conduct a study for the Integrated Rural Development of Former Sugarcane Plantation Area and the Pilot Project of La Luisa Area, Monte Plata Province in the Dominican Republic and entrusted the study to Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

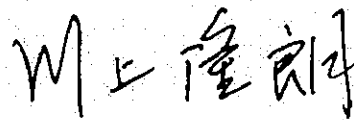
JICA selected and dispatched a study team headed by Mr. Yasunori HASEGAWA of Sanyu Consultants Inc., and composed of staff members of Sanyu Consultants Inc. and Yachiyo Engineering Co., Ltd. to the Dominican Republic five times between February 2001 and July 2003.

The team held discussions with the officials concerned of the Government of the Dominican Republic and conducted field surveys in the study area. Based on the field surveys, the team made further studies and prepared this final report.

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

Finally, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the officials concerned of the Government of the Dominican Republic for their close cooperation extended to the study.

August 2003



Takao KAWAKAMI

President

Japan International Cooperation Agency

President

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Tokyo, Japan

Letter of Transmittal

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to submit herewith our Final Report on the Study on the Integrated Rural Development of Former Sugarcane Plantation Area and the Pilot Project of La Luisa Area, Monte Plata Province in the Dominican Republic. This Report comprises the master plan for the study area and the results and processes of various pilot projects implemented in four model areas, based on the advice and suggestions of the authorities concerned with the Government of the Dominican Republic as well as your Agency and the Government of Japan.

The study area includes 56 former sugarcane plantation areas in the Dominican Republic. This Study aims (1) to formulate a master plan on the integrated rural development for the former sugarcane plantation area, including institutional set-up for the implementation of the master plan and (2) to execute technology transfer not only to government counterparts but also to beneficiaries of the pilot projects in terms of participatory planning and implementation of development projects.

In the course of the master plan formulation, the study team closely worked together with the staff of Dominican Agrarian Institute, and elaborated the plan with income generation and living condition improvement programs. Both beneficiaries and government staff actively contributed to the planning and implementation of pilot projects, and the participatory approaches were transferred to them. The study team also learned many things from the pilot projects.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to your Agency and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan for the kind assistance extended. We also wish to express our deep gratitude to Dominican Agrarian Institute and the authorities concerned of the Dominican Republic for the close cooperation and assistance extended to us during the study period.

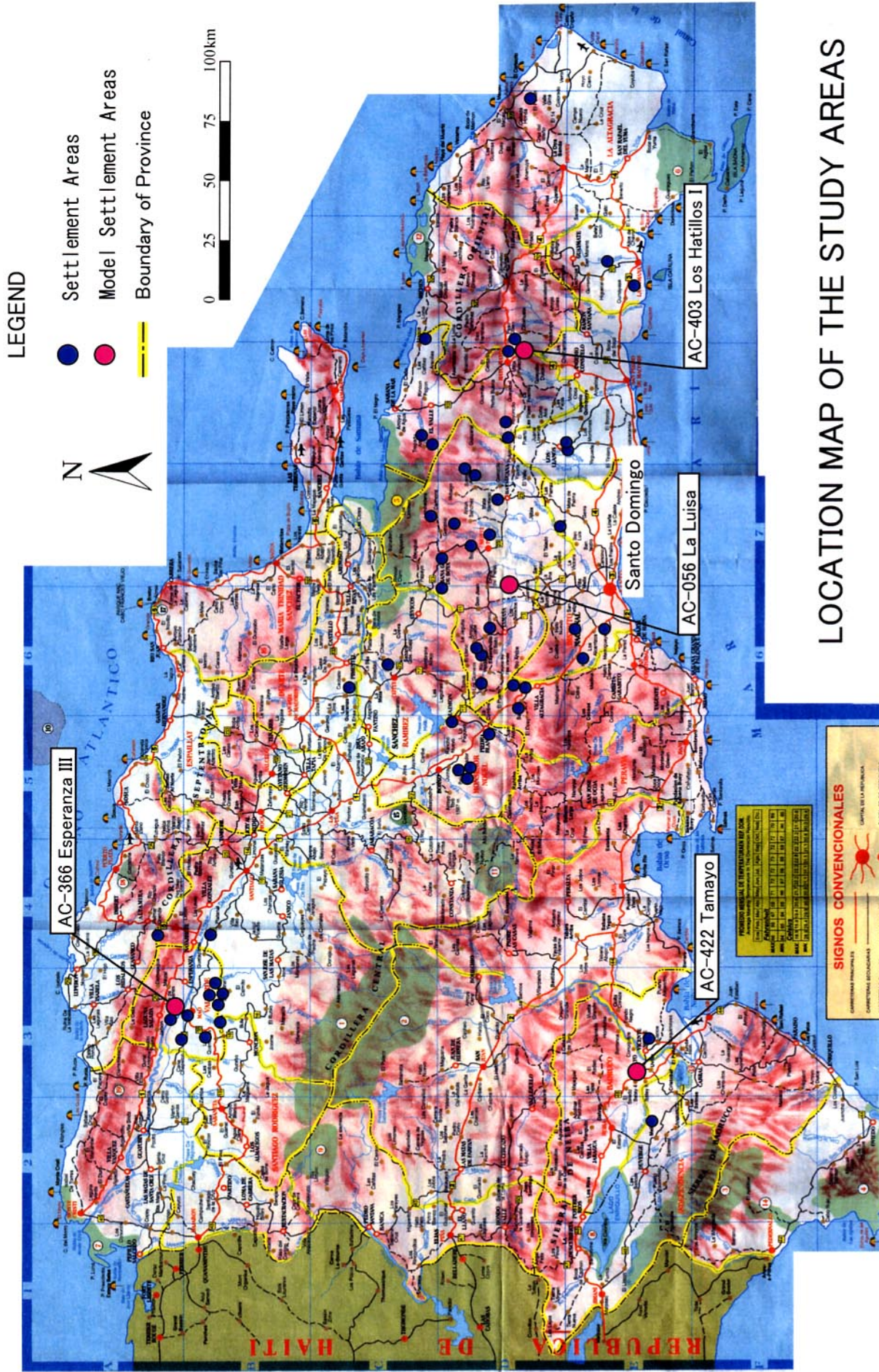
Very truly yours,

August 2003

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized Japanese characters, reading '長谷川靖徳' (Hasegawa Yasunori).

Yasunori HASEGAWA

Leader of the Study Team



LOCATION MAP OF THE STUDY AREAS



Group A : La Luisa Model Area - Clothes which were made during the training course of dress making of the Pilot Project for Micro Industry



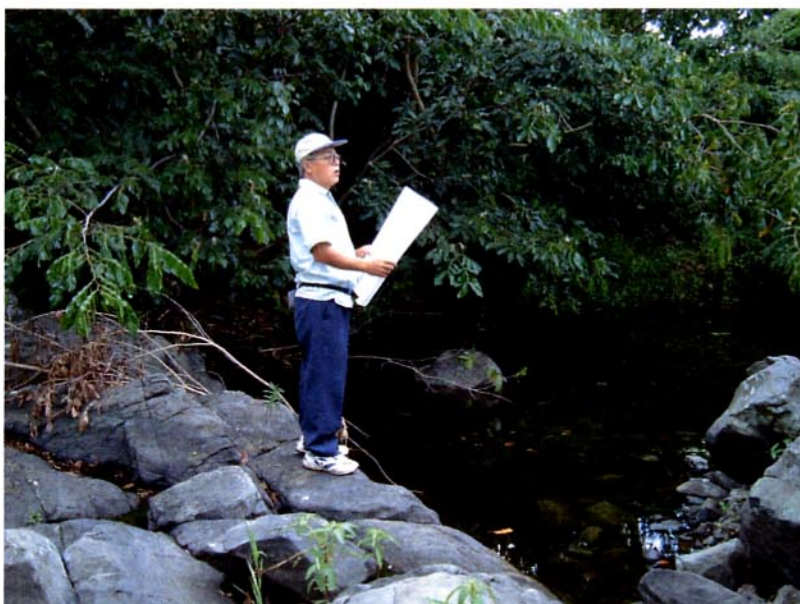
The activity of cooking course in the above project



Construction of a pump house by the beneficiary group in the Pilot Project for Domestic Water Supply , La Luisa Model Area



Group B : Los Hatillos I
Model Area - A
demonstration plot for
pasture of the Pilot
Project for Land Use
Planning Support



Proposed site of mini-
dam for small-scale
irrigation project (Master
Plan) in the Los Hatillos I
Model Area



A test well constructed by
the Pilot Project for
Improvement in Water
Use and Supply (Water
from this well is supplied
to a school by NGO)



Group C : Esperanza III Model Area - Main canal of the irrigation system for the model area (The area is a part of the Yaque Del Norte National Irrigation System and has good land conditions).



Seminar conducted by the Pilot Project for Capacity Strengthening of Marketing Activities in the Esperanza III Model Area



Presentation of marketing improvement plan by the Mama Tingo Farmers' Association (Esperanza III)



Group D : Tamayo Model Area - On-farm irrigation canal improvement by the Pilot Project for Agricultural Infrastructure Improvement (Labor works and local materials were supplied by the beneficiary group and a truck which is procured by Pilot for Cooperative Reinforcement was used.)



Constructed on-farm irrigation canal in the above project (Expansion of cropping area and improvement of water management were observed)



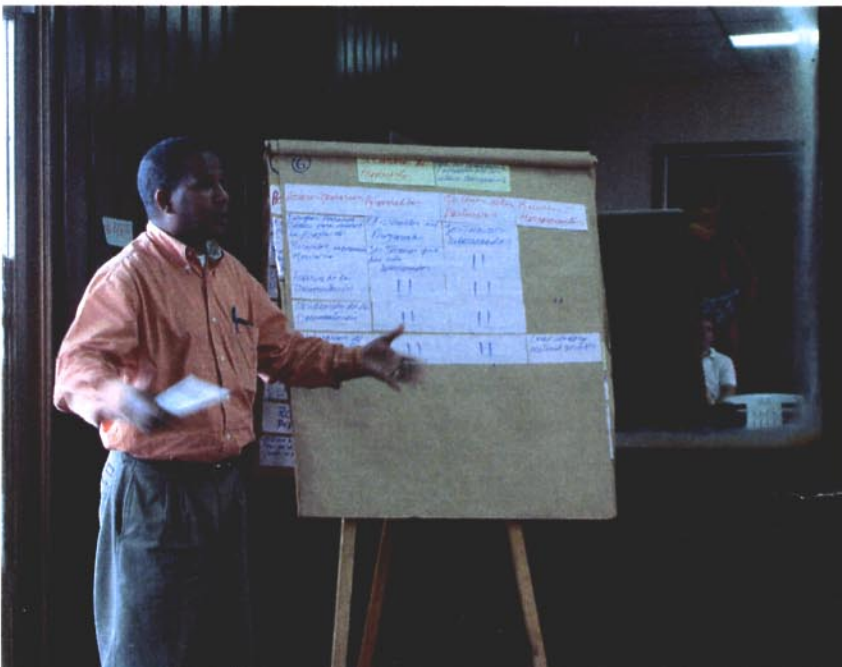
Small animal raising of the Pilot Project for Cooperative Reinforcement in the above area



A participatory workshop
(Discussion on a action
plan for implementation
of the development plan
in La Luisa)



Presentation of personal
idea for community
development in the same
workshop



Presentation of
institutional set-up for the
master implementation
plan by the staff of IAD
central office