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PREFACE

In response to a request from the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Government of Japan decided to conduct a basic design study on the Project for Strengthening Regional Education and Training Institutions for Nurses and Primary Health Care Workers and entrusted the study to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

JICA sent to Lao PDR a study team from 28 August to 8 October, 2003.

The team held discussions with the officials concerned of the Government of Lao PDR, and conducted a field study at the study area. After the team returned to Japan, further studies were made. Then, a mission was sent to Lao PDR in order to discuss a draft basic design, and as this result, the present report was finalized.

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 Lao People's Democratic Republic for their close cooperation extended to the teams.

March, 2004

Kunimitsu YOSHINAGA
Vice-President
Japan International Cooperation Agency

March, 2004

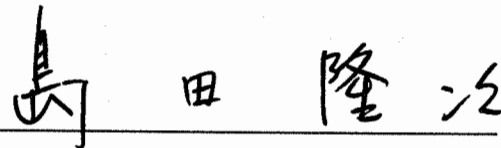
LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

We are pleased to submit to you the basic design study report on the Project for Strengthening Regional Education and Training Institutions for Nurses and Primary Health Care Workers in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

This study was conducted by Pacific Consultants International, under a contract to JICA, during the period from August, 2003 to March, 2004. In conducting the study, we have examined the feasibility and rationale of the project with due consideration to the present situation of Lao PDR and formulated the most appropriate basic design for the project under Japan's grant aid scheme.

Finally, we hope that this report will contribute to further promotion of the project.

Very truly yours,

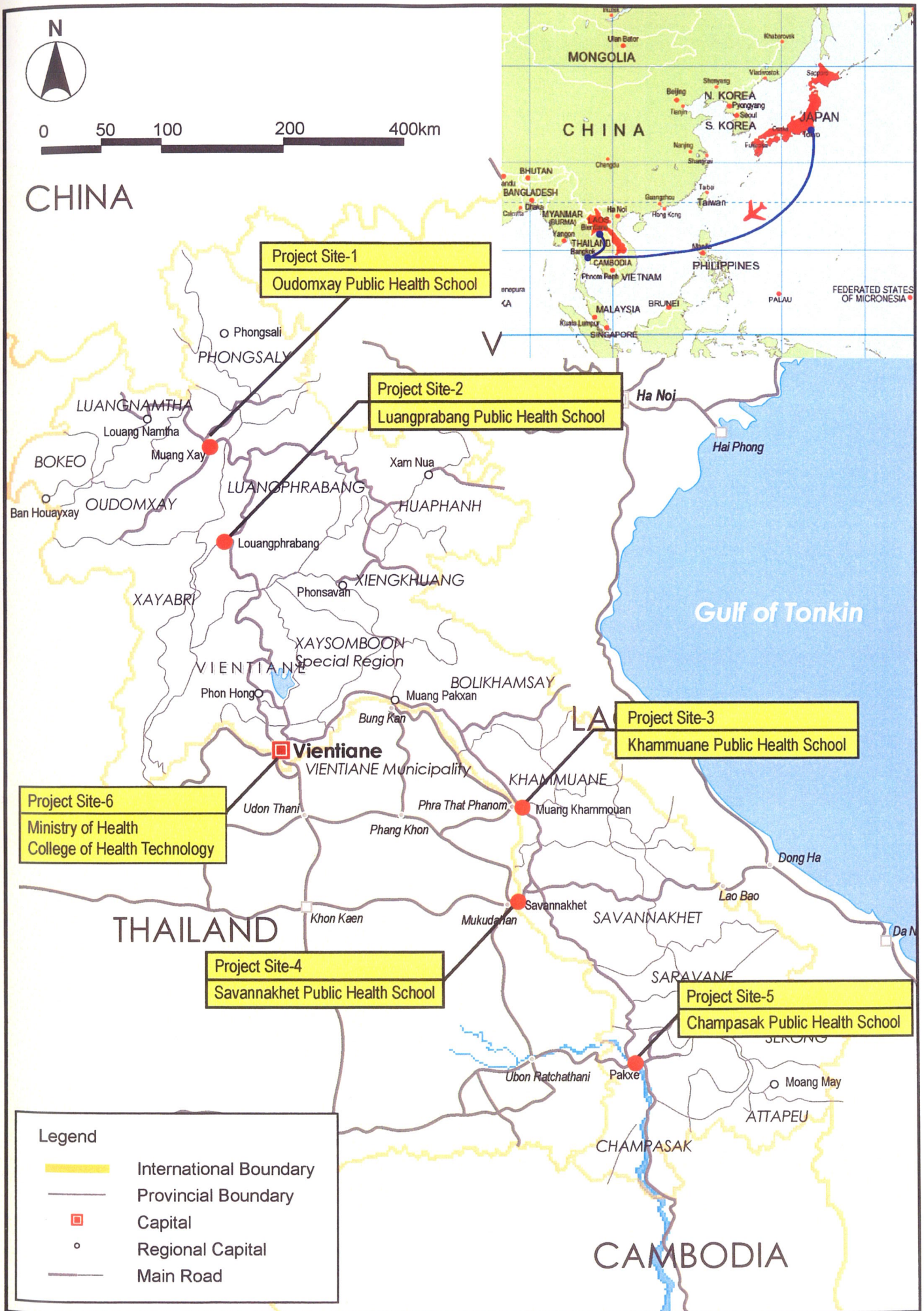
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Takatsugu SHIMADA

Chief Consultant,

Basic design study team on
the Project for Strengthening Regional
Education and Training Institutions for
Nurses and Primary Health Care
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Location Map of the Project Site