付属資料

Minutes of Discussions on the Preliminary Study on the Project for Reconstruction of Mannar Bridge and Causeway in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

In response to the request from the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as "Sri Lanka"), the Government of Japan decided to conduct a Preliminary Study on the Project for Reconstruction of Mannar Bridge and Causeway (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") and entrusted the study to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (hereinafter referred to as "JICA").

JICA sent to Sri Lanka the Preliminary Study Team (hereinafter referred to as "the Team") headed by Mr. Hideki Sakata, Deputy Resident Representative, JICA Sri Lanka Office, and is scheduled to stay in the country from February 23 to March 18, 2006.

The Team held discussions with the concerned officials of Sri Lanka and conducted a field survey in the study area.

In the course of the discussions and the field survey, both sides confirmed the main items described in the attached sheets.

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ATTACHMENT

1. Objective of the Project

The objective of the Project is to improve Mannar Bridge and Causeway on Medawachchiya – Mannar – Thalaimannar Road.

2. Project Sites

The Project site is shown in Annex-1.

3. Responsible and Implementing Agency

- (1) The responsible ministry is the Ministry of Highways (MOH)
- (2) The implementing agency is the Road Development Authority (RDA).

 The organization chart of implementing agency is shown in Annex-2.

4. Items Requested by the Government of Sri Lanka

As a result of the discussions, requested components are confirmed as below.

- Reconstruction of Mannar Bridge (approximately 140m length)
- Rehabilitation of Causeway (approximately 3.5km length)

The appropriateness of the above request will be examined by further study.

5. Japan's Grant Aid Scheme

- (1) The Sri Lankan side understood the Japan's Grant Aid scheme explained by the Team, as described in Annex-3.
- (2) The Sri Lankan side will take the necessary measures, as described in Annex-4, for smooth implementation of the Project as a condition for the Japan's Grant Aid to be implemented.

6. Environmental and Social Considerations

- (1) Both sides confirmed that the preliminary clearance for the Project by the Coast Conservation Department (CCD) has been already obtained conditionally, but it is limited to only Mannar Bridge and doesn't cover Causeway. The Sri Lankan side understood that obtaining the preliminary clearance of the whole components of the Project is a benchmark for the Basic Design Study, and shall conduct the necessary coordination between RDA and CCD in relation with the preliminary clearance which includes Causeway, and report it to the JICA Sri Lanka Office by the end of April, 2006.
- (2) Regarding the conditions stated on the present preliminary clearance, the Sri Lankan side shall conduct the necessary measures and coordinate with the related agencies on a timely manner.
- (3) Taking into consideration of the JICA Environmental and Social Considerations Guideline, the Sri Lankan side shall conduct the stakeholders meeting for effective public participation with the related organizations/individuals of the Project on March 11, 2006, and report its result to the JICA Sri Lanka Office.
- (4) There are some structures at the Mannar Island side, such as abandoned house and petrol station, which might be within the planned access road. Both sides confirmed that the removal/relocation of those structures might be required if the Project is realized. The Sri Lankan side understood that obtaining the basic agreement with the related agencies is a benchmark for the Basic Design Study, and shall conduct the necessary coordination and report it to the JICA Sri Lanka Office by the end of April, 2006.

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7. Other Relevant Issues

- (1) Both sides confirmed that water pipe and telephone cable are attached to the existing Mannar Bridge and Causeway. If relocation of them are required, the Sri Lankan side shall take full responsibility for coordination with the related ministries/agencies for relocation and conduct the necessary work on its own expense.
- (2) The Sri Lankan side shall provide necessary number(s) of counterpart personnel to the Team, and ensure the Team in safety during its stay in Sri Lanka.
- (3) The Sri Lankan side shall submit answers to the Questionnaire, which the Team handed to the Sri Lankan side, by March 17, 2006. In case of the lack of time for response, the rest of the answers shall be forwarded to the JICA Sri Lanka Office.

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