


RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS  
BETWEEN  
JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY  
AND  
AUTHORITIES CONCERNED OF THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA  
ON JAPANESE TECHNICAL COOPERATION FOR  
QUALITY SEED PROMOTION PROJECT FOR SMALLHOLDER FARMERS

The Chief Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (hereinafter referred to as "JICA") in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia had a series of discussions with the Ethiopian authorities concerned on desirable measures to be taken by both Ethiopian and Japanese Governments for the successful implementation of Quality Seed Promotion Project for Smallholder Farmers

As a result of the discussions, both sides agreed to recommend to their respective Governments the matters referred to in the document attached hereto.

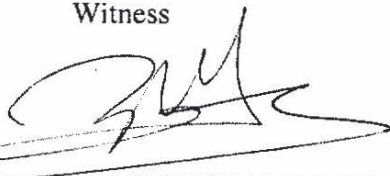
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THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

I. COOPERATION BETWEEN JICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

1. The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (hereinafter referred to as "the Government of Ethiopia") will implement Quality Seed Promotion Project for Smallholder Farmers (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") in cooperation with JICA.
2. The Project will be implemented in accordance with the Master Plan which is given in Annex I.

II. MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY JICA

In accordance with the laws and regulations in force in Japan, JICA will take, at its own expense, the following measures according to the normal procedures under the Technical Cooperation Scheme of Japan.

1. DISPATCH OF JAPANESE EXPERTS

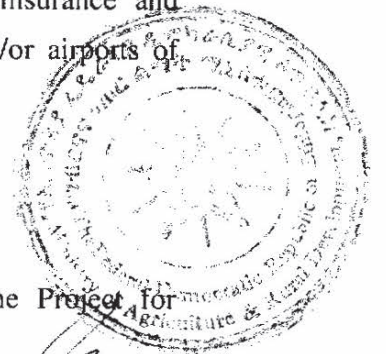
JICA will provide the services of the Japanese experts as listed in Annex II.

2. PROVISION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

JICA will provide such machinery, equipment and other materials (hereinafter referred to as "the Equipment") necessary for the implementation of the Project as listed in Annex II. The Equipment will become the property of the Government of Ethiopia upon being delivered C.I.F. (cost, insurance and freight) to the Ethiopian authorities concerned at the ports and/or airports of disembarkation.

3. TRAINING OF ETHIOPIAN PERSONNEL IN JAPAN

JICA will receive the Ethiopian personnel connected with the Project for

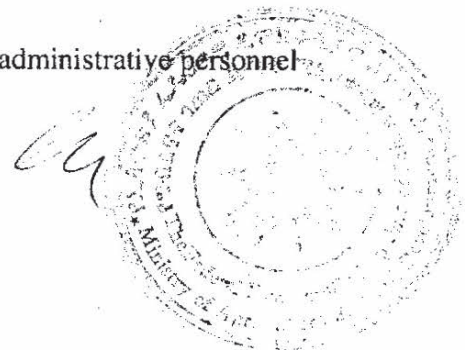


technical training in Japan.

### III. MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA

1. The Government of Ethiopia will take necessary measures to ensure that the self-reliant operation of the Project will be sustained during and after the period of Japanese technical cooperation, through full and active involvement in the Project by all related authorities, beneficiary groups and institutions.
2. The Government of Ethiopia will ensure that the technologies and knowledge acquired by the Ethiopian nationals as a result of Japanese technical cooperation will contribute to the economic and social development of Ethiopia.
3. The Government of Ethiopia will grant in Ethiopia privileges, exemptions and benefits as listed in Annex III and will grant privileges, exemptions and benefits no less favorable than those granted to experts of third countries or international organizations performing similar missions to the Japanese experts referred to in II-1 above and their families.
4. The Government of Ethiopia will ensure that the Equipment referred to in II-2 above will be utilized effectively for the implementation of the Project in consultation with the Japanese experts referred to in Annex II.
5. The Government of Ethiopia will take necessary measures to ensure that the knowledge and experience acquired by the Ethiopian personnel from technical training in Japan will be utilized effectively in the implementation of the Project.
6. In accordance with the laws and regulations in force in Ethiopia, the Government of Ethiopia will take necessary measures to provide at its own expense:
  - (1) Services of the Ethiopian counterpart personnel and administrative personnel as listed in Annex IV;

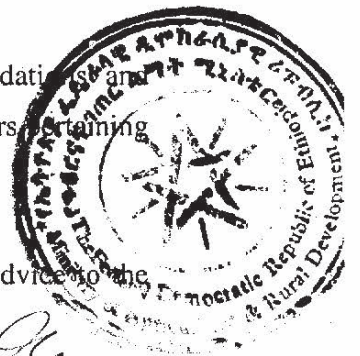
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- (2) Land, buildings and facilities as listed in Annex V;
  - (3) Supply or replacement of machinery, equipment, instruments, vehicles, tools, spare parts and any other materials necessary for the implementation of the Project other than the Equipment provided by JICA under II-2 above ;
7. In accordance with the laws and regulations in force in Ethiopia, the Government of Ethiopia through implementing institution will take necessary measures to meet:
- (1) Expenses necessary for transportation within Ethiopia of the Equipment referred to in II-2 above as well as for the installation, operation and maintenance thereof;
  - (2) Customs duties, internal taxes and any other charges, imposed in Ethiopia on the Equipment referred to in II-2 above; and
  - (3) Running expenses necessary for the implementation of the Project.

#### IV. ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROJECT

1. Director of Agriculture Extension Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, as the Project Director, will bear overall responsibility for the administration and implementation of the Project.
2. Senior Agronomist of Agriculture Extension Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, as the Project Manager, will be responsible for the managerial and technical matters of the Project.
3. The Japanese Chief Advisor will provide necessary recommendations and advice to the Project Director and the Project Manager on any matters pertaining to the implementation of the Project.
4. The Japanese experts will give necessary technical guidance and advice to the



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Ethiopian counterpart personnel on technical matters pertaining to the implementation of the Project.

5. For the effective and successful implementation of technical cooperation for the Project, a Joint Coordinating Committee will be established whose functions and composition are described in Annex VI and respectively.

#### V. JOINT EVALUATION

Evaluation of the Project will be conducted jointly by JICA and the Ethiopian authorities concerned, at the middle and during the last six months of the cooperation term in order to examine the level of achievement.

#### VI. CLAIMS AGAINST JAPANESE EXPERTS

The Government of Ethiopia undertakes to bear claims, if any arises, against the Japanese experts engaged in technical cooperation for the Project resulting from, occurring in the course of, or otherwise connected with the discharge of their official functions in Ethiopia except for those arising from the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Japanese experts.

#### VII. MUTUAL CONSULTATION

There will be mutual consultation between JICA and the Government of Ethiopia on any major issues arising from, or in connection with this Attached Document.

#### VIII. MEASURES TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF AND SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT

For the purpose of promoting support for the Project among the people of Ethiopia, the Government of Ethiopia will take appropriate measures to make the



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Project widely known to the people of Ethiopia.

#### IX. TERM OF COOPERATION

The duration of the technical cooperation for the Project under this Attached Document will be approximate four (4) years from the date of dispatch of the expert(s) from Japan.

- ANNEX I      MASTER PLAN
- ANNEX II     LIST OF JAPANESE EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT
- ANNEX III    PRIVILEGES, EXEMPTIONS AND BENEFITS FOR JAPANESE  
EXPERTS AND THEIR FAMILIES
- ANNEX IV    LIST OF ETHIOPIAN COUNTERPART AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
PERSONNEL
- ANNEX V     LIST OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES
- ANNEX VI    JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE



## ANNEX I MASTER PLAN

### 1. Overall Goals

Production of mainly self pollinating crops, tef, wheat and barley is increased through utilization of quality seed in the target woredas.

### 2. Project Purpose

Use of quality seeds is increased in the target woredas.

### 3. Outputs of the Project

1. Quality seed production technology is improved.
2. Seed quality control is strengthened.
3. Quality seed is delivered to users timely.
4. Economical Quality Seed System is established.

### 4. Activities of the Project

1-1 Produce technology package of seed production at farmers' level.

1-2 Conduct training of trainers (TOT) for seed production.

1-3 Train farmers on seed production and seed utilization.

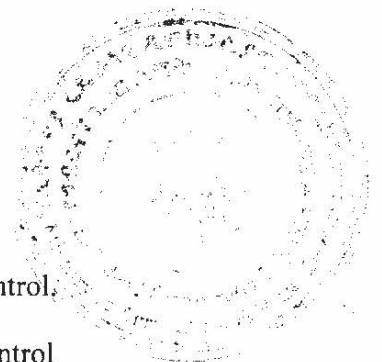
1-4 Assist FCU and cooperatives in seed production.

2-1 Establish simple seed quality laboratory at Woredas

2-2 Produce technology manual for seed quality control.

2-3 Conduct training of trainers (TOT) for seed inspection and quality control.

2-4 Train DAs, supervisors and farmers on seed inspection and quality control



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2-5 Assist FCU and cooperatives in internal seed inspection

3-1 Analyze on seed distribution channels and methods

3-2 Propose improved seed distribution system.

3-3 Analyze the condition on contract between farmers and cooperatives

3-4 Promote use of quality seed among cooperatives (including conduction of field day)

3-5 Support the development of seed production plan by cooperatives

4-1 Calculate the economic effect of quality seed utilization

4-2 Calculate the cost of seed producers and administration on seed production

4-3 Calculate the cost of seed producers and administration on seed quality control

4-4 Calculate the appropriate price of quality seed

4-5 Propose the demand and supply plan on quality seed

4-6 Select and propose the best performing seed production system to federal and regional administration

\* "Quality seed" means the seed multiplied from C1 seed.



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## ANNEX II LIST OF JAPANESE EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT

### < Experts >

- (1) Chief Advisor
- (2) Seed Production System
- (3) Economic analysis
- (4) Seed Production Technology

\* Other expert will be dispatched as necessary

\* Possibility for one person covers several fields

\* National Coordinator and secretary will be hired by the project

### < Equipment >

- (1) Office equipment
- (2) Equipment to support seed production activities.

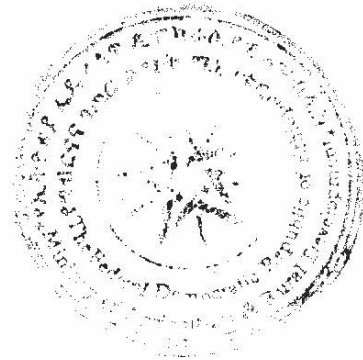
Note: The item and number of equipment shall be determined through mutual consultation between Ethiopian and Japanese sides after commencement of the Project.



ANNEX III PRIVILEGES, EXEMPTION AND BENEFITS FOR EXPERTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

1. Exemption from income tax and other charges of any kind imposed on or in connection with the living allowances remitted from abroad.
2. Exemption from import tax, export duties and any other charges in respect of personal and household effects of the Japanese experts and their families, including one motor vehicle per long-term expert.
3. To issue, upon application, entry and exit visas for the Japanese experts and their families free of charge.
4. To issue an identity card to the Japanese experts and their families to secure the cooperation of all governmental organizations necessary for the performance of the duties of the experts.
5. Exemption from customs duties for import and export of professional equipment by the Japanese experts in connection with the activities of the Project.

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ANNEX IV LIST OF ETHIOPIAN COUNTERPART AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

1. The Project Director

Director of Agriculture Extension Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

2. Project Manager:

Senior Agronomist of Agriculture Extension Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development,

3. Counterpart Personnel:

(1) Focal persons assigned by each Bureau of Agriculture and Rural Development

(2) Seed Multiplication experts assigned by each selected Woreda

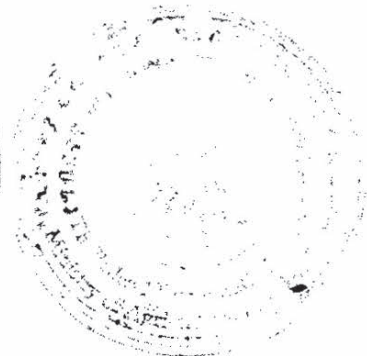
(3) Other personnel mutually agreed on necessity

Note: Above counterpart personnel will be informed from Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

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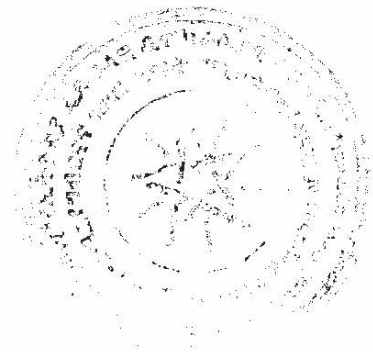
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ANNEX V LIST OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

1. Land, buildings and facilities necessary for implementation of the Project.
2. Rooms and space necessary for installation and storage of equipment.
3. Office space and necessary facilities for the Japanese experts and related staff members.

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## ANNEX VI JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (JCC)

The Joint Coordinating Committee will meet twice a year and whenever the necessity arises.

### 1 Function of JCC

- (1) To approve the Annual Plan of Operation of the Project,
- (2) To monitor and review the progress, and
- (3) To review and exchange views on major issues arising from or in connection with the Project.

### 2 Chairperson of JCC

Project Director

### 3 Secretary of JCC

Project Manager

### 4 Members of JCC

#### (1) Ethiopian side

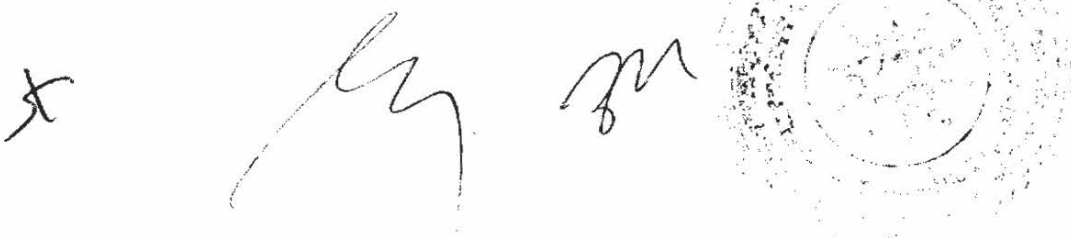
- a) Head of Animal and Plant, Health Quality Inspection and Regulatory Directorate, MOARD
- b) Head of Agricultural Marketing Directorate, MOARD
- c) Head of Bureau of Agriculture and Rural Development of the target regions
- d) Representative of Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research
- e) Representative of Ethiopian Seed Enterprise and Oromiya Seed Enterprise
- f) Representative of Cooperative Agency

#### (2) Japanese side

- a) Chief Advisor
- b) Other experts
- c) Chief Representative of JICA Ethiopia Office
- d) Other personnel concerned to be assigned by JICA if necessary

Note:

- (1) Official(s) of the Embassy of Japan may attend the JCC meeting as observer(s).
- (2) Persons who are invited by the Chairperson may attend the JCC meeting.

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