

MINUTES OF MEETING ON THE INCEPTION REPORT
FOR
THE PROJECT FOR STUDY ON SMALL FARMING
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR POVERTY REDUCTION
IN SOUTH KHORASSAN
IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

BIRJAND, JULY 28, 2010

Mr. Gholamreza Hadarbadi
Director General
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Mr. Makoto Yokozawa
Team Leader, JICA Study Team

The Study Team for the project for study on small farming and rural development plan for poverty reduction in South Khorassan in the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter referred to as the Study Team) organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), headed by Mr. Makoto YOKOZAWA as the Team Leader, and the Steering Committee of provincial level headed by Mr. Gholamereza HADARBADI, Head of the Jihad-e-Agriculture Organization of South Khorassan Province (JAO) held a meeting and discussed on the Inception Report explained by the Study Team.

The list of attendants is attached in the Annex.

1. Submission of the Inception Report

JAO received 15 copies in Persian and 5 copies in English submitted by the Study Team on June 29, 2010.

2. Meeting

The meeting was held between the Study Team and the Steering Committee of provincial level at the conference room of the JAO in Birjand on July 28, 2010 to discuss on the Inception Report.

3. Presentation

The Study Team explained the Inception Report to the Steering Committee that contains the basic approach, methodology and schedule of the Study.

4. Summary of Discussion

The Iranian side confirmed that the contents of the Inception Report were prepared based on the conditions set forth in the Scope of Work for the Study. Based on the discussion, the Iranian side and the Study Team confirmed their agreement on the contents of the Inception Report. The Iranian side agreed that the Study Team would proceed to the next stage of the Study. Meanwhile, the following matters were discussed between both the parties.

- (a) "Poverty reduction" is understood as "livelihood improvement".
- (b) The Study Team respects Iranian culture and refers to projects succeeded in South Khorassan Province for implementation of the Study.
- (c) The Master-Plan will contribute to the return of the young generations to the villages from the long-term point of view.

LIST OF ATTENDANTS

Iranian Side

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| Mr. Nikbakht | Vice-Minister in Economical Planning |
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| Mr. Dargahi | Representative of Deputy of Soil, Water and Industries in the Ministry |

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| Mr. Gholamreza Hadarbadi | Director General |
| Mr. Mohammadali Sajjadi | Representative of Supreme Leadership, Clergy |
| Mr. Mohammad Eslam Abbasi | Counterpart and Coordinator of the Study Team |
| Mr. Mohammad Amirabadi | Counterpart of the Study Team |
| Mr. Mohsen Arezumandan | Counterpart of the Study Team |
| Mr. Alireza Tahouneban | Counterpart of the Study Team |
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| Mr. Mohammadreza Akbari | Deputy of Plant Production |
| Mr. Hamidreza Ramezani | Director of JAO Training Center |
| Mr. Mohammadali Golkari | Director of Fishery and Aquatics |
| Mr. Aliakbar Khoushchin | Expert |
| Mr. Mohammad Ghasemi | Director of Agricultural Industries |
| Mr. Mohsen Arjangi | Coordination Director of Agriculture Extension |
| Mr. Alireza Nasrabadi | Vice-Director of Natural Source and Watershed Management |
| Mr. Kazem Mohammadpur | Supervisor of Research Center for Agricultural and Natural Source |
| Mr. Ramazan Taheri | Director of Rural Cooperative Organization |

Others

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| Mr. Amini | Deputy of Planning in the Governor-Generalship |
| Mr. Mehdi Ronaghi | Deputy of Technical Affairs and Development, Representative of Birjand Governorship |
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| Mr. Michiaki Hosono | Farm Management |
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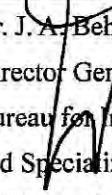
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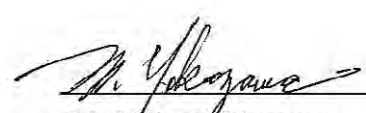
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THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

TEHRAN, AUGUST 3, 2010


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Mr. Makoto Yokozawa
Team Leader
JICA Study Team





The Study Team for the study on small farming and rural development plan for poverty reduction in South Khorassan in the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter referred to as the Study Team) organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), headed by Mr. Makoto YOKOZAWA as Team Leader, and the Steering Committee at national level headed by Dr. J. A. Behzadnasab, Director General, Bureau for Specialized Organization and Economic & International Affairs, Ministry of Jihad-e-Agriculture (MOJA) held a meeting and discussed the Inception Report submitted by the Study Team.

The list of attendants is attached in Annex.

1. Submission of the Inception Report

MOJA acknowledged that prior to the meeting, the Jihad-e-Agriculture Organization of South Khorassan Province (JAO) had received 15 copies of the report in Persian and 5 copies in English submitted by the Study Team on June 29, 2010.

2. Meeting

The meeting, chaired by Dr. J. A. Behzadnasab, Director General, Bureau for Specialized Organization and Economic & International Affairs, was held to discuss the Inception Report between the Study Team and the Steering Committee at national level at the Director General's office in Tehran on August 3, 2010.

3. Presentation

The Study Team explained the Inception Report to the Steering Committee that contains the basic approach, methodologies and the schedule of the Study.

4. Summary of Discussion

Recognizing the results of the Steering Committee at provincial level, the Iranian side confirmed that the contents of the Inception Report were prepared based on the conditions set forth in the Scope of Work for the Study signed between JAO and JICA on March 14, 2010. Based on discussions the Iranian side and the Study Team confirmed the agreement on the contents of the Inception Report. The Iranian side also agreed and suggested that the Study Team proceed to the subsequent stages of the Study for further information and data gathering for the Study. The Iranian side assured the Study Team of offering strong support in this regard.



List of attendees at the Steering Committee at national level

Date: August 3, 2010

Place: Director General's office,

Bureau for Specialized Organization and Economic & International Affairs

Chairperson

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Director General

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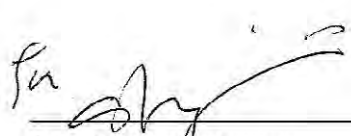
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MINUTES OF MEETING ON THE PROGRESS OF WORK
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IN SOUTH KHORASSAN
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BIRJAND, NOVEMBER 22, 2010

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Mr. Makoto Yokozawa
Team Leader, JICA Study Team

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The list of attendants is attached in the Annex.

1. Submission of the Progress Report (1) and Notes on the Draft Master Plan and Pilot Projects

JAO received the Progress Report (1) (15 copies in Persian and 5 copies in English) and Notes on the Draft Master Plan and Pilot Projects that contained the explanation about ongoing formulation of the Draft Master Plan and Pilot Projects.

2. Meeting

The meeting was held between the Study Team and the Steering Committee of provincial level at the conference room of the JAO in Birjand on November 22, 2010 to discuss on the Progress Report (1) and the Notes on the Draft Master Plan and Pilot Projects.

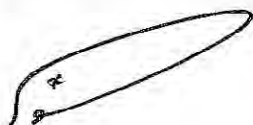
3. Presentation

The Study Team explained the Progress Report (1) and the Notes on Draft Master Plan and Pilot Projects to the Steering Committee.

4. Summary of Discussion

The Iranian side confirmed that the contents of the Progress Report (1) were prepared and the Draft Master Plan and Pilot Projects were in preparation, based on the conditions set forth in the Scope of Work for the Study. Based on the discussion, the Iranian side and the Study Team confirmed their agreement on the contents of the Progress Report (1) and the Notes on the Draft Master Plan and Pilot Projects. Meanwhile, the following matters were discussed between both the parties.

- (a) The Steering Committee and the Study Team agreed that securing the availability of water for agriculture would be a key to improve the livelihood of villagers in the Study Area.
- (b) The Steering Committee and the Study Team agreed that traditional techniques of agriculture that were currently practiced in the Study Area would need to be replaced by newer techniques that are manageable by farmers in the Study Area.
- (c) The Study Team requested and the JAO agreed that both the parties would closely work together to finalize the Draft Master Plan and select appropriate Pilot Projects.



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| Mr. Gholamreza Hadarbadi | Director General |
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| Mr. Mohammad Hossein Akbari | Director of Extension coordination |
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| Mr. Mohammad Mehdi Zolghadr | Director of JAO Township |
| Mr. Mohsen Arezumandan | Counterpart of the Study Team |
| Mr. Alireza Tahouneban | Counterpart of the Study Team |
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| Mr. Seyed Hamid Reza Ramezani | Director of JAO Training Center |
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Others

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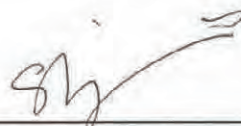


MINUTES OF MEETING ON THE INTERIM REPORT
FOR
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RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR POVERTY REDUCTION
IN SOUTH KHORASSAN
IN
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

TEHRAN, JULY 19, 2011



Mr. Ahmad HASHEMI
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Ministry of Jihad-e-Agriculture



Mr. Shigeru Takagi
Acting Leader, JICA Study Team

The Study Team for the study on small farming and rural development plan for poverty reduction in South Khorassan in the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter referred to as the Study Team) organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), headed by Mr. Shigeru TAKAGI, Acting Leader, and the Steering Committee at national level headed by Mr. Ahmad HASHEMI, Acting Director General, Bureau for International Affairs and Specialized Organizations, Ministry of Jihad-e-Agriculture (MOJA) held a meeting and discussed the Interim Report submitted by the Study Team.

The list of attendants is attached in Annex.

1. Submission of the Interim Report

MOJA acknowledged that prior to the meeting the Jihad-e-Agriculture Organization of South Khorassan Province (JAO) had received 15 copies of the report in Persian and 5 copies in English submitted by the Study Team on June 23, 2011.

2. Meeting

The meeting, chaired by Mr. Ahmad HASHEMI, Acting Director General, Bureau for International Affairs and Specialized Organizations, was held to discuss the Interim Report between the Study Team and the Steering Committee at national level at the Namatie Jam Martyrs Meeting hall in Tehran on July 19, 2011.

3. Presentation

The Director General of Jihad-e-Agriculture Organization in South Khorassan Province presented the performed activities for the Study.

The Study Team explained the Interim Report including the Draft Master Plan, the proposed Pilot Projects and the progress of the study to the Steering Committee.

4. Summary of Discussion

The Iranian side confirmed that the contents of the Interim Report including the Draft Master Plan were prepared and the implementation of the Pilot Projects were discussed and agreed with Village heads, JAO and The Study Team in the Village heads meeting held on July 12, 2011 in Birjand. Based on the discussion, the Iranian side and the Study Team confirmed their agreement on the contents of the Interim Report, the Draft Master Plan and Pilot Projects. The comments will be considered for the future implementation of the Study. Meanwhile, the following matters were discussed between both parties.

- (a) The Steering Committee and the Study Team agreed that the implementation of the Pilot Projects by residents' self-independent manner is important for the finalization of the Master plan.



- (b) The Study Team requested, and MOJA and JAO agreed that all parties would closely work together to finalize the Draft Master Plan and implement the Pilot Projects.

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| Mr. Ahmad Hashemi | Acting Director General Bureau for International Affairs and Specialized Organizations |
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| Mr. Ezzatollah Abbasi | Director of Soil, Water and Industries Group Bureau of Function Evaluation |
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Mr. Hiroshi Narusawa

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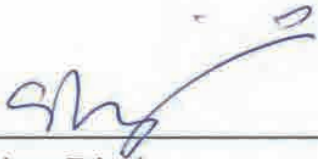
Mehran Mahboobi Matboo

Interpreter

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BIRJAND, DECEMBER 14, 2011

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Mr. Shigeru Takagi
Acting Leader, JICA Study Team

The Study Team for the study on small farming and rural development plan for poverty reduction in South Khorassan in the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter referred to as the Study Team) organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), headed by Mr. Shigeru TAKAGI, Acting Leader, and the Steering Committee at provincial level headed by Mr. Gholamereza HADARBADI, Director General, Jihad-e-Agriculture Organization of South Khorassan Province (JAO) held a meeting and discussed the progress of the Study.

The list of attendants is attached in Annex.

1. Meeting

The meeting, chaired by Mr. Gholamereza HADARBADI, Director General, Jihad-e-Agriculture Organization of South Khorassan Province, was held to discuss the progress of the Study between the Study Team and the Steering Committee at provincial level at the conference room of the JAO in Birjand on December 14, 2011.

3. Presentation

The Study Team explained the progress of the Study including the proposed Draft Master Plan and the performed activities of the Pilot Projects, and the future implementation of the Study to the Steering Committee.

1. Summary of Discussion

Based on the discussion, the Iranian side and the Study Team confirmed their agreement on the outline of the Draft Master Plan and the Pilot Projects of this year. The comments will be considered for the future implementation of the Study. Meanwhile, the following matters were discussed between both parties.

- (a) Both parties confirmed the outline of the Draft Master Plan and progress of the Pilot Projects of this year.
- (b) The Pilot Projects will be reviewed and discussed in the beginning of the next year by both parties.
- (c) The women's activities including organization and collection of member fee for their internal fund shall be effective and proposed in future projects.
- (d) Development of qanats will not be included in the Study, since Iranian side has more experiences and knowledge for the development.
- (e) The monitoring will be done before, during and after the pilot projects implementation, and then the results will be discussed.





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Jihad-e-Agriculture Organization in South Khorassan Province

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| Mr. Gholamreza Hadarbadi | Director General |
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| Mr. Mohsen Arezoumandan | Plant Production |

Others

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| Mr. Mohammad Ali Sajjadi | General Director of Economic Affairs, General Governorship |
| Mr. Seyed Mahdi Ronaghi | Deputy of Technical Affairs and Development, Birjand Governorship |
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| Mr. Mohammad Ali Nematnejad | Deputy of Conservation, Regional Water Company |
| Mr. Hamid Reza Dastjerdi | Director, Engineering System |
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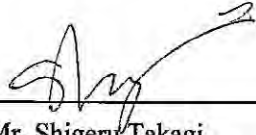
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BIRJAND, APRIL 30, 2012

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The Study Team for the Project for Study on Small Farming and Rural Development Plan for Poverty Reduction in South Khorassan in the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter referred to as the Study Team), organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and headed by Mr. Shigeru TAKAGI, and the Steering Committee at provincial level, headed by Dr. Gholamreza HADERBADI, Director of the Jihad-e-Agricultural Organization of South Khorassan Province (JAO), held a meeting and discussed the progress of the Study.

The list of attendants is attached in the Annex.

1. Submission of the Progress Report 2

JAO received 15 copies in Persian and 5 copies in English, submitted by the Study Team on April 11, 2012, in a Technical Meeting held between the Study Team and JAO's counterparts, discussing the Progress Report 2 along with this year project activities, prior to the Steering Committee.

2. Meeting

The Steering Committee meeting, chaired by Mr. Gholamreza HADERBADI, was held to discuss the progress of the Study between the Study Team and the Steering Committee Members at provincial level in Birjand JAO conference room on April 30, 2012.

3. Speeches

Speeches were made by His Excellency Mr. Kinichi KOMANO, Japanese Ambassador in Iran, Mr. Mohammad Kazem ALAVI, Director General of Rural Affairs of the Governorship of South Khorassan, and Mr. Yasuto TAKEUCHI, Chief Representative of JICA in Iran, to appreciate the cooperation between the two countries and to point out the importance of the Study for assisting the rural population of the Province to improve their economic situations and overall livelihoods.

3. Presentation

Dr. Gholamreza HADERBADI and Mr. Shigeru TAKAGI explained the progress of the Study, focusing on the activities of the pilot projects, which was mainly based on the contents of the Progress Report 2.

4. Summary of Discussion

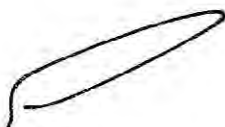
Based on the discussion, the Steering Committee and the Study Team confirmed the Study progress and further activities. The Steering Committee agreed that the Study Team would proceed to the next stage of the Study through the discussion with the counterpart personnel. Meanwhile, the following matters were discussed between the two parties.

- (a) The Iranian Committee members suggested the Study Team to include activities such as hand crafts, cultivation for ingenious pasture/herds, trial for vermi compost and microfinance in the on-going pilot projects.

- (b) The Iranian Committee members emphasized that feasibility and marketing are important factors for project's sustainability and also asked to introduce a Japanese rural development success model.
- (c) The Study Team answered that the pilot projects considered for this year will mainly concentrate and focus on activities bearing visible effects because that the study period is drawing to a close.
- (d) The Study Team agreed that sustainability is unquestionably very important for the projects, especially on the viewpoints of management by beneficiaries, and the introduction/discussion of a Japanese success model will be presented by the Study Team during this stage.

Both parties achieved a consensus on two important points concerning the Study and the pilot projects as follows.

- (a) Sustainability is a key factor to determine the success of the Study, and therefore, both the Study Team and the Iranian side will devote special efforts in building sustainability in the Master Plan proposed activities.
- (b) Involvement of the participants into income generating activities needs to be attempted in the pilot projects. For this purpose, the Study Team and the Iranian side will consider ways and means to make best use of the existing resources in the Study area and the Japanese experiences in rural development.



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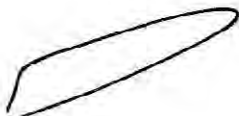
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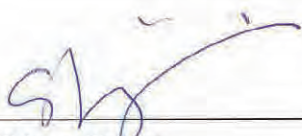
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MINUTES OF MEETING ON THE DRAFT FINAL REPORT
FOR
THE PROJECT FOR STUDY ON SMALL FARMING
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR POVERTY REDUCTION
IN SOUTH KHORASSAN
IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

BIRJAND, JANUARY 14, 2013

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Mr. Shigeru Takagi
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The Study Team for the Project for Study on Small Farming and Rural Development Plan for Poverty Reduction in South Khorassan in the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter referred to as the Study Team), organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and headed by Mr. Shigeru TAKAGI, and the Steering Committees at the national and provincial levels, chaired by Dr. Gholamreza HADARBADI, Director of the Jihad-e-Agricultural Organization of South Khorassan Province (JAO), held a meeting under the presence of officials of South Khorassan Governorship and JICA Iran Office, and discussed the Draft Final Report of the Study as explained below.

The list of attendants is attached in the Annex.

1. Submission of the Draft Final Report

Prior to the meeting, the Study Team submitted the Draft Final Report, which describes and analyzes the activities of the study components and proposes a Master Plan. JAO received 20 copies in Persian and 10 copies in English.

2. Meeting

The Steering Committee meeting, chaired by Dr. Gholamreza HADARBADI, was held to discuss the Draft Final Report at the Conference room of JAO on January 14, 2013.

3. Speeches

Speeches were made by Dr. Gholamreza HADARBADI and Mr. Yasuto TAKEUCHI, Chief Representative of JICA in Iran, to appreciate the cooperation between the two countries in conducting the Study and to point out the importance of using the Master Plan formulated by the Study for a sustainable development of the Study area.

3. Presentation

Mr. Shigeru TAKAGI summarized and explained the Draft Final Report to the Steering Committees.

4. Discussion

Based on the discussion, the Steering Committees and the Study Team basically confirmed their understanding and agreement on the contents of the Draft Final Report, after doing corrections based on the Steering Committees' view. Meanwhile, the following matters were discussed between the two parties.

- (a) The Steering Committees and the Study Team agreed that for improving the livelihoods of residents in the Study area, who face various constraints, such as the small size of land area, and reducing the outflow of population to urban areas, it is highly effective to implement small-scale projects, as suggested in the Master Plan, which: (1) assist them to improve the production of existing agricultural products, like barberry and jujube; (2) add value to these products through diversification of marketing channels, including processing; and (3) empower people, especially women, to get involved in income

generating activities.

- (b) The Steering Committees emphasized the necessity of “the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP)” by Government of Japan, to construct a direct sales shop, which the Master Plan proposes be managed by the Rural Women’s Cooperative that is currently under establishment in the Study area. The Steering Committees and the Study Team recognize that this activity is among critical initial steps to bring the Master Plan successful and therefore needs to be carefully followed. Mr. Yasuto TAKEUCHI informed the Steering Committees that the GGP application was currently under study in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan.
- (c) The Steering Committees reminded that the monitoring and evaluation that will follow the Study should address the effects of the pilot projects conducted by the Study on the socio-economic issues of the local people, especially impacts on their income, systematically analyzing the inputs, processes, activities, and outputs.
- (d) The Steering Committees also reminded that based on the results of the above-described monitoring and evaluation, the Ministry of Jihad-e-Agriculture will decide on how to implement the projects proposed by the Master Plan in the Study area.
- (e) The Steering Committees made some remarks on the Draft Final Report, to which the Study Team answered. The Steering Committees agreed to submit their official comments on the Draft Final Report by January 17, 2013, which will be taken into consideration in the Final Report.

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