

## PROJECT INFORMATION

The following provides suppliers, contractors, consultants and others with general information about the Project. Detailed information may be obtained from the Executing Agency indicated below. The particulars given with respect to "consultants" and "procurement" are based on present Project planning and may change in the course of Project implementation.

<b>Borrower</b>	Mongolia
<b>Project Description</b>	The Second Education Development Project (SEDP) will improve access to, and quality and sustainability of, preschool, primary, and secondary education in poorer rural and urban communities by (i) rehabilitating and constructing schools to increase capacity, and improving learning and residential environments including developing sustainable energy systems; (ii) modernizing science education, providing learning materials, training teachers, and integrating information and communications technologies and vocational education into secondary education; and (iii) improving education management at provincial, district, and school levels. The Project will also provide implementation support to the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (MOECS).
<b>Cost Estimates</b>	The total project cost is \$68.5 million equivalent, of which \$43.2 million equivalent is the foreign exchange cost and \$25.3 million equivalent the local currency cost.
<b>Financing Plan</b>	ADB will provide a loan of SDR 10.806 million (\$14 million equivalent). The Government of Japan will provide grant financing of \$45 million equivalent, and the Nordic Development Fund (NDF) will provide a concessional loan of \$4.8 million equivalent. The balance of \$4.7 million equivalent will be provided by the Government. The ADB loan will include financing of the interest charge.
<b>Loan Amount and Terms</b>	The proposed ADB loan is for SDR 10.806 million (\$14 million equivalent) from its Special Funds resources. The loan will have a maturity of 32 years, including a grace period of 8 years. Interest will be charged at 1% per annum during the grace period and 1.5% thereafter. The Borrower will be Mongolia.
<b>Period of Utilization</b>	30 June 2008.
<b>Executing Agency</b>	MOECS
<b>Procurement</b>	All procurement to be financed from the ADB loan proceeds will be carried out in accordance with ADB's <i>Guidelines for Procurement</i> . Procurement under the Japanese and NDF parallel cofinanced activities will be carried out in accordance with their respective procedures.
<b>Estimated Project Completion Date</b>	31 December 2007.

**Consulting  
Services**

ADB will finance 21 person-months of international consulting services and 459 person-months of domestic consulting services. International and domestic consultants will be selected and engaged in accordance with ADB's *Guidelines on the Use of Consultants* and other arrangements for the selection and engagement of domestic consultants satisfactory to ADB. Advance action will be taken to select ADB-financed consultants to facilitate the start-up arrangements for the SEDP. NDF will finance 19 person months of international consulting services and 284 person-months of domestic consulting services, in accordance with its own procedures on the recruitment of consultants. The Government of Japan will also finance long- and short-term consulting services in accordance with its own procedures on the recruitment of consultants.

**Project Benefits  
and Beneficiaries**

The principal benefit of the SEDP will be to safeguard access for at least 87,000 children of kindergarten and school age, and to restore access for a further 8,000, including children with disabilities. The Project will also enhance the external efficiency of both primary and secondary education programs and their relevance to the emerging social and economic context. At least 140,000 children of kindergarten and school age are expected to benefit. The Project will also have a significant impact on public expenditure by improving efficiency in the development and management of educational institutions, particularly with respect to energy costs. By introducing new technologies and techniques, over \$3.2 million equivalent is expected to be saved annually. The SEDP's support for improved facilities planning and management—including maintenance —is also expected to have a significant impact on reducing capital expenditures for repairs and construction of facilities in the medium to long term.

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