

## **Proposed Inspection Panel Progress Report**

### **Inspection Panel for CRBIP Stage III First Progress Report 10 March 2004**

After some preparatory work in their respective home countries, the Panel converged in Manila on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The first week was largely spent setting up office, meeting with the ADBs Board Inspection Committee, finalizing the Terms of Reference for the Inspection, and working out the internal procedures and work plan for the Panel.

From the second week, the Panel has reviewed a large amount of project related documents that have been provided by the ADB. Gradually, this work has been complemented with interviews with present and former ADB staff, as well as with consultants that have been engaged in the project at various stages. Some additional input has also been sought from the Requesters.

The Panel has also arranged for a representative sample of the complaints that have been submitted to the CRBIP Grievance Redress and Settlement Committee to be translated into English.

At an early stage, the Panel identified the need for assistance from a professional hydrologist or water engineer. A consultant has now been contracted and will assist the Panel in reviewing issues related to technical design of the project, including the underlying assumptions with regard to hydrological parameters.

The Government of Pakistan has granted permission for the Panel to visit the project area.