

**QUARTERLY SUMMARY REPORT ON APPROVED SMALL-SCALE AND  
SUPPLEMENTARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000  
(31 December 2007)**

**TA-4490-CAM: Enhancing the Resettlement Legal Framework and Institutional Capacity  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Supplementary) (Advisory)**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF)
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	34.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	Not listed
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	3 November 2007

The additional budget of \$34,000, to be sourced from ADB's TASF resources, is required to (i) finance additional consultant inputs during the consultations with NGOs and affected people; and (ii) assist MEF in responding to the NGOs and in revising the sub decree after the next round of consultations.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Consultants' work ongoing.

**TA-4975-PRC: Utilization of Renewable Shallow-Ground Geo-Energy (Advisory)**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Finance
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	150.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	3 August 2007
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	2 October 2007

The goal of the small-scale technical assistance will be to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from energy use for space heating and cooling. The Beijing EverSource Science and Technology Development Co., Ltd. will be considered the case study for corporate and private sector participation in promotion of shallow-ground geo-energy (SG-GE). Most parts of the study will be internet-based desk studies and would only collect and analyze information from existing sources and expert consultations. The scope will include (i) exploring opportunities and challenges for use of SG-GE systems in PRC, (ii) developing appropriate business models and corporate strategies for promoting SG-GE, and (iii) preparing outlines for four demonstration projects.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Recruitment of the consultants is being processed. National consultants have started to collect data and conduct field investigation.

**TA-4990-VIE: Support the Implementation of Poverty Reduction Program (Project Preparatory)**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	State Bank of Viet Nam
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	150.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	12 November 2007
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	14 November 2007

The TA, through consulting services and related activities, will contribute to two main outputs: (i) safeguard compliance; and (ii) ADB inputs to Viet Nam Development Reports (VDRs). It will help prepare environmental assessments and the summary poverty strategy and assessments which are required for the preparation of the Poverty Reduction Support Credit (PRSC)

programs to ensure compliance with ADB safeguard policies of the PRSC program loans on environment, indigenous peoples, and involuntary resettlement. The TA activities and inputs have been selected in consultation with the State Bank of Viet Nam, the Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Planning and Investment.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place in May 2008, 2009 and 2010.

**TA-6301-REG: Developing the Greater Mekong Subregion Energy Sector Strategy (Supplementary)** (Regional)

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : Not listed  
**Date Approved** : 13 November 2007

The implementation of the GMS energy strategy is ongoing. The core of the strategy is an energy planning optimization model that examines options and their cost. The modeling work required a lot more resources compared to original estimates, because the strategy making exercise was carried out in an open and participatory way. The work has also taken much longer to complete given the need for consultations with governments, civil society and other development partners at every stage. The supplementary funds will be used to engage the services of international and domestic consultants to meet the required inputs needed for the preparation of the final GMS Energy Strategy Report.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Consultants' work ongoing.

**TA-6366-REG: Access to Justice for the Urban Poor (Supplementary)** (Regional)

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 40.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : Not listed  
**Date Approved** : 12 December 2007

The increase in RETA budget is to finance national consultants who will conduct surveys and assessments of dispute resolution practices in slums and other urban poor areas in four to six countries; these practices will relate to disputes regarding (i) land and housing, (ii) access to urban assets (e.g., water and electricity), and/or (iii) violence against women and vulnerable groups. This change in implementation arrangements was due to the poor quality of responses to the extensive call for papers during Phase 1 of the RETA; these responses were to have served as the basis for selecting the best replicable examples of dispute resolution practices and then discussing their replicability (including in ADB urban projects) in workshops under the RETA. The surveys and assessments carried out by the national consultants will now serve as the basis for selecting the best replicable practices, which will be discussed in national workshops and a regional workshop at ADB.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Recruitment of national consultants is being processed.

**TA-6413-REG: Strengthening Human Resource Development Cooperation in the Greater Mekong Subregion (Supplementary)** (Regional)

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 22.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : Not listed  
**Date Approved** : 7 November 2007

At the GMS HRD Working Group's 8<sup>th</sup> meeting in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in May 2007, the six GMS countries endorsed holding a regional health forum on public health priorities. The Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC), through the PRC Regional Cooperation and Poverty Reduction Fund has agreed to contribute \$22,000 towards the GMS Regional Health Forum.

**Status of Consulting Services** : No consulting services are required.

**TA-6419-REG: Promoting Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in Asia (Regional)**

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 5 November 2007  
**Date Approved** : 16 November 2007

The TA will enable members of the Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network (AECEN) to adopt the principles and good practices of environmental compliance and enforcement (ECE). It aims to contribute to the strengthening of enforcement of environmental laws and regulations by environmental agencies and improving compliance in the region. Its three outputs are: (i) enhanced AECEN website on ECE principles and practices; (ii) Compendium of Principles and Good Practices on Environmental Compliance and Enforcement; and (iii) improved knowledge on and increased understanding of ECE principles and practices by AECEN members and forum participants.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Recruitment of individual consultants is expected to take place in the first half of the year.