

**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000 PER PROJECT
MARCH 1996**

1. Agricultural Policy and Program Support, Viet Nam 2540

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : February 1996
Date Approved : 6 March 1996

Project Description :

The objective of the technical assistance is to provide expertise to help the Ministry of Finance guide and monitor the implementation of the policy measures of the Agriculture Sector Program Loan. This will require a broad, multisectoral, multidisciplinary knowledge and an understanding of policy analysis and the potential repercussions and implications of policy changes which are not readily available within the Ministry or within the country.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

2. Assessment of the Effectiveness of Bank Assistance in Capacity Building, Indonesia 2541

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : March 1996
Date Approved : 8 March 1996

Project Description :

The objective of the TA would be to carry out a review and assessment of the adequacy and implementation experience of the Bank's institutional strengthening program in Indonesia and of its operational performance as an input for the Special Study of the Assessment of the Effectiveness of Bank Assistance in Capacity Building to Indonesia. The need and adequacy of the AOTAs would be assessed. The scope of the study to be carried out under the TA will include analysis of the objectives and scope of the completed and ongoing AOTAs; the means employed to attain the objectives, activities, and outputs of the AOTAs; and their effectiveness, impact, and sustainability.

Status of Consulting Services Shortlist of consultants is under preparation.

3. Development of Procedures for the Reconstruction and Liquidation of Insolvent Banks, Mongolia 2543

Executing Agency : Bank of Mongolia (BOM)
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : January 1996
Date Approved : 19 March 1996

Project Description :

In support of the Government's financial sector reform program, the TA will assist BOM in dealing with insolvent banks. The TA will provide advice to BOM on legal and procedural aspects related to the restructuring and recapitalization of insolvent banks. The TA will also facilitate the orderly closure of insolvent banks by: (i) providing assistance in the drafting of regulations and procedures for the liquidation of commercial banks; (ii) providing advice on implementing a bank liquidation, if requested by BOM; and (iii) assessing the desirability, or otherwise, of providing a depositor protection other than through BOM or the Budget.

Status of Consulting Services: No action has yet been taken to recruit consultants.

4. Conference on Regional Economic Development Along the New Asian-European Continental Land Bridge, People's Republic of China 2544

Executing Agency : State Planning Commission
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : March 1996
Date Approved : 22 March 1996

Project Description :

By co-sponsoring the international conference, the technical assistance will: (i) provide the PRC with the base of future studies for the strategies and programs for developing the area along the PRC section of Asian-European Continental Land Bridge; and (ii) promote international cooperation with the countries along the Continental Bridge, particularly with the Central Asian Republics.

Status of Consulting Services: Shortlist of consultants is under preparation.

5. Institutional Support for Local Government and Decentralization (Phase I), Mongolia 2549

Executing Agency : Management and Coordination Department of State Administration Bodies of the Cabinet Secretariat
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : February 1996
Date Approved : 26 March 1996

Project Description :

The objective of the technical assistance is to assist the Government to improve the consistency, effectiveness and efficiency of Local Government and Decentralization (LGAD) framework and operating systems; and to promote transparency and enhance good governance.

Status of Consulting Services: No action has yet been taken to recruit consultants.

6. National Fisheries Policy, Federated States of Micronesia 2550

Executing Agency : Department of Resources and Development
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : September 1994
Date Approved : 29 March 1996

Project Description :

The objective of the technical assistance is to assist the Government to prepare a National Fisheries Policy to be implemented at the federal and state levels. The scope of work will include: (i) an assessment of previous initiatives, existing policies and legislation; (ii) an analysis of the major constraints and opportunities facing the sector; and (iii) the development of a National Fisheries Policy.

Status of Consulting Services: No action has yet been taken to recruit consultants.

7. Seminar on Financial Sector in Transition, Regional 5673

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Conference
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : Not listed
Date Approved : 5 March 1996

Project Description :

By bringing together Central Bank governors, other high level policymakers, key financial sector practitioners and academic experts, the Seminar will seek to provide a vision of the future reforms required to tackle the growing financial resource needs of Asia's emerging market economies in the context of increasingly liberalized domestic financial markets. The focus will be on banking sector and capital market reforms and associated changes required in monetary and exchange rate management. The experiences of selected member countries of the Bank in the area of banking and capital market reform will be examined within the broader context of their overall financial reform needs and programs in order to gain greater insights into policy and institutional issues related to the financial sector.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultants required.

8. Loan Disbursement Seminars in 1996, Regional 5674

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Training
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : Not listed
Date Approved : 7 March 1996

Project Description :

The Loan Disbursement Seminars and Workshops will cover the following topics: (i) the Bank's organizational structure and operations; (ii) the types of Bank lending and funding resources; (iii) the Bank's project cycles and implications on the disbursement process; (iv) loan disbursement policies and procedures; (v) practical problems, constraints and solutions on loan disbursement; (vi) case studies and group discussion on loan disbursement; (vii) preparation, submission and monitoring of withdrawal applications for loan disbursement; (viii) loan accounting, billing statements and service charges; (ix) project accounting and monitoring compliances; and (x) government budgeting and accounting systems.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultants required :

9. Joint ADB-OECD Conference on Investing in Asia, Regional 53.7%

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank/Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
TA Type : Conference
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : March 1996
Date Approved : 19 March 1996

Project Description :

The TA will support a two-day conference on the topic "Investing in Asia." The objective of this TA is to enhance understanding among OECD countries of trends and developments in Asian economies, particularly regarding investing in Asia. It will provide potential private sector investors with important information regarding the environment for investing in Asia. It will also provide an opportunity to discuss further cooperation among DMCs, OECD member countries and private enterprises, and will give DMC policymakers and Bank staff an opportunity to learn from the experiences of investors.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

10. Annual Meeting Seminar on Globalization and Regional Integration, Regional 56.7%

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Conference
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : February 1996
Date Approved : 22 March 1996

Project Description :

The objective of the TA is to examine the major issues and themes on globalization and regional integration which are relevant to Asia's development in the context of prospective changes in the region in order to better define key issues and highlight appropriate policy changes. The RETA will, building on earlier work, clarify emerging policy issues, and contribute to developing better policy options for the future.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.