

**MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT ON APPROVED SMALL-SCALE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
(31 August 2006)**

TA-4822-UZB: SSTA to Support Banking Sector Development (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	150.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	2 August 2006
Date Approved	:	2 August 2006

The impact of the TA will be the improvement of the operations, corporate governance, financial and accounting standards, staffing, and risk management of any bank that receives an eventual loan or equity investment. The outcome will be to develop one or more proposals acceptable to all parties, for loans to or equity investment in, the three Uzbek banks: Ipak Yuli Bank, Trust Bank and Khamkor Bank.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of Consultants is underway.

**TA-4829-PNG: Preparing Supplementary Financing for the Financial Management Project
(Project Preparatory)**

Executing Agency	:	Department of Finance
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	150.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	31 July 2006
Date Approved	:	23 August 2006

The TA aims to support improved public financial management (PFM) arrangements and transparency in PNG national government, provinces and local-level governments. Specifically, the TA will follow up preliminary discussions with the Departments of Treasury, Finance, and National Planning and Monitoring to identify the scope, components, sequencing and management arrangements for financial management project supplementary financing. The TA will also support the preparation of an updated Financial Management Improvement Program Strategic Framework and Workplan, which will in turn facilitate wider and more effective donor engagement.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of Consultants is underway.

RETA-6329: Sixteenth Tax Conference (Regional)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 20 July 2006
Date Approved : 9 August 2006

The TA aims to contribute to building capacity in adopting appropriate tax policies and practices in DMCs. More precisely, the TA intends to facilitate DMCs' on-going and planned tax reform efforts by applying knowledge gained, and enacting or revising a VAT law by making full use of the best practices on VAT. The main outcome of the TA is to provide a capacity building opportunity in the form of a tax conference which will serve as venue for the exchange of views, experiences and best practices, and introduction and discussion of new knowledge in key international and domestic taxation issues for policy design and administration to tax administrators and tax policy makers.

Status of Consulting Services : No consultants required.

RETA-6334: Kyoto Annual Meeting Pre-Event: Asian and Pacific Youth Forum on Sustainable Development (Regional)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 16 June 2006
Date Approved : 14 August 2006

The TA aims to provide an international spotlight to the views and insights of young adults in Asia and the Pacific on the region's sustainable development. It will support youth activities leading up to the 40th Annual Meeting and stimulate thinking and exchange of ideas among university students in Asia and the Pacific about how to address selected major development challenges and risks confronting the region. The students' ideas will be brought to the attention of opinion formers, decision makers, and the public at large to raise awareness of the issues highlighted as well as the positive and constructive role that youth can play promoting sustainable development. Three main deliverables are expected: (i) a high profile forum on youth and development preceding the 40th Annual Meeting; (ii) a publication containing the winning essays selected by a jury; and (iii) presentation of the publication and student recommendations from the Youth Forum to senior ADB officials.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of Consultant is underway.