

**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000 PER PROJECT
January 2003**

1. Institutional Support for the International Institute for Trade and Development, Thailand

Executing Agency : International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD)
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 21 January 2003
Date Approved : 28 January 2003

Project Description :

The TA aims to build up ITD's capacity to act as a focal point and forum for targeted training programs/courses for Thailand and other developing countries in Asia, in particular the Greater Mekong Subregion countries, as well as to build up its research capacity in a systematic manner, with a distinctive regional focus. Strengthening and promoting local institutional and human resource capacity to deal with trade and development subjects is one of the core trade-related capacity building areas, which in the medium to long run, leads to enhanced trade negotiating and analytic capacity of developing countries to deal with World Trade Organization and other trade related issues, as well as to integrate with the world economy. The main outputs of the TA will include: (i) institutional diagnostic review and recommended course of action submitted; (ii) key training and research programs proposed and adopted by ITD; (iii) training program prepared and delivered (such as in the area of trade facilitation, agriculture, public health, etc.) for government officials, private sector people and other stakeholders.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.