

**MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT ON APPROVED SMALL-SCALE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
(as of 30 September 2005)**

1. MON-4643: Prefeasibility Study of the Western Regional Road Corridor Development, Mongolia (Advisory)

Implementing Agency : Ministry of Road, Transport and Tourism
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 12 July 2005
Date Approved : 5 September 2005

The impact of the TA is expected to be the facilitation of regional cooperation and socioeconomic development in west Mongolia. The TA is consistent with ADB's Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Strategy and its country assistance strategy for Mongolia, as well as in line with the Economic Growth Support and Poverty Reduction Strategy and the Western Regional Economic Development Program of the Government. The outcome of the TA is expected to be an assessment of the viability of a proposed north-south corridor to link the People's Republic of China and Russia via west Mongolia.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

2. PRC-4650: Evaluating Poverty Impacts of Transport Projects, People's Republic of China (Advisory)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Communications
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 1 April 2005
Date Approved : 21 September 2005

The TA will strengthen the capacity to evaluate the poverty impacts of transport interventions in order to heighten their effectiveness in decreasing poverty and enhance the accountability of the project results. The TA will (i) provide an objective basis for assessing the poverty impacts of a transport project and (ii) undertake impact evaluation, which measures the outcomes and impacts of an activity and distinguishes them from the influence of other external factors. The TA is consistent with ADB's country assistance strategy for the PRC, which aims to promote equitable and inclusive growth. The outcomes of the TA are expected to be measured poverty impacts of transport projects and a practitioners' handbook for evaluating poverty impacts.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

3. **RETA-6255: Fifteenth Tax Conference, Conference** (Regional)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 11 April 2005
Date Approved : 6 September 2005

The RETA aims to contribute to building capacity in adopting appropriate tax policies and practices in DMCs. More precisely, the RETA intends to facilitate ongoing international tax treaty negotiations or starting such negotiations by applying knowledge gained, and enacting or revising a value added tax (VAT) law by making full use of the best practices on VAT. The main output of the RETA is to provide a capacity building opportunity, in the form of a tax conference, through the exchange of views, experiences and best practices, and new knowledge in key international and domestic taxation issues for policy design and administration among tax policymakers and senior officials from DMCs. Effective dissemination of the outputs of the RETA will also be made in various ways, such as an ADB Institute (ADBI) publication in its executive summary series, an International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation publication for key presentations, and creation of an ADB website. The Conference is scheduled on 17-20 October 2005 at the ADBI premises in Tokyo.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultants required.