

**Memorandum
on
Japan – Thailand Partnership Programme
In Technical Cooperation (Phase 2)**

Sharing the view that Japan and Thailand are longstanding and valuable partners in technical cooperation,

Encouraged by the achievement of the Japan - Thailand Partnership Programme in Technical Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "JTTP") signed on August 1, 1994,

Desirous to expand JTTP further and, based on the principle of partnership, extend it to other developing countries, in the region and beyond for the benefit of their economic and social development,

Consistent with the Agreement on Technical Cooperation between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand signed on November 5, 1981, as well as the laws and regulations of both countries,

Both Governments determined to further implement JTTP Phase 2 (hereinafter referred to as "JTTP2") as follows.

1. Technical Cooperation Programmes

Both Governments will jointly administer specific technical cooperation programmes, taking into consideration the needs of recipient countries. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (hereinafter referred to as "JICA") and the Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand (hereinafter referred to as "DTEC") are the implementing agencies.

Third Country Training Programmes (TCTPs)

Both Governments will jointly plan and implement trainings in the form of the Third Country Training Programmes (hereinafter referred to as "TCTPs") for trainees from developing countries. The participants will be nominated by the governments of the designated developing countries. Both Governments will make efforts to equitably share the cost for these training courses.

Dispatch of Experts

Both Governments recognize the benefit of dispatching Thai experts to other developing countries, for the implementation of technical cooperation projects based on the needs of recipient countries.

New Modalities

Both Governments will explore the possibilities of utilizing other appropriate modalities for cooperation, in order to expand the mechanism for the implementation of JTTP2.

2. Cooperation Mechanism

Joint Committee

Both Governments will jointly establish the Joint Committee composed of representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, JICA and DTEC and East Asian Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. The responsibilities of the Joint Committee will be as follows:

(a) To formulate an annual work plan within the budget allocated by both countries. The plan will include the outline of cooperation activities such as the number of courses, recipient countries, the number of participants, and cost sharing formula.

(b) To explore new modalities or other forms of cooperation for recommendation to both Governments.

(c) To annually review the progress of the implementation of JTTP2 and submit the report to both Governments.

Joint Evaluation

Both Governments will jointly conduct evaluation on the activities implemented under JTPP2, in particular TCTPs.

3. Review of JTPP2

Both Governments will review the entire JTPP2 framework by the end of March 2007, with a view to determining future direction of JTPP.

Signed at Tokyo in duplicate in English on 12th of December, 2003.

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