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ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PUBLICATION

ABA	American Bar Association
ADB	Asian Development Bank
ACCSF	Asian Currency Crisis Support Facility
ARD	Associates in Rural Development
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
BMZ	Bundesministerium für Wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development)
BOO/BOT	Build-Own-Operate/Build-Own-Transfer
CAPLUS	Center for Asian and Pacific Law-University of Sydney
CEELI	Central and Eastern European Law Initiative
CHECCHI	Checchi and Company Consulting Inc.
CICETE	China International Centre for Economic and Technical Exchanges
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
DFID	Department for International Development (British)
DMC	Developing Member Country of the Asian Development Bank
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
FINNIDA	Finnish International Development Agency
FSVC	Financial Services Volunteer Corporation
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit
HSF	Hanns-Seidel Foundation
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
IDA	International Development Association
IDF	Institutional Development Fund (of the World Bank)
IMCC	International Management Communication Corporation
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ISAR	Initiative for Social Action and Renewal in Eurasia
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
KAF	Konrad Adenauer Foundation
KPMG	KPMG Consulting (Asia Pacific) Pte. Ltd.
NDI	National Democratic Institute
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NORAD	Norwegian Agency for International Development
NOVIB	Netherlands Organization for International Relations
PRC	People's Republic of China
SDR	Special Drawing Rights
Sida	Swedish International Development Agency
TA	Technical Assistance
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDCP	United Nations International Drug Control Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNOPS	UN Office for Project Services
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WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
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AFGHANISTAN

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (T.A. No. 3874-AFG)**Funding Agency** : ADB**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Finance**Amount** : US\$14,500,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance includes (i) review of existing bilateral and multilateral agreements aimed at reducing nonphysical barriers to cross-border transport and (ii) review of existing laws and regulations, and procedures that are used to regulate cross-border traffic to determine the need for amendments of existing laws, regulations, and procedures or for development of new ones.

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ENERGY SECTOR REVIEW AND GAS DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN (T.A. No. 4088-AFG)**Funding Agency** : ADB**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Mines and Industry**Amount** : US\$950,000

Project Description (legal component): The purpose of the TA is to undertake a review of the Energy sector and to prepare a comprehensive gas sector development plan that will guide and promote the development of Afghanistan's gas infrastructure over the next ten years. The key activities of the TA will include a review of the primary energy resources in the country, undertake energy supply and demand analysis, review the Governments' energy policy assess the potential for increased utilization of natural gas, identify and prioritize major gas infrastructure development projects, assess economic and environmental benefits, and identify changes to the existing laws, rules and policies to facilitate efficient sector development.

Project Status : In progress (expected completion – July 2004)

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SUPPORT TO THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFORM PROGRAM (T.A. No. 4244-AFG)**Funding Agency** : ADB**Executing Agency** : Independent Administrative Reforms and Civil Service Commission**Amount** : US\$3,400,000

Project Description (legal component): The purpose of the TA is to support Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan (TISA) in the implementation of the Public Administration Reform (PAR) program in a manner that will enable the civil service to achieve its long-term goals. The TA is expected to achieve the following results: The Independent Administrative Reforms and Civil Service Commission (IARCSC) perform its functions in accordance with mandate; selected priority departments and particularly those with responsibility for the delivery of essential services restructured/streamlined and demonstrating improvements in service delivery; personnel and administrative systems updated in some priority areas of government; proposed strategy for institutional and functional changes to the structure of government submitted to elected government; PAR Implementation Program and 5 year financing plan in National Development Budget (NDB) using a sector-wide approach, and there are regular reports to and consultations with citizens, government and civil society groups on PAR Program by the IARCSC and the Ministerial Advisory Committee (MAC).

The TA will result in a well-established mechanism for the harmonization and coordination of donor funded projects of support to the PAR program, reflecting genuine country-led partnership and a results orientation, while concretely linking development strategies and budget processes within the Public Administration Reform and Economic Management (PAREM). This will be accomplished through institutional capacity-building activities within IARCSC and its constituent bodies targeting both the strengthening of development management systems and procedures, and leadership and management skills.

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Azerbaijan/Bangladesh

AZERBAIJAN

RULE OF LAW PROGRAM

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency : ABA/CEELI

Project Description: Assistance in various private sector legal issues, including the review and possible revision of Azerbaijan's NGO law and the creation of bar associations and judges' associations.

Project Status : In progress

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BANGLADESH

SUPPORT FOR THE ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (T.A. No. 3129-BAN)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Power Cell/Ministry of Energy & Mineral Resources
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Amount : US\$900,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the establishment of the Energy Regulatory Authority. This includes (i) review of existing legislation and regulation; (ii) preparation of draft framework for regulations, drafting of key regulations, licenses, and codes, including grid, distribution, planning, industrial and competitive tendering codes; and (iii) training for lawyers of sector executing agencies in the understanding and application of new regulations.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – December 2004)

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CORPORATIZATION OF THE ASHUGANJ POWER STATION (T.A. No. 3343-BAN)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources
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Amount : US\$1,000,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the preparation of all necessary legal instruments which will include the drafting of power purchase agreement between the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) and the Ashuganj Power Station (APS) for sale of power from APS, and the purchase of gas by APS from the gas company.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – April 2004)

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ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM OF BANGLADESH RAILWAY, PHASE III (T.A. No. 3491-BAN)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Bangladesh Railway
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Amount : US\$900,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance to the Government to pass the new legislation required to (i) confirm the reforms already approved through resolution of Bangladesh Railway (BR) specifically the division of powers and authority to the Government, Bangladesh Railway Authority, and the director general of BR; (ii) introduce the new regulatory and institutional framework for rail concessions as per Government recommendations; and (iii) establish the Bangladesh Railway Corporate Entity as a statutory corporation.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – December 2004)

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CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND SELECTED CAPITAL MARKET INSTITUTIONS (T.A. No. 3533-BAN)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Securities and Exchange Commission of Bangladesh
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Amount : US\$850,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in: (i) review and amendment of laws and regulations pertinent to the operation of public companies and fund management; (ii) training on legal aspects of corporate governance, transactions in securities and management, and investment of funds in the capital market.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion–April 2004)

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CORPORATIZATION OF THE WEST ZONE DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS OF THE BANGLADESH POWER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (T.A. No. 3801-BAN)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB)

Amount : US\$900,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the corporatization of BPDB, particularly the drafting of the power purchase agreement between BPDB and the new company for sale of power from BPDB to it.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – October 2004)

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CORPORATIZATION OF THE DHAKA ELECTRIC SUPPLY AUTHORITY (T.A. No. 3978-BAN)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA)
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Amount : US\$850,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the corporatization of DESA, particularly legal work necessary for transfer of assets and liabilities from DESA to a new corporatized entity.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – February 2004)

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SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR DISADVANTAGED WOMEN AND CHILDREN (T.A. No. 4085-BAN)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Women and Children Affairs

Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include (i) review of the results of existing studies, identifying gaps and areas of special concern in social protection; (ii) propose activities for strengthening linkages and coordination with other agencies; (ii) identify key issues in the legal reform process and law enforcement; and (iv) coordinate with local bodies and working groups to incorporate relevant legal issues and crosscutting issues in proposed social protection activities.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – June 2004)

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❖ ASSISTANCE TO THE PRIVATIZATION COMMISSION (T.A. NO. 4104-BAN)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Privatization Board

Amount : US\$150,000

Bangladesh

Project Description (legal component): The TA will assist the PC to effectively carry out privatization processes through "learning by doing" a complete privatization process from conducting due diligence to closing the transaction for a select pilot SOE.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion–July 2004)

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❖ CHITTAGONG PORT TRADE FACILITATION (T.A. NO. 4136-BAN)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Chittagong Port Authority

Amount : US\$500,000 (from Japan Special Fund)

Project Description: The TA objectives are: (i) First component is to improve the work practices of CPA and Customs for ship berthing and container clearance by improving processes and procedures and simplifying documentation as well as better interfacing between Customs and CPA in the ship berthing and container clearance process and prepare a master plan for the introduction of EDI at Chittagong Port. (ii) Second component is to recommend physical improvements necessary within the CPA area to complement the improved work practices in facilitating the container clearance process in Chittagong Port and will include recommendations for improvement in the physical layout of container yards and freight stations; better vehicle flow etc.; and (iii) Third component is to recommend measures to improve CPA's capabilities in environment management and build upon recommendations of TA 3357 - BAN: Oil Spill Impact and Response Mgmt Program.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion–December 2004)

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❖ SUPPORTING GOOD GOVERNANCE INITIATIVES (T.A. NO. 4140-BAN)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$950,000 (from TA Special Fund and Governance Cooperation Fund)

Project Description: The TA objective improvement in private credit markets anticorruption (secured financing sector): (i) legal and registry framework reform for secured transactions; (ii) institutional governance for secured financing institutions.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion–August 2004)

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JUVENILE JUSTICE PROJECT

Funding Agency : UNICEF

Executing Agency : Ministry of Women and Children Affairs
Government of Bangladesh, Dhaka

Amount :

Project Description: Assistance to review laws relating to children and improve the implementation of these laws by training and sensitizing key implementors including judges, magistrates, police officers, social workers and personnel in charge of detention centers.

Project Status : In progress

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JUDICIAL AND LEGAL CAPACITY BUILDING

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Executing Agency : Ministry of Law (MOL)

Implementing Agency: Supreme Court Registrar's Office

Amount : US\$45,000,000

Project Description: The project aims to: (i) improve the legal and institutional framework through advice regarding the revision/reform of key business laws and regulations; (ii) strengthen alternate dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms and support the promotion and implementation of the Ombudsman Office; (iii) streamline courtroom administration and the court process and strengthen the capacity of MOL, especially in drafting and vetting legislation; (iv) improve human resource development and training of judicial personnel; (v) implement a management information system for the judiciary to improve transparency and efficiency of work; and (vi) build/upgrade physical infrastructure where necessary in the judicial sector.

Project Status : In progress

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PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPORT SERVICES PROJECT (TA FOR THE JUDICIAL AND LEGAL CAPACITY PROJECT)

Funding Agency : Policy and Human Resources Development Fund (Japan)

Executing Agency : The World Bank

Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Law and Justice (MOL), other ministries concerned of the Government of Bangladesh, Supreme Court Registrar, Business Chambers, NGOs, and representatives from the legal profession.

Amount : US\$293,000

Project Description: Diagnostic study for capacity building and reform of the legal and judicial system in Bangladesh in preparation for the Judicial and Legal Capacity Building Project. The study will focus on the issues of: (i) strengthening the legal and regulatory framework through the revision/reform of key business laws and regulations; (ii) strengthening alternate dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms and support for the promotion and implementation of the Ombudsman Office; (iii) improving court administration, streamlining court procedures, and strengthening capacity of MOL, especially in the areas of drafting and vetting; (iv) improving human resource development by way of developing judicial training and legal education; (v) implementing a management information system for the judiciary to improve transparency and efficiency of work; and (vi) building/upgrading physical infrastructure where necessary in the judicial sector.

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CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Executing Agency : Ministry of Law (MOL)

Implementing Agencies: MOL, Law Commission, Judicial Administration Training Institute

Amount : US\$312,700

Project Description: Assistance in institutional development/capacity building activities pertaining to the proposed Legal and Judicial Capacity Building Project, focusing on: (i) developing the institutional

capacity needed to begin the work of modernizing business laws; (ii) initiating measures towards the training of judges in business-related legal disciplines; and (iii) introducing urgently needed measures to give ready access to the business community to legal information.

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COMMERCIAL BANK RESTRUCTURING PROJECT

Funding Agency : Policy and Human Resources Development Fund (Japan)

Executing Agency : The World Bank

Implementing Agencies: Bangladesh Bank, Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$963,000

Project Description: Assistance to improve the environment for loan recovery through the creation of new laws (Money Loan Court Act, Debt Recovery Agencies Act, Deposit Insurance Ordinance), review of the existing laws, and amendment of the following laws: (a) Bangladesh Bank Order; (b) Bangladesh Bank (Nationalization) Order; (c) Banking Companies Act; (d) Transfer of Property Act; (e) Evidence Act; (f) Negotiable Instruments Act; and (g) Deposit Insurance Ordinance.

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Beneficiary Participation and Project Management

Funding Agency : The Netherlands Government (administered by ADB)

Executing Agency : Local Government Engineering Department of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives

Chittagong Hill Tracts Region Development and Investment Study

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board

Study on the Use of the Legal System to Combat Violence Against Women

Funding Agency : UNICEF
Executing Agency : Institute of Law and Development

Child Trafficking

Funding Agency : UNICEF
Executing Agency : Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs

BHUTAN**INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL PENSION AND PROVIDENT FUND BUREAU (T.A. No. 3796-BHU)**

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Department of Aid and Debt Management

Amount : US\$300,000 (from the Japan Special Fund)

Project Description (legal component): The objectives of the TA are to (i) review and establish NPPFB's strategic role and institutional set up under a medium-term master plan, and (ii) provide capacity building assistance to institutionalize NPPFB as a sustainable agency, with the aim of expanding its pension and provident fund operations from civil servants, and employees of government corporations and joint sector corporations, to employees of formalized private sector entities.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– February 2004)

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INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND DRY PORT DEVELOPMENT (T.A. No. 4019-BHU)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Trade and Industry

Amount : US\$700,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include (i) review and amendment of existing policies, acts, and rules and regulations related to the trade and industry sectors; (ii) review of existing and proposed labor policies and their implications for the proposed industrial estate and dry port; (iii) formulation for legislation and guidelines related to the establishment and operation of the Industrial Estates Management Authority and Dry Ports and Management Authority; and (iv) review and revision of existing government environmental regulations.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– March 2004)

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HOUSING SECTOR REFORM (T.A. No. 4042-BHU)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Communications
Public Works Division (Road Sector)

Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include (i) review of the overall legal framework pertaining to real estate ownership, development, and transfer in Bhutan, with emphasis on housing in the urban centers; and (ii) development of a comprehensive set of guidelines and standard legal agreements for establishing, registering, and managing housing cooperatives

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– April 2004)

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STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF THE ROYAL MONETARY AUTHORITY AND ROYAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE OF BHUTAN (T.A. No. 3905-BHU)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan (RMA)
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Amount : US\$334,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include (i) review of the existing RMA Act and, based on the review, a new RMA Act will be drafted in the context of providing RMA greater autonomy and independence from the Government; (ii) assessment of the existing Financial Institutions Act of 1992 and drafting of amendments to make them compatible with modern industry standards to enhance the effectiveness of the financial sector; (iv) review of existing draft regulations pertaining to the insurance sector and recommendation of required amendments for legislation; and (v) assessment of existing regulations pertaining to the securities market and development of broad guidelines for a new act, including rules and regulations for a depository, to facilitate the building and strengthening of the securities framework and for the operation of the stock exchange and its supervision by RMA.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– November 2003)

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COMPLETED PROJECTS**Road Planning and Management Strengthening**

Funding Agency : ADB
 Executing Agency : Department of Roads

Institutional Development of the Department of Employment and Labor

Funding Agency : ADB
 Executing Agency : Department of Employment and Labor

CAMBODIA

**IMPLEMENTATION OF LAND LEGISLATION
(T.A. No. 3577-CAM)**

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agencies: Ministry of Justice
 Ministry of Land Management, Urban
 Planning and Construction

Amount : US\$600,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in (i) putting a legal system and mechanism in place that will resolve the existing uncertainty, disputes and chaos with respect to land ownership and related rights to land; (ii) strengthening the capacity of the judiciary, legal community and technical staff responsible for implementing the law, and thereby contribute to restoring the confidence of the general public in the legal system; and (iii) raising public awareness of the law.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - January 2004)

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**PREPARING THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM (T.A. No. 3695-CAM)**

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agencies: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery
 Norodom corner Mao Tse Tung Boulevard
 Phnom Penh, Cambodia
 Contact: Dr. Chan Tong Yves,
 Secretary of State
 Fax: (855-23) 215-321/211-411

Amount : US\$600,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in (i) identification and examination of important legal and regulatory issues relevant to the program, including the issues on land legislation and titling, agricultural inputs, genetically modified crops, and decentralization of agricultural service delivery systems; and (ii) incorporation in the matrix of the

program appropriate legal and regulatory measures for resolving such issues.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – February 2004)

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**IMPROVING LEGAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE
FINANCIAL SECTOR (T.A. No. 3861-CAM)**

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Commerce

Amount : US\$800,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the development of key legal infrastructure for banking and commercial activities such as secured transactions system and negotiable instruments law.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – September 2004)

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**IMPROVING THE REGULATORY AND MANAGEMENT
FRAMEWORK FOR INLAND FISHERIES
(T.A. No. 3993-CAM)**

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Amount : US\$540,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in improving the regulatory framework for inland fisheries, giving early attention to the subdecree on community fisheries. This includes (i) review of draft laws, subdecrees, proclamations, and directives or circulars; and (ii) training to increase legislative awareness in the Department of Fisheries.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – July 2004)

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Cambodia

COMMUNE COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT (T.A. No. 4008-CAM)

Funding Agency : Government of the Netherlands
(administered by ADB)

Executing Agency : Department of Local Administration

Amount : US\$2,400,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in developing the Government's decentralization program which includes review and drafting of decentralization policy, legislation, systems and procedures in relation to (i) council and provincial/district operations, powers, functions, and procedures; (ii) village arrangements; and (iii) financial and planning legislation and procedures.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – March 2006)

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Cooperation Agency, Phnom Penh
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Executing Agencies: Presidency of the Council of Ministers and Ministry of Justice of Cambodia with the following French agencies and institutions:
-Ministère de la Justice
-Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature (BORDEAUX)
-Conseil d'Etat
-Ecole Nationale des Greffes
-Barreau de Lyon
-Avocats sans frontières France
-Parlement français
-Conseil supérieur du Notariat français

Amount : First stage – Euros 2,000,000 (excluding staff expenses). Open to multilateral support)

Second stage – to be discussed in 2003

Project Description: The project aims at restoring the effectiveness of the Judiciary in the Kingdom of Cambodia with a specific emphasis on the protection of Fundamental Rights protection during pre-trial as well as trial phases. The components of the project include:

- Technical assistance to the Ministry of Justice
- The setting up of a school for the training of judges and prosecutors: the Royal School of the Magistracy (R.S.M.)
- The setting up of a school for the training of the Judicial Police
- Substantive assistance to the Cambodian Bar with a view to create a specific school for the training of lawyers
- Drafting of the Criminal Code and of the Code of Criminal Procedure
- Technical assistance to various law-related institutions such as the Parliament and the Supreme Council of the Magistracy
- The drafting of a legal glossary in Khmer, French and English

Project Status : -Financial agreement signed on 10 May 2001
-Appointment of legal adviser to the Minister of Justice on 1 July 2001
-Duration of first phase: 3 years

Project Contact : Judge Michel Bonniue
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★ IMPLEMENTATION OF LAND LEGISLATION II (PREV. IMPLEMENTATION OF LAND LEGISLATION II (PREV. CAPACITY BUILDING IN LAND MANAGEMENT))

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction

Amount : US\$400,000

Project Description: The objectives of the TA, which is to complement and continue earlier assistance, are to help (i) establish a legal system, including implementing mechanisms that will resolve the existing uncertainty, disputes, and chaos with respect to ownership and related land rights; (ii) continue to build the capacity of the judiciary and technical staff responsible for implementing the Land Law, and thereby contribute to restoring the general public's confidence in the legal system; and (iii) raise public awareness of the Land Law and increase people's access to mechanisms to realize their rights under the law. While the TA focuses on land legislation, the beneficial effects of capacity building and public awareness raising will reach beyond land related issues.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – January 2006)

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STRENGTHENING OF JUDICIARY

Funding Agency : French Embassy

COOPERATION IN THE LEGAL FIELD BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND JAPAN

Funding Agency : JICA

Executing Agencies: Supreme Court, Japan
Research & Training Institute of the Ministry of Justice, Japan
Japan Federation of Bar Associations
Ministry of Justice, Cambodia

Project Description: Assistance in establishing the basic infrastructure in the fields of civil and commercial laws including training of Cambodian lawmakers on the Japanese legal framework through seminars in Japan.

Project Status : In progress

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ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY PROJECT (Project No. CMB/94/103)

Funding Agency : UNDP/Norway

Executing Agency : Ministry of Environment and other line
ministries
H.E. Dr. Mok Mareth
Phnom Penh
Tel: (855-23) 427-884

Amount : US\$2,987,400 (UNDP)
US\$106,000 (Norway)

Project Description: Assistance to key government bodies, decision-makers, educators and the general public to improve the national capacity for sustainable environmental and natural resource management. Assistance also includes advice regarding draft legislation, regulations and inter-ministerial agreements to implement environmental responsibilities in a coherent manner.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contacts : Ms. Kaarina Immonen
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT (Cr. No. 2664 KH)

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Executing Agency : Ministry of Economy and Finance

Amount : SDR 11,600,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in (i) strengthening institutional capacity for controlling public expenditures by developing a legal and regulatory framework for public accounting;

(ii) strengthening institutional capacity for managing foreign debt by developing the legal framework; (iii) private sector development; (iv) preparation and implementation of master plan for drafting and revision of priority economic and financial laws and regulations; (v) legal training for judges, lawyers, civil servants and other professionals; and (vi) establishing an automated system for publication on a regular basis in Khmer, French and English of the Official Journal, higher court decisions, jurisprudence and doctrinal writings, and trademark gazette.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Mr. Raj Soopramanien
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RULE OF LAW DEVELOPMENT: LABOR LAW EDUCATION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Executing Agency : Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sport

Amount : US\$470,700

Project Description: Assistance in the development of the rule of law through labor law education and dissemination including: (i) the production of training materials on Cambodia's labor laws and regulations with a special emphasis on women, children, and the disabled; (ii) the provision of training to ministry officials, labor inspectors, judges, vocational training center managers, employers, women workers, disabled workers, and students in these laws and regulations; (iii) training of future trainers; and (iv) the development of a pilot labor dispute resolution program.

Project Status : In progress

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BIODIVERSITY AND PROTECTED AREA PROJECT

Funding Agency : The World Bank (IDA)

Amount : US\$1,400,000

Project Description (legal component): The project includes the carrying out of legal and regulatory studies relating to the establishment and management of protected areas.

Project Status : In progress (Closing date: 31 December 2003)

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Cambodia/China, People's Republic of

FOREST CONCESSION MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL PILOT PROJECT

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Executing Agency : The World Bank (IDA)

Amount : US\$3,600,000

Project Description (legal component): The project includes the strengthening of Cambodia's capacity on concession regulation and control, and forest crime monitoring and prevention.

Project Status : In progress (Closing date: 31 December 2003)

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CHINA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF

TA CLUSTER FOR PROMOTION OF CLEAN TECHNOLOGY SUBPROJECT 3: LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR CLEAN TECHNOLOGY (T.A. No. 3079-PRC)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : National People's Congress
No. 23, Xijiaominxiang
Beijing 100805
Fax: (8610) 6309-8439

Amount : US\$352,000

Project Description: The TA will review and analyze related laws and regulation that might affect the introduction of clean technologies, including those relating to labor, bankruptcy, investment, capital and profit repatriation, and outline required modifications.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion -June 2004)

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DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC LAWS (T.A. No. 3279-PRC)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agencies: Legislative Affairs Commission
Great Hall of the People
Beijing
Fax: (8610) 6309-6644

Office of Legislative Affairs
Mail Box 1750
Beijing 100017
Fax: (8610) 6309-7699

Amount : US\$1,400,000

Project Description: Assistance in the preparation of (i) amendment to the Company Law; (ii) revision of the Bankruptcy Law; (iii) trust law; (iv) regulations on closedown of, and bankruptcy procedure for, financial institutions; (v) social security law; (vi) laws on registration of commercial and industrial organizations; and (vii) law on administrative licensing.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - October 2004)

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TRANSJURISDICTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (T.A. No. 3588-PRC)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : State Environment Protection Administration
115 Nanxiaojie, Xizhimennei
Beijing 100035

Amount : US\$2,100,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in (i) operationalizing trans-jurisdictional provisions of the revised Water Pollution Prevention and Control Law (the Law) of 1996, using the Yellow River Basin as a case study; (ii) developing local legislation, rules, and regulations implementing the trans-jurisdictional provision of the Law; (iii) training legislative drafters of provinces on comparative practices and procedures used in other countries to remove potential sources of conflicts, resolution of conflicts, appeals, and resolution; and (iv) identifying the need for a national law to integrate various dimensions of river basin environmental management.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - December 2004)

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FORMULATION OF THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT LAW (T.A. No. 3631-PRC)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: National People's Congress
Office of Economic Legislative Affairs
Financial and Economic Committee
23 Xijiaminxiang St., Xi Cheng District
Beijing 100805
Fax: (8610) 6409-7452

Amount : US\$578,000

Project Description: Assistance in the drafting of the government procurement law relating to the process and methods of procurement such as funding source, administering and monitoring functions, etc. for submission to the National Committee of the National People's Congress of PRC by the end of 2002.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - September 2004)

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WTO MEMBERSHIP AND FOREIGN TRADE LAW REFORM (T.A. No. 3672-PRC)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agencies: Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation
Office of the State Council

Amount : US\$700,000

Project Description: The objectives are to: (i) assist the Government in developing a legislative and legal system compatible with the WTO principles, rules and obligations; (ii) strengthen its ability to exercise the rights accorded under WTO and its regulatory capability facing a more competitive international and domestic market after the entry of WTO; and (iii) assist its efforts to provide legal information of and clarification of the foreign trade and investment-related laws and regulations.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – December 2004)

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STRATEGIC PLANNING STUDY FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE YELLOW RIVER LAW (T.A. No. 3708-PRC)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Ministry of Water Resources
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Amount : US\$970,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the preparation of the Yellow River Law which aims for comprehensive basin management in a specific basin.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – January 2004)

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BANKING LAW AND REGULATIONS (T.A. No. 3890-PRC)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: People's Bank of China
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Director General, Legal Dept.
Fax: (8610) 6601-6472

Amount : US\$400,000

Project Description: The main objective is to establish the principle and institute a framework for future legislative work in the financial sector, which will build upon experiences of other countries with advance financial sector.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – March 2004)

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ENFORCEMENT OF WTO RULES BY THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM (T.A. No. 3971-PRC)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency: Supreme People's Court

Amount : US\$400,000

China, People's Republic of

Project Description: Assistance in (i) developing the capacity of the judicial system to conduct the judicial review of the administrative authorities' actions or decisions on the WTO related cases; and (ii) establishing the judicial review system in the court system and develop the procedures for carrying out such judicial review.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – December 2004)

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STRENGTHENING PUBLIC DEBT MANAGEMENT (T.A. No. 3980-PRC)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$400,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include (i) review of relevant key legislation for sovereign debt management (SDM) in comparison with international practices and SDM guidelines; (ii) preparation of report on the legal and regulatory provisions governing public debt management (PDM) with specific focus on the impediments in those areas; and (iii) evaluation of the legal implications of the proposed blueprint for unifying PDM into a potential debt management office, and preparation of a review report on the same.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – October 2005)

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★POLICY REFORM SUPPORT (T.A. No. 4095-PRC)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agencies: People's Bank of China

Amount : US\$150,000

Project Description: The objectives are: (i) to provide a response mechanism that allows ADB to react quickly to support policy reform initiatives at a time when the Government is ready to deal with the issue; and (ii) to stimulate discussions of policy reforms that will have major implications for PRC's transition to a market economy. Two issues will be addressed under the TA: (i) use of market-based instruments to enhance private public sector partnership in the public utilities; and (ii) strategic options for PRC banking reforms.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – August 2004)

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★POLICY AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION (T.A. NO. 4201-PRC)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agencies: Ministry of Labor and Social Security

Amount : US\$700,000

Project Description: The purpose of the TA is to strengthen institutional capabilities of the SIA system to accelerate social security reform.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – September 2004)

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★ADVISORY SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL SECURITY FUND (T.A. NO. 4206-PRC)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agencies: National Council for Social Security Fund

Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description: The objective of the TA is to strengthen the institutional capability of NaCSSeF by establishing a sound risk management framework supported by an efficient management information system to prudently manage external investment managers and custodians, and examine the soundness of allocating non-tradable state shares to NSSF.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – December 2004)

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❖ **SUPPORT TO THE REVIEW AND PLANNING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEGAL AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM (Previously STRATEGIC REVIEW OF AND PLANNING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LEGAL AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM) (T.A. No. 4237-PRC)**

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agencies: Supreme People's Court, Legislative Affairs Commission, Office of Legislative Affairs

Amount : US\$350,000

Project Description: The objective is to provide support to review the achievements made in the past five years in development and reform of the legal and judicial system and to outline the direction for such development and reform in the next few years; and through the review and planning, to chart out the areas for future cooperation between the Legislative Affairs Commission, Office of Legislative Affairs, Supreme People's Court, and ADB.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – September 2004)

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❖ **CAPACITY STRENGTHENING OF PRC'S NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROCESS (T.A. No. 4298-PRC)**

Funding Agency : ADB (Poverty Reduction Fund)

Executing Agencies: National Development Reform Commission

Amount : US\$360,000

Project Description: Increase the capacity of NDRC, in particular its DPD, to draft the next FYP using strategic planning methodology.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – December 2004)

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ASSESSMENT OF RECENT ADMINISTRATIVE AND ECONOMIC LEGISLATION IN SHANGHAI ECONOMIC ZONES

Funding Agency : Australia-China Council
Australian Department of Foreign Affairs
and Trade

Executing Agency : CAPLUS

Project Description: The aim of the project is to examine the legislative process in the Shanghai Government and the legal status of the regulations passed and policies formulated by the local government with a view to eliminating any inconsistency with national laws. The project will focus on administrative and economic legislation concerning foreign investment in the Shanghai economic zones.

Project Status : In progress

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INITIATIVE IN JUDICIAL REFORM

Funding Agency : Ford Foundation

Amount : US\$2,900,000

Project Description: The initiative supports a number of projects to strengthen the judiciary and to encourage thinking in China about changes that would make the judiciary a more professional, effective and respected institution. The project focuses on four elements: (i) exploration of ideas for reform and experimentation with such reforms in Chinese courts; (ii) development of new approaches to judges' training that emphasize development of professional values, examination of courts' dispute resolution roles, and legal skills-building rather than study of substantive law; (iii) development of the judicial profession; and (iv) research by Chinese groups to understand better how Chinese courts and judges actually function.

Project Status : In progress

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China, People's Republic of

INITIATIVE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM REFORM

Funding Agency : Ford Foundation

Amount : US\$1,000,000

Project Description: The initiative supports a number of projects to reform the criminal justice system to strengthen the protection of individual rights, heighten the importance of procedures, redefine the roles of prosecutors, judges and lawyers, and improve the caliber and professionalism of prosecutors.

Project Status : In progress

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INITIATIVE IN "LAW-IN-ACTION"

Funding Agency : Ford Foundation

Amount : US\$1,100,000

Project Description: The initiative supports a number of projects to transform law in China from an abstract concept with limited impact on actions of either state officials or individuals, to a concrete tool that can be used by individuals to realize their rights and check abuse of state power, and by the state to govern with more accountability, fairness and transparency. In addition to building legal consciousness, the projects seek to give lawyers, students and citizens practical experience in using laws and legal processes to protect individual rights, to further social justice, and to identify barriers in the implementation of laws.

Project Status : In progress

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TRAINING AND ADVISORY SERVICE ON COMMERCIAL LAWS AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION (MOFTEC), PN 96.2139.2-001.00

Funding Agency : Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany

Executing Agency : GTZ GmbH

Amount : EURO 3,300,000
(October 1997 – December 2004)

Project Description: Training and advisory service on commercial laws at the Ministry of Commerce (formerly Ministry of Trade and Economic Cooperation) regarding the application of legislation and regulations according to the rule of law

Project Status : In progress (October 1997 - December 2004)

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ADVISORY SERVICE TO THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (FEC) OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (NPC), PN 96.2140.0-001.00

Funding Agency : Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany

Executing Agency : GTZ GmbH

Amount : EURO 4,000,000
(October 1997 – December 2004)

Project Description: Advisory service regarding the drafting of new financial and economic laws.

Project Status : In progress (October 1997 - December 2004)

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**CHINESE-GERMAN COOPERATION ON THE MAKING OF
LEGISLATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAWS (LAC),
PN 98.2095.2**

Funding Agency : Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation
and Development of the Federal Republic of
Germany

Executing Agency : GTZ GmbH
Amount : EURO 1,250,000 - First Phase
(August 2000 – January 2003)

Second Phase - proposed
(February 2003 – July 2005)

Project Description: Advisory service on administrative laws at the
Legislative Affairs Commission (LAC) of the Standing Committee of
the National People's Congress focuses on the reform of administrative
laws in the People's Republic of China.

Project Status : First Phase – in progress
(August 2000 – January 2003)

Second Phase – proposed
(February 2003 – July 2005)

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ECONOMIC LAW REFORM PROJECT (CR.No. 2654 CHA)

Funding Agency : The World Bank (IDA)

Amount : SDR 6,900,000

Project Description (legal component): The project objective is to
assist the PRC in improving the legal framework to support economic
reform by: (i) strengthening the training methods, curricula and
opportunities for law teachers, legal practitioners and legal, judicial and
other government personnel in the theory and practice of the new legal
framework; and (ii) strengthening the key legal institutions responsible
for legislation and the implementation of economic laws. The project
consists of three parts: (a) sub-projects to support preparation of
legislation; (b) sub-projects to support legal training; and (c)
institutional support.

Project Status : In progress

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**SICHUAN GAS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION
PROJECT (Loan No. 3716 CHA)**

Funding Agencies : World Bank (IBRD Loan)

Amount : US\$175,450,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in (i) the
formulation of a restructuring action plan encompassing, inter alia, the
development of legal, regulatory and contractual regime for onshore oil
and gas activities, and the corporatization and commercialization of oil
and gas enterprises; and (ii) carrying out the said restructuring action
plan

Project Status : In progress

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**EAST CHINA (JIANGSU) POWER TRANSMISSION
PROJECT (L4303)**

Funding Agency : World Bank (IBRD Loan)

Amount : US\$250,000,000

Project Description (legal component): The Project includes a
component on Institutional Development and Training aimed at
enhancing transmission planning capability, including legal capability,
to meet the needs of the new structure of the power market in China.

Project Status : In progress (Closing Date – September 2004)

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HENAN (QINBEI) THERMAL POWER PROJECT (L3980)

Funding Agency : World Bank (IDA Loan)

Amount : US\$440,000,000

Project Description (legal component): The Project includes
assistance in the appropriate implementation of power sector and power
enterprise reforms in Henan Province and accelerate the transformation
of Electric Power of Henan into a legally and financially autonomous
and business-oriented company. One of its activities includes
eliminating regulatory functions through their transfer to appropriate
governmental authorities.

Project Status : In progress

China, People's Republic of/Cook Islands

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HUNAN POWER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (L4350)

Funding Agency : World Bank (IBRD Loan)

Amount : US\$300,000,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in strengthening the managerial capacity of the Hunan Electric Power Company through training of selected staff in management, finance, law, power sector regulation, human resources and related subject areas.

Project Status : In progress (Closing Date – December 2004)

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LIAONING TRANSPORTATION PROJECT (L4453)

Funding Agency : World Bank (IBRD Loan)

Amount : US\$150,000,000

Project Description (legal component): The Project includes the carrying out of studies in the areas of parking policy and management; motor vehicle emission control strategy; busway design and public transport operation policies and regulations; road maintenance planning, traffic accident analysis and traffic signal control system.

Project Status : In progress (Closing Date – December 2004)

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SEVENTH HIGHWAY (L3897)

Funding Agency : World Bank (IBRD Loan)

Amount : US\$400,000,000

Project Description (legal component): The Project includes a component on Policy Reforms aimed at carrying out of a program to rationalize the structure of railway operations, consisting of the preparation of measures to further enhance the suitability of the legal

and regulatory framework for the governance of railway enterprises in a market economy.

Project Status : In progress

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Corporatization, Leasing and Securitization in the Road Sector

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : State Planning Commission

Power Sector Restructuring

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : State Planning Commission

Capacity Building of the Capital Market Regulatory System

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)
Executing Agency : China Securities Regulatory Commission

Capacity Building in Traffic Safety, Planning, and Management

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)
Executing Agency : Ministry of Public Security

Jiangsu Highway Build-Operate-Transfer

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)
Executing Agency : Jiangsu Provincial Communications Department

National Guidelines for Urban Wastewater Tariffs and Management Study

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Ministry of Construction

Pro-Poor Urban Heating Tariff Reforms

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Ministry of Construction

COOK ISLANDS

★LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (T.A. No. 4273-COO)

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : National Environment Science

Amount : US\$350,000

Project Description: The main purpose of the TA is to assist the Government in developing an integrated system of regulations, bylaws and laws that together will provide the institutional mechanisms for the effective and coordinated implementation of Environment Act 2003. The focus is on formulating appropriate regulations and bylaws to facilitate compliance and enforcement, and the review of legislation that may now require amendment as a result of the enactment of the Act.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – June 2005)

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Preparing the Outer Islands Development

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Ministry of Financial and Economic Management

FIJI

WOMEN'S PLAN OF ACTION (T.A. No. 3360-FIJ)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Women and Culture
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Fax: (679) 303-829

Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance to (i) review laws, policies, and regulations relating to women's employment and economic rights; (ii) prepare and draft more appropriate laws, policies, regulations that reflect the current status and role of women in the economy; and (iii) work with the Law Reform Commission and the Ministry of Labor and Industrial Relations to identify and amend discriminatory legislation, policies, and regulations.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - August 2004)

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INTERMEDIATION OF SUGAR SECTOR RESTRUCTURING (T.A. No. 3888-FIJ)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Sugar Commission of Fiji

Amount : US\$660,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in restructuring of the sugar and agriculture sectors. This will include (i) advice on potential legislative and regulatory changes to existing regulations and legislation for submission to the appropriate legislative or regulatory body for approval; and (ii) participation in stakeholder consultations and roundtable discussions, providing a legal background and basis for the current situation and any possible restructuring proposals and/or adaptations thereto.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - December 2004)

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STRENGTHENING PUBLIC SECTOR FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE (T.A. No. 4157-FIJ)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$460,000

Project Description: The principal objective of the PFMA 1999 was to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency of government policies and actions through the introduction of output/outcome budgeting and associated reforms such as clarifying the roles of Parliament, Cabinet, Prime Minister, ministers' heads of departments/ministries, and other agencies. The budgeting and reporting processes are to be changed from the conventional input cash accounting approach to an output-based accrual model based on (commercial) generally accepted accounting principles and practices. The ADB Pacific Strategy for the New Millennium 2000–2004 supports macroeconomic stability, economic growth, good governance, and publicsector reforms for countries in the region. The proposed country strategy program 2003–2005 for the Fiji Islands is consistent with the Pacific Strategy and supports the Government's broad implementation strategy of FMR. Macroeconomic stability and GDP growth supported by improved governance, equitable distribution of benefits, and socially inclusive development.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - August 2005)

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INDIA

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AT THE STATE LEVEL
(T.A. No. 3423-IND)**

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Environment and Forest
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New Delhi 110011
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Amount : US\$3,620,000

Project Description (legal component): The scope includes (i) review of environmental laws, rules and regulations, and assessment of the state's viability to innovate the development and promulgation of environment laws, standards, and regulations within the framework of the requirements of the constitution and the central government; (ii) identification and review of industrial, trade, labor, and investment laws which unintentionally promote and protect polluting industries; and (iii) review of banking and commercial laws related to financing of cleaner production technologies in the private and public sector.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - December 2005)

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**MADHYA PRADESH INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES
(T.A. No. 3715-IND)**

Funding Agency : Government of United Kingdom
(administered by ADB)

Executing Agency: Water Resource Department
Mantralaya, Bhopal - 462001
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Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the assessment of legal and regulatory framework governing integrated water resources management.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - March 2004)

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**PREPARING THE KERALA POWER SECTOR
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (T.A. No. 3734-IND)**

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Ministry of Power, Government of Kerala

Amount : US\$800,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include review of existing legislation and rules and regulations applicable to the power sector, and drafting of a suitable reform bill incorporating regulatory aspects, tariff reforms, and sector restructuring, taking into account similar reform acts already adopted in other states in India.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - June 2004)

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**PREPARING THE MADHYA PRADESH STATE ROAD
SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (T.A. No. 3751-IND)**

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Government of Madhya Pradesh
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Fax: 91 755 556522

Amount : US\$600,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the development of an overall plan for reengineering the state road management system including (i) review of the functions and responsibilities of a highway authority and state road corporation, together with the possible legal status of these organizations; and (ii) review of laws and regulations to be amended or promulgated, together with the major elements of amendments and promulgation.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - May 2004)

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**ENHANCING PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AT THE STATE
LEVEL (T.A. No. 3791-IND)**

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agencies: Infrastructure Authority in Andhra Pradesh
Ministry of Finance in Gujarat

Finance Department in Karnataka
Finance Department in Madhya Pradesh

Amount : US\$1,500,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include (i) review of existing legislation on private sector participation in infrastructure development; (ii) drafting amendments to existing legislation to provide specific assurances to the private sector of the state government's commitment to private sector participation; and (iii) where no legislation is in place, recommend the suitability of having one and provide draft legislation.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - April 2004)

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SUPPORT FOR REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR SECURED TRANSACTIONS (T. A. No. 3866-IND)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description: The project aims to improve the legal framework for secured transactions and to support the establishment and bringing into operation of a national, centralized and computerized registration system.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – June 2005)

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LEGAL SUPPORT FOR MADHYA PRADESH POWER SECTOR REFORM (T.A. No. 3883-IND)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency: Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board

Amount : US\$150,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the establishment and operationalization of new sector companies in order to create an efficient, competitive, commercially managed, and financially viable power sector. This includes identifying and addressing various legal issues for establishing appropriate policy framework underpinning the new sector structure as well as unbundling of the Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board into new successor companies.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – March

2004)

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DEVELOPING THE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR & STRUCTURING OF ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANIES IN INDIA (T.A. No. 3943-IND)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Ministry of Finance
Amount : US\$800,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include (i) review of the existing legal environment, particularly the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Ordinance 2002, and amendment of existing laws to facilitate the operation of asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) in India; and (ii) review of incentive structure of ARCs in other countries to determine an appropriate incentive structure for the proposed ARCs particularly with respect to the present tax regime.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - February 2004)

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ASSAM POWER SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (T.A. No. 3953-IND)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency: Assam State Electricity Board

Amount : US\$800,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include (i) drafting the reform act and other reform-related legislation, particularly an anti-theft legislation; and (ii) review of the business codes and internal regulations of the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission and propose necessary changes.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– September 2004)

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❖BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF ASSAM ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSIONS (T.A. No. 4083-IND)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency: Department of Power, Gov't of Assam

Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description: To assist Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission to develop its operational standards and procedures and build up its institutional capacity to handle regulatory matters effectively and efficiently.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– December 2004)

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❖ASSAM GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (T.A. No. 4150-IND)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency: Finance Department, Gov't of Assam

Amount : US\$700,000 (United Kingdom)
US\$100,000 (ADB)

Project Description: The objective of the TA is to improve and accelerate development management in Assam against the background of the MTFRP MOU by helping the Assam government design and sequence priority public resource management and governance reforms, and strengthen its implementation capacity to implement them.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– September 2004)

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❖ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (T.A. No. 4153-IND)

Funding Agency : ADB (from United Kingdom)

Executing Agency: Department of Justice
Ministry of Home Affairs

Amount : US\$500,000 (United Kingdom)

Project Description: The objectives of the TA are (i) to assist in the reduction of Delhi court congestion; and (ii) to contribute to the development of sustainable improvements in terms of delivery of and

access to speedy and quality justice in the Delhi courts in light of delays in the court system. The TA will do so by assisting the Government in carrying out a sector and diagnostic study of the legal and judicial sector, focused on Delhi courts, lawyers and citizens, through and independent empirical analysis of data from Government of India (GOI), Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) and the courts, review of secondary analysis, surveys, workshops and consultations. This is designed to identify the systemic needs of the Delhi legal and judicial system in order to establish the foundation for an implementable pilot project.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – June 2004)

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❖DEMUTUALIZATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGES (T.A. No. 4202-IND)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$150,000

Project Description: The objectives of the TA will be to facilitate the process of demutualization & consolidation of the stock exchanges in India to ensure that the desired outcomes are achieved. In this regard, the TA will (i) examine strategic options that regional stock exchanges may pursue in the demutualized environment and determine from the standpoint of market efficiency and economy, what future directions should be taken in further developing and strengthening the domestic capital market; (ii) address conflicts of interest in a demutualized set-up; (iii) enhance governance, compliance, and risk management systems within the demutualized exchange; and (iv) define an incentive structure for enhanced competition among the stock exchanges.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– March 2004)

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❖POLICY AND LEGAL SUPPORT FOR POWER SECTOR REFORMS (T.A. No. 4243-IND)

Funding Agency : ADB (from United Kingdom)

Executing Agency: Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$100,000

Project Description: The TA will support GOA in developing power sector policies to ensure the successful implementation of the reform program and address legal matters associated with it. The TA will also support ASEB and its successor companies to develop various legal documents and contracts underpinning commercial relationship among companies and between them and outside parties.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– March 2005)

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ANDHRA PRADESH POWER SECTOR REFORM

Funding Agency : Department for International Development (DFID)

Executing Agency: Department of Power
Government of Andhra Pradesh, India

Amount : £28,000,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance to the Government of Andhra Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) in the corporatization of the new transmission and distribution companies and in the transfer of staff from the APSEB to these new companies.

Project Status : In progress

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ANDHRA PRADESH ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING PROGRAMME

Funding Agencies : DFID/World Bank

Executing Agencies: (1) Commercial Taxes Department
(2) Department of Public Enterprise,
Government of Andhra Pradesh

Amount : £11,400,000

Project Description (legal component): DFID provides technical assistance to two components of the World Bank funded APERP. These are: (i) assisting the introduction of VAT in Andhra Pradesh and (ii) assisting in public enterprise reform.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – end of 2007)

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Private Sector Participation in Electricity

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance

Reorganization Plan for Gujarat Electricity

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission
Government of Gujarat

Supporting Fiscal Reforms in Kerala

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Finance Department, Dept of Finance
Government of Kerala

INDONESIA

PREPARING A GAS SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN (T.A. No. 3671-INO)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Directorate General of Oil and Gas
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Jakarta Pusat 10160
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Amount : US\$490,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the development of a legal and regulatory framework for the exploration and production of coalbed methane.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - May 2004)

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REGIONAL POWER TRANSMISSION AND COMPETITIVE MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (T.A. No. 3807-INO)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Indonesia

Executing Agency : Perusahaan Umum Listrik Negara
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Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include (i) review of existing regulations for selection of independent power producers and related regulations (tax, company establishment, license, etc.), and make recommendations if changes are necessary; (ii) preparation of a selection and procurement process that is transparent and offers the least opportunity for corrupt practices, including a general draft of a comprehensive solicitation document; and (iii) preparation of suitable online power purchase agreements that can be used for different types of proposed power projects.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - July 2004)

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STRENGTHENING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (T.A. No. 3829-INO)

Funding Agency : ADB (from ACCSF)

Executing Agency : Directorate for SME & Cooperative
Empowerment, BAPPENAS

Amount : US\$1,500,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance include (i) identifying key regulations that hinder the development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) at the central and local levels; (ii) preparation of an action plan for improving the legal and regulatory environment for SMEs at the regional level by recommending streamlining and modification of regulations, licensing and registration requirements, and possible elimination of unnecessary procedures; (iii) preparation of selected regulatory case studies to discuss with central, provincial, and local governments the proposed changes in regulations and licenses; (iv) supervision of dissemination of findings for policy reform, and establishment of one-stop shops for small licenses.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - December 2004)

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A FINANCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (T.A. No. 3850-INO)

Funding Agency : ADB (from ACCSF)

Executing Agency: Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$1,500,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in (i) developing and drafting new and revised regulations to meet the needs of the Financial Services Authority (FSA) as an effective oversight regulatory and supervisory agency for the financial sector; and (ii) facilitating discussions on the FSA bill during the legislative process.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - March 2004)

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❖SUPPORT TO STATE AUDIT REFORM (T.A. No. 4107-INO)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency: National Development Planning Agency

Amount : US\$700,000

Project Description: The TA will help the Government formulate and design a project to support state audit reform. The TA will aim to build strong and effective audit institutions in the public sector by (i) developing a road map that reflects a shared understanding among stakeholders of a comprehensive and long-term perspective for audit institutions, (ii) formulating institutional development plans for internal and external audit institutions, and (iii) identifying areas for external financing. The TA will specify key policy actions needed to effect legal and institutional change. The TA will also incorporate internationally recognized auditing standards and good practices in Indonesia's public sector audit systems and procedures taking into account the Indonesian experience. Underpinning the road map will be four basic considerations, the need to (i) make a clear distinction between internal and external audit functions, (ii) respect the decentralized environment in Indonesia, (iii) avoid duplication and overlap of mandates, and (iv) achieve cost efficiency.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - July 2004)

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❖ UNIFIED REGISTRATION SYSTEM (T.A. No. 4250-INO)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Home Affairs

Amount : US\$300,000

Project Description: The goal of the TA is to improve the delivery of public services, including social security, through support for the design and development of an effective population and civil registration system based on a unique PIN. Specifically, the TA will (i) support the design of a unified registration system that can be effective for purposes of social security administration, (ii) build capacity to allow effective pilot testing of the system, and (iii) identify viable options to extend system coverage to remote areas.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - July 2004)

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❖ IMPROVEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SUPREME COURT (T.A. No. 4251-INO)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Supreme Court

Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description: The TA is aimed at strengthening the administration of the Supreme Court as the apex body of the court system. It is intended that institutional strengthening will facilitate the effort for overall reforms at the Supreme Court and eventually throughout the judiciary.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - September 2004)

Project Contact : ADB
Governance, Finance, and Trade Division,
SERD

❖ STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISE RESTRUCTURING (T.A. No. 4280-INO)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Ministry of State-Owned Enterprises

Amount : US\$600,000

Project Description: The TA is aimed at strengthening the administration of the Supreme Court as the apex body of the court system. It is intended that institutional strengthening will facilitate the

effort for overall reforms at the Supreme Court and eventually throughout the judiciary.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - December 2004)

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❖ LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCING (T.A. No. 4282-INO)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Dir General for Central & Local Financial Balance

Amount : US\$600,000

Project Description: The TA will prepare a framework for regional government financing from both domestic and international sources and recommend restructuring of supporting institutions. This framework will help support the designing of future programs of ADB's activities in the area of local government financing. As a result, financial management at the central and local levels and flows of timely financial information will improve. The first objective will be to analyze options for implementing an interim onlending mechanism in accordance with Kepmen 35 of 2003. The analysis will include management of loans in arrears, options for an equitable and fair mechanism for restructuring of arrears, and legal advice to MOF for the revision of Law 25 and PP 107. The second objective will be to design and pilot harmonized financial management practices at central and local level. The third objective will be to facilitate availability of timely, accurate, consistent local government financial information.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - October 2005)

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INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY FOR LEGAL REFORM IN INDONESIA (IDEAL)

Funding Agency : USAID/Indonesia/CPT

Executing Agency : The Asia Foundation

Amount : US\$5,946,705

Indonesia

Project Description: Assistance includes (i) development of key legal institutions including the Supreme Court and its subordinate judiciary, parliament, National Law Commission, National Ombudsman Commission, legal education institutions and the legal profession; (ii) research on legal reform issues, increased public access to information and informed public dialogue on the national legal reform agenda; and (iii) legal advocacy and counter-corruption efforts of leading civil society organizations, including those focused on constitutional reform, freedom of information and professional responsibility.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – December 2004)

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ECONOMIC LAW, INSTITUTIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL STRENGTHENING (ELIPS II)

Funding Agency : USAID/Indonesia/ECG

Executing Agencies: The University of Indonesia Post Graduate Program, Ministry of Justice, Competition Commission

Amount : US\$8,416,000

Project Description: ELIPS II seeks to improve economic laws and regulations and strengthen legal institutions and professional associations to foster a legal framework, with a transparent and sound legal and regulatory environment enforced by the commercial court system and regulatory commissions, in order to promote economic growth. The intended results are reduced business uncertainty, lower hidden costs of doing business, increased investment, and a growing economy. The ELIPS II strategy is to provide institution-building support to strengthen and assist regulatory commissions, the Ministry of Justice, law schools, and professional associations, and to provide technical assistance in drafting, promoting, passing, understanding and implementing laws, decrees, administrative orders and decisions.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – December 2004)

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LAND LAW INITIATIVE

Funding Agency : USAID/Indonesia/ECG

Executing Agencies: University of Indonesia Post Graduate Program and Indonesia National Land

Agency (BPN)

Amount : US\$682,450

Project Description: Legal drafting and capacity building for land law reform for sustainable, equitable development of Indonesia's rural sector.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– July 2004)

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UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO AND UDAYANA UNIVERSITY (BALI) PARTNERSHIP

Funding Agency : USAID/Indonesia/ECG

Executing Agencies: Law schools of various universities in the provincial level and Government of Provincial level

Amount : US\$2,500,800

Project Description: Assistance in the development of (i) economy and law of the least developed areas of Indonesia; and (b) the legal community of Eastern Indonesia in the field of economic and commercial law. The University of San Francisco Legislative Drafting Project seeks to increase government's capacity for drafting effective law in an environment of transparency, thus facilitating democratic trends and economic efficiency.

Project Status : In progress

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THE LAW AND FINANCE INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIP (LFIP) – UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Funding Agency : USAID/Indonesia/ECG

Executing Agencies: University of Indonesia, University of Diponegoro, University of Gadjahmada,

University of Airlangga, University of
Sumatera Utara and Jakarta Stock Exchange

Amount : US\$300,000

Project Description: The Law and Finance Institutional Partnership consists of the University of Indonesia Graduate Law Program, the Gadjah Mada University Graduate Program in Business and Public Law, the Jakarta Stock Exchange, the Asian Law Program of the University of Washington-Seattle, the Asian Law Centre of the University of Melbourne-Australia, the Center for Asia-Pacific Initiatives of the University of Victoria-Canada, Lehrstuhl II of the Kriminalisches Institut University of Cologne-Germany and the University of South Carolina. Other participating Indonesian universities include Diponegoro University and the University of Northern Sumatra. LFIP works in the areas of legal/professional education (primarily distance education in the form of videoconferenced instruction and internet-based materials) on the border between law and economics as well as in the financial sector/capital markets.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – 2004)

Project Contact : Prof. David Linnan
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LAND ADMINISTRATION PROJECT (Loan No. 3792 IND)

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Amount : US\$80,000,000

Project Description (legal component): Legal TA in connection with the drafting of new regulations on land registration.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Ms. Karin Nordlander
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BANKING REFORM ASSISTANCE PROJECT (Loan No. 4255-IND)

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Executing Agency: Bank Indonesia, Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$20,000,000

Project Description (legal component): Technical assistance for diagnosis and recommendation of reforms in the financial sector.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Ms. Karin Nordlander

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INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (Loan No. 4244-IND)

Funding Agency : The World Bank (IBRD)

Executing Agency: Ministry of Tourism, Posts, and Telecoms

Amount : US\$34,500,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in strengthening the Borrower's enabling legal and regulatory framework, including the preparation of laws and regulations and the carrying out of policy studies and strengthening the skills of staff responsible for the development and implementation of the legal and regulatory framework.

Project Status : In progress (Closing date – June 2003)

Project Contact : Ms. Karin Nordlander
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PROVINCIAL HEALTH PROJECT (C3381)

Funding Agency : The World Bank (IDA)

Amount : US\$28,600,000

Project Description (legal component): The Project includes the strengthening of the policy and regulatory framework for health services, including the establishment of a health council and a health care accreditation agency at the provincial level.

Project Status : In progress (Closing date – June 2006)

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Implementation of a Regulatory Framework for the Gas Industry

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Directorate General for Oil and Gas
Ministry of Mines and Energy

SOE Privatization and Restructuring II

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance

Development of a Financial Services Supervisory Institution

Funding Agency : ADB (from the ACCSF)
Executing Agency : Directorate General for Financial Institutions
Ministry of Finance

Capacity Building of MSRI Inspectorate General in Combating Corruption

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Ministry of Settlements and Regional
Infrastructure

Rural Microfinance

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Ministry of Agriculture

Privatization and Restructuring of State-owned Enterprises

Funding Agency : ADB (from ACCSF)
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance

Reform of Water Enterprises

Funding Agency : Government of France
(administered by ADB)
Executing Agency : Directorate General of Urban and Rural
Development

Supporting Country Financial Accountability

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance

Regulatory Framework for Private and Public Water Supply and Wastewater Enterprises

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agencies: Ministry of Settlements and Regional
Infrastructure

KAZAKHSTAN

Network Infrastructure Regulatory Development

Funding Agency : Japan

Executing Agency: EBRD

Amount : EUR 915,000

Project Description: The Bank is currently organizing a technical cooperation project for the State Anti-Monopoly Agency in Astana to assist with respect to the development and implementation of sector-specific and cross-sectoral regulatory reform initiatives throughout network infrastructure within the responsibility of the Agency. This project will provide ongoing advisory services to the Agency for the

duration of the project. The advice will relate both to operation issues with respect to day-to-day regulation of network infrastructure and to framework and institutional reform issues.

Project Status : In progress

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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING - FINANCIAL MARKETS DEVELOPMENT

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency: National Securities Commission

Project Description: Assistance in drafting and implementing securities laws and regulations, and provision of training, advice and counsel to the National Commission on Securities and securities market participants.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING – FISCAL REFORM

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency: Ministry of Finance

Project Description: Technical assistance in the development of legislation for value added tax, excise tax, corporate income tax and personal income tax and advice on the administration of these and other taxes.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING - ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT REFORM

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency: Main Department for Methodology, Organization and Control of Accounting of the Ministry of Finance

Project Description: Assistance on training in, and the implementation of, internationally accepted accounting and auditing standards as well as training for professional associations and self-regulatory organizations.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING - COMMERCIAL LAW

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency: ARD/Checchi

Project Description: Assistance to the Ministry of Justice and other government agencies in the development of a system of commercial legislation designed to support private business activity, training the professionals tasked with enforcing the system - lawyers and judges, and training of procurators on economic crime topics. The primary focus is on the protection of property interests, the enforcement of contracts, the protection of creditors' rights and the facilitation of business formation and operation.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING - PENSION REFORM

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency: IMCC

Project Description: Assistance in the development of regulations for the implementation of a new law on pensions, and assistance in the administration of the new pension regime.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING - BUDGETARY/TAX REFORM

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency: KPMG/Barents Group

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the formulation and implementation of economic restructuring policies in the fiscal area by assisting the government in drafting and implementing a new tax code, developing a budget classification system, and working on national and local budget laws for Kazakhstan.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING - FINANCIAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency: FSVC

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in establishing a legal basis and regulatory framework for payment operations, real-time gross settlement systems, automated clearing facilities, payment system, risk management, disaster recovery planning and the introduction of payment cards to the market.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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COMMERCIAL LAW REFORM - TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency: Booz-Allen & Hamilton

Project Description (legal component): USAID assistance focuses on the development of a legal and regulatory environment conducive to free trade and investment in Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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COMMERCIAL LAW REFORM – TRAINING

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agencies: Ministry of Justice, State Law University,
Supreme Court, Adilet High Law School,
Association Lawyers of the Business World

Project Description: The third and last component of the Commercial Law Program is the main training support for the other components. It includes training in the United States, Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic, and is focused primarily on the training of lawyers and judges.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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COMMERCIAL LAW REFORM - CUSTOMS LAW

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agencies: Customs Committee, Ministry of Justice,
Agency for Strategic Planning and Reform

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in (i) drafting and securing passage of legislation in the areas of customs law and intellectual property rights; and (ii) establishment of a regulatory framework to promote increased trade and foreign investments.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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COMMERCIAL LAW REFORM – WTO ACCESSION

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agencies: Booz-Allen,
Hamilton, Inc.,
PWC/The Services Group

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in establishing a legal framework for Kazakhstan's WTO accession.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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DEMOCRATIC REFORM - RULE OF LAW

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency: ABA/CEELI

Project Description: USAID promotes a legal environment which is conducive to NGO development by (i) promoting the development of indigenous bar and judicial associations in Kazakhstan and bar association newsletters; and (ii) the creation of law libraries for local lawyers and NGOs involved in the rule of law, human rights, and other civil society areas.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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DEMOCRATIC REFORM – NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency: ISAR, Counterpart Consortium, NDI

Project Description (legal component): Support NGO participation in the preparations of legal and regulatory frameworks affecting NGO operations.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVES PROJECT - RULE OF LAW AND LEGAL REFORM

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency: American Bar Association
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Amount : US\$435,000

Project Description: The objective of the project is to help in the establishment of a viable legal community, including the establishment of an independent organization for the promotion of legal literacy and continuing legal education for Kazakhstan's attorneys and populace, and the general promotion of the status of the legal profession. TA to be provided will cover areas such as establishment of a bar association; development of legal literacy programs for the public and for lawyers; formation of lawyer work groups on current legal reforms and legislative changes; dissemination of legal literature and information; and advice on specific legislation related to legal practice.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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PETROLEUM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Amount : US\$300,000

Project Description (legal component): Legal TA to enact a petroleum law and a petroleum taxation code.

Project Status : In progress

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LEGAL REFORM PROJECT (KZ-PA-46046) - Loan

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Executing Agency : Ministry of Justice
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Amount : US\$15,000,000 (approximately)

Project Description: The project will assist in (i) the improvement of the legal education system; (ii) judicial development, regulatory reform and alternate dispute resolution; (iii) improvement in the technical, professional and institutional capacity of agencies involved in legal drafting; and (iv) strengthening legal information systems.

Project Status : In progress

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CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Executing Agency : Crown Agents

Project Description: Assistance in providing the legislative framework for the civil service of Kazakhstan and in drafting required legislation and statutes.

Project Status : In progress

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KIRIBATI

None

KOREA

None

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

STRENGTHENING CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND JUDICIAL REFORMS (T.A. No. 3779-KGZ)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Office of the Prime Minister
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Director, CDC
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Amount : US\$850,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance include (i) the development of a legal and regulatory framework for corporate governance; and (ii) comprehensive diagnostic assessment of the legal and judicial sector, focusing on alleviating the problems and constraints facing the judiciary.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - June 2004)

Project Contact : Mr. Jurgen Conrad
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FINANCIAL SECTOR REFORMS (T.A. No. 4069-KGZ)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic

Amount : US\$600,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance include (i) review of the legal framework with regard to restructuring and liquidation of commercial banks, focusing on the adequacy of the regulator's authority; and (ii) review of current enforcement of banking sector regulations, including a diagnostic study on enforcement of prudential norms through the court system by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - November 2004)

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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING - COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL BUSINESS LAW

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency : ARD/Cheechi

Project Description: Assistance in the development of a system of commercial legislation designed to support private business activity, focussing on the protection of property interests, the enforcement of contracts, the protection of creditors' rights, the development of clear and transparent bankruptcy procedures, and the facilitation of business formation and operation; and in the area of implementation of commercial laws vital for a free market economy.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING - COMMERCIAL LAW - TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency : Booz-Allen & Hamilton

Project Description: Assistance in the development of a legal and regulatory environment conducive to free trade and investment. The primary component of this assistance is the accession to the WTO, which would harmonize Kyrgyz Republic trade and investment regime with international standards and allow the freer flow of goods and services across Kyrgyz Republic borders.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING - COMMERCIAL LAW - TRAINING

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency : ARD/Checchi

Project Description: Assistance to reform the Kyrgyz Republic legal and regulatory system by training judges, procurators and attorneys on how to interpret and apply commercial and economic crime legislation. Additionally, assistance to Ministry of Justice personnel to create and activate a public notice filing system for security interests and other liens, and also with developing a comprehensive legal information system for use by all branches of government and the public.

Project Status : In progress

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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING - FINANCIAL MARKETS DEVELOPMENT

Funding Agency : USAID

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in drafting and implementing securities laws and regulations and provision of legal advice to securities market participants.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING - ACCOUNTING TRAINING

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency : Carana Corporation

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in: (i) training in, and the implementation of, internationally accepted accounting and auditing standards; and (ii) training for professional associations and self-regulatory organizations.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING - FISCAL REFORM

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency : KPMG/Barents Group

Project Description: Assistance to the Ministry of Finance and the Tax Inspectorate to formulate and implement economic restructuring policies in the fiscal area. This includes drafting, revisions and training for the new tax code, extensive technical assistance to create a centralized and automated tax information gathering and reporting system, assistance for forecasting income and overall government planning, and formulation of rationalized budget policies at the national and local levels.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia

ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING - FINANCIAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency : F SVC

Project Description (legal component): Assistance to establish a legal basis and regulatory framework for payment operations, establishing real-time gross settlement systems, automated clearing facilities, payment system, risk management, disaster recovery planning and the introduction of payment cards to the market.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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DEMOCRATIC REFORM – NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Funding Agencies : USAID
ABA/CEELI

Executing Agencies: Counterpart Consortium, ABA/CEELI, NDI

Project Description (legal component): Support NGO participation in the preparation of legal and regulatory frameworks affecting NGO operations.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
USAID
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DEMOCRATIC REFORM - JUDICIAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL REFORM

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency : ABA/CEELI

Project Description: Assistance in the development of an independent judiciary, a judicial association, lawyers' associations and code of ethics for judges and lawyers.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia

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COMMERCIAL LAW REFORM - CUSTOMS LAW

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency : Booz-Allen & Hamilton

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in (i) drafting and securing passage of legislation in the areas of customs law and intellectual property rights; and (ii) the establishment of a regulatory framework to promote increased trade and foreign investments.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Regional Mission for Central Asia
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FINANCIAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL COOPERATION (Project No. 28520)

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Amount : US\$239,500

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in reviewing banking legislation, accounting standards, auditing procedures and bank supervision.

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CANCELLED PROJECT

Improving the Enabling Environment for Skills and Entrepreneurship Development

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)
Executing Agency : Ministry of Home Affairs and Rural Development

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF THE SECURED TRANSACTIONS LAW AND BANKRUPTCY LAW (T.A. No. 3154-LAO)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Justice
P.O. Box 8

Amount : US\$150,000

Project Description: The TA will further the Bank's efforts to develop the financial sector by focusing on two legal areas critical for domestic and foreign investment and secured lending. Under the first part of the TA, implementing regulations for the bankruptcy law will be prepared. The second part of the TA will provide training to students at the Faculty of Law and to practicing lawyers in applying the secured transactions and bankruptcy laws and their implementing regulations.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion in 2004)

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NAM NGUM RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT (T.A. No. 3544-LAO)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency: Water Resources Coordination Committee
Secretariat
Vientiane, Lao PDR
Fax: (856 21) 213472

Amount : US\$850,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in developing legislation and decrees to support the implementation of the Water Law.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - April 2004)

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CAPACITY BUILDING FOR ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT IN ENERGY AND TRANSPORT (T.A. No. 3746-LAO)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency: Science Technology and Environment Agency
Fax: (856 21) 213472

Amount : US\$600,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the establishment of the environmental fund which include (i) advice on any legal constraints on and issues on the establishment of the fund; and (ii) drawing up of a charter and the implementing regulations and guidelines for the proposed fund.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – May 2004)

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STRENGTHENING CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF STATE-OWNED COMMERCIAL BANKS II (T.A. No. 4002-LAO)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Bank of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Amount : US\$900,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in legal/judicial capacity building to promote financial sector development. This includes (i) establishing the commercial division of the court and train officials for the new court system; and (ii) refining the banking legislative framework including anti-money laundering legislation and surveillance system.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - December 2006)

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☛ INTEGRATING THE POOR IN REGIONAL TRADE THROUGH STANDARD SETTING FOR PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT (T.A. No. 4108-LAO)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Poverty Reduction Fund)

Executing Agency: Ministry of Industry and Handicrafts

Amount : US\$150,000

Project Description: The purpose of the TA is to (i) assist in the streamlining and upgrading of the standards regulatory framework in the context of the World Trade Organization, (ii) provide consistent training in industry standards skills development for silk producers in order to alleviate poverty through improved international product market access.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – January 2004)

Project Contact : Ms. Madeleine Varkay

☛ ENHANCING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES PHASE II (T.A. No. 4180-LAO)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Poverty Reduction Fund)

Executing Agency: Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$620,000

Project Description: The objectives of the TA include: (i) provision of reliable, timely, and relevant financial information by all ministries, agencies, and offices of government; and (ii) improved accountability of public financial resources at central and provincial governments.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – September 2004)

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☛ CAPACITY BUILDING FOR FISCAL REFORMS IN SIKKIM (T.A. No. 4297-LAO)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Ministry of Commerce

Amount : US\$500,000 (ADB)
US\$170,000 (Governance Cooperation Fund)

Project Description: The TA will help the Government develop an integrated institutional and regulatory capacity-building framework to establish the foundation for PSD and SME development.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – December 2004)

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Lao, People's Democratic Republic

COOPERATION IN THE LEGAL FIELD BETWEEN LAO PDR AND JAPAN

Funding Agency : JICA

Executing Agencies: Research & Training Institute of the
Ministry of Justice, Japan

Nagoya University

Ministry of Justice, Lao PDR

Amount : US\$850,000

Project Description: Assistance in establishing the basic legal infrastructure and in training legal personnel through the explanation of the legal system in Japan. From 2001, in addition to the Ministry of Justice, the Supreme People's Court and the Office of Public Prosecutor General will officially be included in the project.

Project Status : In progress. A one-month seminar in Japan and a one-week seminar in Vientiane per year since 1999.

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STRENGTHENING OF THE LEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN LAO PDR

Funding Agency : Sida

Executing Agencies: Ministry of Education/National University
of Lao PDR

Implementing Agency: Umea University

Amount : US\$1,200,000

Project Description: The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the rule of law in Lao PDR, inter alia by increasing the number of qualified jurists in the country. The specific objectives of the project are to improve the teaching, research and administrative capabilities in all aspects at the Faculty of Law. This will be done through curriculum and teaching methodology development and human resource development, including upgrading the capacity of the law teachers in law and English.

Project Status : In progress (estimated completion date – March 2004)

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STRENGTHENING THE JUDICIARY (LAO/99/006)

Funding Agency : UNDP/Sida

Executing Agency: The People's Supreme Court of the Lao PDR

Implementing Agencies : UNDP and the People's Supreme Court

Amount : US\$493,000
Swedish contribution - approximately
US\$100,000

Project Description: Assistance to the Supreme People's Court to strengthen implementation and enforcement through training, decision-making, coordination, communication and enforcement of laws by the judiciary. This will be achieved through targeted training, improved dissemination of legal materials and a strengthened legal framework for enforcement of court decisions.

Project Status : In progress (Estimated completion date – June 2004)

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STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR (LAO/99/007)

Funding Agencies : UNDP/Sida/CIDA

Executing Agency: The Office of the Public Prosecutor of the
LAO PDR

Implementing Agencies : The Office of the Public Prosecutor and
UNDP

Amount : US\$526,000
Swedish contribution – approximately
US\$200,000

Project Description: The objective of the Project is to strengthen the legal knowledge and capacity of legal staff at the Office of the Public Prosecutor to enforce laws and fulfil its responsibilities. This will be done through training for prosecutors and investigators and through the establishment of an information management system.

Project Status : In progress (Estimated completion date – June 2004)

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**STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RULE OF LAW (LAO/99/008)**

Funding Agency : UNDP

Executing Agency: Ministry of Justice of the Lao PDR

Amount : US\$623,064

Project Description: Assistance to the Ministry of Justice in (i) strengthening the foundations of the legal drafting process; (ii) strengthening the system of drafting of laws and regulations to promote more effective implementation; and (iii) improved dissemination of laws and legal information.

Project Status : In progress

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LEGAL FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT (IDF Grant)

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Executing Agency: Ministry of Justice

Amount : US\$496,000

Project Description: Assistance in developing the Lao legal framework, including (i) formulating a medium-term national legal framework development plan; (ii) assessment of legal training needs of central and provincial law officials and, based on the findings thereof, preparing an action plan for training of such officials; (iii) preparing implementing regulations for priority laws and decrees; (iv) establishing a computerized system for systematic reporting and publication of the decisions of higher courts, and for the gradual development of a Lao legal dictionary and a system of jurisprudence and doctrinal writings; (v) training of law officials through their participation in law school programs and study tours abroad, to strengthen their legal capacities and skills, especially in the areas of economic and financial law, judicial procedures, legal reasoning and analysis, and legal research and drafting methodology; and (vi) conducting local workshops for Ministry of Justice officials and members of the Law Reform Commission and National Assembly Legislative Standing Committee and other senior law officials on *inter alia* (a) selected legal topics related to their duties and responsibilities; and (b) the theory and methodology for monitoring and evaluating the economic and social impact and consequences of the implementation of certain existing Lao laws, decrees and regulations. Based on these workshops, appropriate course curricula for the Vientiane Law School will be designed.

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LAND TITLING (C2832)

Funding Agency : The World Bank (IDA)

Amount : US\$14,000,000

Project Description (legal component): The Project includes a component on Policy and Legal Framework aimed at formulating policy guidelines and related legal regulations and procedures to further develop the Borrower's existing policy and legal framework governing land management and administration matters, and to strengthen the development and implementation of the Borrower's national land titling program.

Project Status : In progress

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**SOUTHERN PROVINCES RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
PROJECT (C3047)**

Funding Agency : The World Bank (IDA)

Amount : US\$25,700,000

Project Description (legal component): The Project includes the provision of consultants' services and training in legal, regulatory, technical and planning matters, including provision of such services for purposes of studying and planning future projects.

Project Status : In progress

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Preparing the Tree Plantation for Livelihood Improvement

Project

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : National Agriculture and Energy Extension Agency

Financial Sector Development Project

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)
Executing Agency : Bank of the Lao People's Democratic

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MALDIVES

STRENGTHENING LEGAL EDUCATION AND JUDICIAL TRAINING (T.A. No. 3389-MLD)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Ministry of Finance and Treasury
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Republic of Maldives
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Amount : US\$995,000

Project Description: Assistance in improving Maldivian legal education and in improving court practices, procedures and case management.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - March 2004)

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REVENUE DIVERSIFICATION (T.A. No. 3925-MLD)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency: Ministry of Finance and Treasury
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Amount : US\$350,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance includes (i) review of the existing drafts of the property rentals value tax bill, the business profit tax bill, tax administration bill, and tax administration regulations; (ii) translation of draft legislation into Dhivehi, and coordination with the Law Commission to submit the draft legislation to the People's Majlis for consideration and enactment; and (iii) designing in-house training, workshops, and seminars.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - July 2004)

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MARSHALL ISLANDS, REPUBLIC OF

MOBILIZING LAND (T.A. No. 3941-RMI)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Office of the Attorney General

Amount : US\$420,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in (i) establishing the Land Registration Authority (LRA) and implementation of the new land legislation; and (ii) organizing a series of public forum and other consultations in Majuro and the outer islands on the nature and operations of LRA.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - September 2004)

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MONGOLIA

RETRAINING OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS IN A MARKET ECONOMY (T.A. No. 2967-MON)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Ministry of Justice
Ulaanbaatar 210646
Fax: (976-11) 325-225

Amount : US\$1,000,000

Project Description: The TA aims to help the Government establish a retraining center in Ulaanbaatar to provide continuing legal education for Government lawyers, judges, prosecutors and other legal professionals. This includes (i) a training of trainers program to help build a team of instructors to teach at the retraining center; and (ii) the development and delivery of a long-term country-wide legal retraining program which will provide Mongolian lawyers with practical legal skills and knowledge necessary for lawyers working in a market economy.

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CAPACITY BUILDING FOR CADASTRAL SURVEY AND LAND REGISTRATION (T.A. No. 3395-MON)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agencies: State Agency for Geodesy and Carthography
 of Ministry of Infrastructure Development
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Land Management Agency of Ministry of
 Nature and Environment
 P.O. Box 83, Ulaanbaatar 35
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 Tel: (976-11) 360-562

Amount : US\$990,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance to develop a comprehensive and cohesive framework of laws relating to land and the land administration system. This also includes training of appropriate government personnel in the interpretation and administration of the laws and the land administration system, through seminars and workshops.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - December 2007)

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STRENGTHENING PUBLIC SECTOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (T.A. No. 3920-MON)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Cabinet Secretariat
 Government of Mongolia

Amount : US\$420,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance includes (i) review of the legal framework and if needed, drafting amendments to all relevant legislation in order to achieve consistency with the provisions of the Public Sector Management and Finance Law (PSMFL); and (ii) advisory support to the agencies and officials involved in the implementation of the PSMFL in all legal aspects of the reform agenda.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion- June 2005)

Project Contact : Mr. Roger Moyes

RETRAINING OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS IN A MARKET ECONOMY II (T.A. No. 4077-MON)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Ministry of Justice
 Ulaanbaatar 210646
 Fax: (976-11) 325-225

Amount : US\$150,000

Project Description: The objective is to assist the Legal Retraining Center (LRC) which was established under TA 2967, to deliver training in commercial laws and regulations of the highest quality and to become a financially self-sustaining institution through the introduction of additional tuition-based programs.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – December 2004)

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★PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT CAPACITY BUILDING (T.A. No. 4304-MON)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Ministry of Finance and Economy

Amount : US\$150,000

Project Description: The objective is to improve efficiency and quality of procurement through better trained and more professional personnel.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion- September 2004)

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❶ CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ASSESSMENT

Funding Agency : Mongolian Cooperation Fund (administered by EBRD)

Executing Agency : SGH Working Group of the Mongolian Parliament

Amount : Euro 7,000

Project Description: At the request of its government, Mongolia has been included in the EBRD's Regional Corporate Governance Sector Assessment Project to gauge the corporate governance related laws and regulations of Mongolia against the Corporate Governance Checklist developed by the Office of the General Counsel of the EBRD.

Project Status : In progress

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❷ IMPROVING CORPORATE GOVERNANCE LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND PRACTICE

Funding Agency : Mongolian Cooperation Fund (administered by EBRD)

Executing Agency : SGH Working Group of the Mongolian Parliament

Amount : Euro 199,000

Project Description: The project aims to assist the Government of Mongolia to improve corporate governance by (1) identifying actions needed to strengthen the legal and regulatory framework for corporate governance in the country and develop a prioritized action plan for the Standing Committee; and (2) identifying and recommending legislative, regulatory and practical steps that can be taken to improve corporate governance in state-owned enterprises.

Project Status : In progress

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ASSISTANCE TO LEGAL SECTOR (1)

Funding Agencies : German Government, GTZ

Executing Agency: Ministry of Justice

Amount : DM 8,500,000

Project Description: Advisory services for the Ministry of Justice focusing on the reform of commercial laws in Mongolia.

Project Status : In progress

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ASSISTANCE TO LEGAL SECTOR (2)

Funding Agencies : German Government
Konrad-Adenauer Foundation (KAF)

Executing Agency: Ministry of Justice and others

Project Description: Since 1993, support has included study tours and scholarships for Mongolian lawmakers and lawyers in Germany; funding of seminars on legal issues; and assignment of both long-term and short-term experts.

Project Status : In progress

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ASSISTANCE TO LEGAL SECTOR (MONGOLIAN AUDITING BOARD (3))

Funding Agencies : German Government, GTZ

Executing Agency: State Audit Commission

Amount : DM 3,000,000

Project Description: Support for the establishment of a Mongolian auditing board.

Project Status : In progress

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ASSISTANCE TO LEGAL SECTOR (4)

Funding Agencies : German Government
Hanns-Seidel Foundation (HSF)

Executing Agency: Ministry of Justice and others

Project Description: Since 1994, support has included study tours and scholarships for Mongolian lawmakers and lawyers in Germany; funding of seminars on legal issues; assignment of short-term experts; and establishment of a legal database.

Project Status : In progress

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★ASSISTANCE TO LEGAL SECTOR (5)

Funding Agencies : German Government, GTZ

Executing Agency: Ministry of Justice and others

Amount : US\$1,000,000

Project Description: Training for law experts (ministry, judges, prosecutors, lawyers).

Project Status : Proposal

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HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

Funding Agencies : UNDP, UNESCO and DANIDA

Executing Agency: UNESCO

Amount : US\$320,000

Project Description: As part of a decentralization package, assistance for human rights education at the smallest administrative unit level (baghs) in Mongolia.

Project Status : In progress

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CAPACITY BUILDING FOR GOVERNING INSTITUTIONS: SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

Funding Agency : UNDP

Executing Agencies: Secretariat General of Parliament
Chancellery of President's Office
Cabinet Secretariat
General Council of Courts

Amount : US\$2,500,000

Project Description: The Project involves technological and organizational capacity building as well as governance and policy analysis methodology training for the four powers of the Mongolian State: Parliament, Presidency, Government and the Judiciary.

Project Status : In progress

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BANKING, ENTERPRISE AND LEGAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CREDIT (BELTAC Credit No. 2948)

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Executing Agency: Ministry of Justice

Amount : SDR 1,500,000

Project Description (legal component): The BELTAC legal reform component will provide advisory support and training for the Ministry of Justice and selected legal institutions. It envisages a pipeline of subprojects, the first of which are (i) training of professionals on the application of the (new) bankruptcy law and a public information campaign on bankruptcy; (ii) the establishment of a registry for the registration of secured interests in movable property; and (iii) strengthening of the bailiff's office through a combination of study tours and the development of a basic training course for bailiffs on execution of judgments.

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Public Administration Reform

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Cabinet Secretariat

NEPAL

COMPANY, INSOLVENCY AND SECURED TRANSACTIONS LAW REFORM (T.A. No. 3461-NEP)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Law and Justice

Amount : US\$250,000

Project Description: Assistance in (i) the reform of laws relating to companies, insolvency, and secured transactions, with a view to enhancing corporate governance; (ii) restructuring or dissolution of companies in distress; and (iii) establishment of an institutional framework for creation, perfection, and enforcement of security over property.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– 2004)

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STREAMLINING OF FINANCIAL, CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LEGISLATION (T.A. No. 3580-NEP)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Law and Justice

Amount : US\$250,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in reviewing and updating of financial and corporate sector legislation. This will include: (i) a diagnostic study of existing laws and issues, taking into account the institutional framework for implementation and enforcement; (ii) development of guiding principles and policy objectives to be addressed through legislation, and conduct workshops to foster a participatory process in updating legislation; (iii) drafting support for new legislation based on the reform needs identified; and (iv) recommendations to improve the institutional framework for enforcement.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– September 2004)

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INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR GOVERNANCE REFORMS (T.A. No. 3622-NEP)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of General Administration

Amount : US\$1,525,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include: (i) review of proposed anticorruption legislation to assess whether it meets international best practice; and (ii) analysis of the institutional framework for combatting corruption, focusing on the judicial system, the Commission for the Investigation of the Abuse of Authority, the Auditor General's Office, and the Special Police (at district level).

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– December 2003)

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SUPPORT FOR THE FOCAL POINT FOR FINANCIAL SECTOR REFORMS (T. A. No. 3834-NEP)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$150,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in financial sector reforms and judicial strengthening including (i) drafting and implementation of the new companies law, secured transactions law and insolvency law; (ii) coordination with the implementing agencies for the establishment of the National Judicial Academy, a legal information center, a secured transactions registry, and a special commercial bench/dispute resolution mechanisms.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– April 2004)

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PREPARING THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN (T. A. No. 3872-NEP)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Women, Children & Social Welfare

Amount : US\$450,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in developing and implementing legal literacy and gender awareness/empowerment activities, focusing specifically on issues that relate to the concept of rights, marriage, economic and employment rights, violence against women, children's rights and advocacy, and trafficking of women and children. The awareness program includes a curriculum for paralegal training, information sessions for beneficiaries, and follow-up/refresher courses.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– February 2004)

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STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC DEBT MANAGEMENT (T. A. No. 4017-NEP)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$400,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance includes (i) review of existing laws and regulations covering government and government-guaranteed borrowing of state enterprises, and government onlending of borrowed funds; (ii) drafting of a comprehensive public debt management law; and (iii) preparation of a loan operations manual that will clarify the roles of the various agencies.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– June 2005)

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KATHMANDU VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT SUPPORT PROJECT (T. A. No. 4096-NEP)

Funding Agencies : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)
Government of Norway

Executing Agency : Ministry of Physical Planning and Works

Amount : US\$1,400,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance includes (i) drafting legislation for establishing the National Water Supply Regulatory Board and the Kathmandu Valley Water Authority; (ii) review and finalize draft legislation for the proposed Municipal Water Services Act; and (iii) preparation of legislation for licensing and charging for use of groundwater.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– January 2005)

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SOCIAL PROTECTION STRATEGY (T. A. No. 4097-NEP)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare

Amount : US\$250,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance includes (i) review of acts and regulations pertaining to social protection; (ii) review of existing studies, identifying gaps and areas of special concern; (iii) identifying key issues in the legal reform process that need to be addressed to implement the proposed social protection strategy; (iv) identifying regulations and structure that promote and obstruct gender equity; and (v) coordination with local bodies and working groups to incorporate relevant legal issues and crosscutting issues in the proposed social protection strategy.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– April 2004)

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★MARKET ACCESS AND PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR (T. A. No. 4133-NEP)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Industry

Amount : US\$400,000

Project Description: The TA will identify (i) any further policy, legal, and institutional constraints that prevent the private sector from responding effectively to market opportunities; (ii) analyze recent developments in the competitiveness of Nepal's industry and services sectors, and the integration of these sectors with key international markets; (iii) select the key factors behind the present restrained response to emerging comparative advantage in market niches, such as supply constraints in factor markets; information barriers and asymmetries between markets; severed market linkages preventing

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the private sector to avail of economies of scale, scope, networks and agglomeration; barriers to coordination and collective action among key private sector players that prevent pooling of resources and organization capabilities; and barriers to competition linked possibly to adverse incentive regimes; and (iv) develop and institute effective mechanism to help the private sector respond to the identified issues and obstacles to sector development in the emerging market environment.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– March 2004)

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❖SUPPORTING GOVERNMENT DISENGAGEMENT FROM PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (T. A. No. 4141-NEP)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$425,000

Project Description: The TA will assist the Government in (i) developing and implementing an effective privatization/liquidation process, (ii) building capacity within the Government for undertaking divestment, (iii) managing and supervising the transactions, (iv) implementing an effective and fair policy for Labor rationalization, and (v) supporting the overall management of the program.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion in 2004)

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❖STRENGTHENING PERFORMANCE-BASED MANAGEMENT (T. A. No. 4249-NEP)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of General Administration

Amount : US\$275,000

Project Description: The objective of the TA is to assist the Government to improve the quality, efficiency and access of services provided by key ministries. The purpose of the TA is to establish a system for developing, adopting, communicating and monitoring performance targets in selected service and central ministries with a first set of targets in place by the end of the TA. The specific deliverables of the TA will include performance management system, performance improvement plans, performance improvement fund, and service standards. Emphasis will be placed on building skills, confidence and change leadership in Ministry of General Administration's Governance Reform Coordination Unit (GRCU),

Ministry of Finance's Efficiency Unit (EU) and the change units in the three pilot ministries.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - February 2005)

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STRENGTHENING OF THE RULE OF LAW AND REFORM OF THE JUDICIARY

Funding Agency : UNDP

Executing Agencies: Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, and the Supreme Court of Nepal

Amount : US\$1,358,314

Project Description: This project seeks to promote the rule of law through three main strategies: (i) improve citizen's access to justice particularly of the poor and disadvantaged through the establishment of Arbitration Boards at the village and municipal level to settle minor disputes in accordance with the provisions of the Local Self Governance Act, 1998; (ii) strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs to draft appropriate treaties and legislation; and (iii) enhancing transparency, accountability, and competency in judicial system through reform of substantive and procedural laws, training to judges and modernization of case flow.

Project Status : Proposal

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Second Rural Infrastructure Development

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Local Development

PAKISTAN

STRENGTHENING OF INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY FOR JUDICIAL AND LEGAL REFORM (T.A. No. 3433-PAK)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Law, Justice, Human Rights and Parliamentary Affairs
Fax: (9251) 921-2710

Amount : US\$2,900,000

Project Description: The objective of the TA is to strengthen institutional capacity for judicial and legal reform and enable the government to initiate key governance and institutional reforms. This includes: (i) judicial policymaking and administration; (ii) delay-reduction pilot projects; (iii) improving access to justice; (iv) judicial training to enhance the institutional capacity of the Federal Judicial Academy, legal education and legal profession; (v) economic law reform; and (vi) drafting of legislation or amending existing rules and regulations, including arbitration law.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– June 2005)

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INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING FOR GOVERNMENT-NGO COOPERATION (T.A. No. 3618-PAK)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs

Amount : US\$400,000

Project Description (legal component): Review of legal and regulatory structures affecting NGOs and the development of recommendations for revision of these structures.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– June 2004)

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CAPACITY BUILDING FOR CAPITAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (T.A. No. 3696-PAK)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agencies: Ministry of Finance

Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan
NIC Building, Blue Area
Islamabad, Pakistan
Contact: Mr. Tarik Iqbal Khan, Commissioner
Fax: (9251) 9204915

Amount : US\$600,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in (i) review of existing rules and regulations of the capital market and the status of their enforcement; (ii) assessment of the governance framework for market participants, in particular those areas pertaining to equity investments by institutional investors and market transaction norms of brokerage and investment banks; and (iii) preparation of the reform programs to ensure appropriate sequencing and pacing of reforms in the Pakistani context.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion–April 2004)

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RESTRUCTURING OF GAS SECTOR (T.A. No. 3711-PAK)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources
Government of Pakistan
Block-A, PAK Secretariat
Islamabad, Pakistan
Contact: Mr. M. Abdullah Yusuf, Secretary
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Amount : US\$1,000,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in restructuring and privatization of the gas sector particularly the creation of the basic legal framework for the new entities.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– June 2004)

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SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (T.A. No. 3835-PAK)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Industry and Production

Amount : US\$800,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include (i) review of domestic law underlying the licensing and operations of small and medium enterprises (SMEs); and (ii) drafting of a legal framework and legislation to enhance labor and industry standards as well as environmental standards for SMEs.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion in 2004)

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❖STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY BUREAU (T. A. No. 4043-PAK)

Funding Agency : ADB (from the Governance Cooperation Fund)

Executing Agency : National Accountability Bureau

Amount : US\$120,000

Project Description: The goal of the TA is to improve the capacity of NAB in performing broader functions of prevention of corruption and becoming more effective, scientific and integrated throughout all levels of government in the performance of its functions. The TA will also assist NAB in developing better coordination with agencies and activities for preventing corruption at the Provincial and Local Government levels by developing NAB's capacity to provide advice and training.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - December 2004)

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❖SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF DECENTRALIZATION II (T. A. No. 4207-PAK)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$400,000 (ADB)
US\$2,149,000 (Governments of United Kingdom, Canada and Netherlands)

Project Description: The objective of the TA is to strengthen implementation and integration of poverty reduction and governance reform approaches at the program and project levels. The TA will have four primary outputs: (i) effective use by federal and provincial implementing agencies of resources, including externally financed grants and loans, allocated to support the PRSP, province reforms and devolution; (ii) established research, monitoring and evaluation (M&E) arrangements providing timely and strategic information on progress in implementing governance and poverty reforms, compliance with fiscal management and accountability requirements, and the quality of institution- and capacity-building efforts; (iii) the creation of an informed and articulate constituency for the poverty reduction and devolution processes through regular exchanges of information and consensus building among stakeholders, both domestic and international; and (iv) institutionalized mechanisms and systems for channeling external funds to local governments for service delivery.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – May 2006 2004)

❖STRENGTHENING SECURED TRANSACTIONS (T. A. No. 4260-PAK)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : State Bank of Pakistan

Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description: The TA will assist the Government in developing a secured transactions reform framework that can facilitate the creation, perfection, and enforcement of collateral interest by improving laws, regulations, and institutions. Secured transactions reform require patient and sensitive consensus building, as it needs to consider a variety of laws such as those relating to civil procedure, registration, contract, and companies. Sustained awareness and exposure are therefore required for developing a sequenced approach to secured transactions reform in the context of ongoing economy-wide structural adjustment, including ADB-supported sector reforms.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– June 2005)

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Health Sector Reform in North-West Frontier Province

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Department of Health, NWFP

Transparency in Financial Transactions (Cancelled)

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : State Bank of Pakistan

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

PREPARING THE ROAD AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (T.A. No. 3716-PNG)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Department of Works and Implementation
P.O. Box 1108, Boroko
Contact: Mr. Alhonse Niggins, Secretary
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Amount : US\$700,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance include review of the legal framework and approval processes to ensure adequate incorporation of all official process for approval of the legislation proposals to be delivered by the TA, and provide references to affected legal texts.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– June 2004)

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AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (T.A. No. 4055-PNG)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Department of National Planning and Rural Development

Amount : US\$1,000,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance include review of legal and regulatory arrangements and institutional mandates, placing attention on the consistency of national, provincial, and local laws and regulations and the effectiveness of enforcement.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– October 2004)

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

Funding Agency : AusAID

Amount : To be determined

Project Description: Investigation of possible forms of assistance to improve access to legal and judicial services and increase the responsiveness of the justice system to community needs by strengthening the capacity of the Attorney General's Department, the judiciary, the National Judicial Staff Service and the Legal Training Institute. It is anticipated that two projects will be implemented arising from this exercise - an institutional strengthening project for the Attorney General's Department and a legal capacity building project which aims to improve the skill levels of the judiciary, court staff and legal practitioners and students.

Project Status : In progress (4 years from late 1999)

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LEGAL CAPACITY BUILDING

Funding Agency : AusAID

Project Description: Assistance to increase the responsiveness of the justice system to community needs by strengthening the capacities of the judiciary and magistracy, the National Judicial Staff Service, the Legal Training Institute and the legal profession generally. The overall aim is to enhance the skills of those people whose work is critical to the effective operation of the PNG justice system.

Project Status : In progress (Duration - 3 years from mid-2000)

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GAS DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT (L7019)

Funding Agency : The World Bank (IBRD)

Amount : US\$7,000,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance includes strengthening of the policy and regulatory framework for promotion investments in gas development and activities for carrying out in-country awareness campaigns among affected communities relating to the Borrower's laws and policies for the sector.

Project Status : In progress (Closing date – March 2006)

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MINING SECTOR INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT (L7018)

Funding Agency : The World Bank (IBRD)

Amount : US\$10,000,000

Papua New Guinea/Philippines

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in strengthening of the policy and regulatory framework for the mining sector through a review of existing mining policy and legislation and the development of new strategies and legislation as required.

Project Status : In progress (Closing date – December 2005)

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COMPLETED PROJECT

Review of Mining and Hydrocarbon Tax Regimes

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Internal Revenue Commission

PHILIPPINES

AIR EMISSION POLICY STUDIES (T.A. 3128-PHI)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Environment Management Bureau
3/F Topaz Bldg., 99-100 Kamias Road
Diliman, Quezon City
Fax: (632) 928-5698

Amount : US\$1,500,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in (i) reviewing the legal framework of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources as well as the operations of the Pollution Adjudication Board and the Public Hearing Committee under the Laguna Lake Development Authority jurisdiction; and (ii) drafting and enforcing legislation and regulations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of operations and to establish a framework through which legal aspects of environmental management can be made more transparent and effective.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion in 2004)

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STRENGTHENING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY (T.A. No. 3693-PHI)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Supreme Court of the Philippines

Amount : US\$1,200,000

Project Description: The objectives are to (i) strengthen the judiciary's fiscal independence and responsibility; (ii) improve the appointment process and the incentives system under which judges and justices function; (iii) enhance the capacity of the judiciary to dispense justice; and (iv) improve transparency in the judiciary and public access to information regarding the judiciary.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion–May 2004)

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CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE REGULATORY OFFICE OF THE METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM (T.A. No. 3703-PHI)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS)
Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City
Fax: (632) 921-2887

Amount : US\$800,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in strengthening the institutional capacity of the MWSS-Regulatory Office (MWSS-RO) to efficiently regulate concessionaire performance under the Concession Agreements, focussing on arbitration as well as the legal aspects of MWSS-RO tasks set out in the Concession Agreements.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - December 2003)

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REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING AND GOVERNANCE FOR AN EXPANDED AUTONOMOUS REGION OF MUSLIM MINDANAO (T.A. 3966-PHI)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : ARMM Regional Planning and Development Office

Amount : US\$600,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance includes review of the legal framework, particularly Republic Act (RA) 6734 and RA 9054, to evaluate if the provisions adequately support the regional autonomy of ARMM, (ii) ensure consistency between the two laws, (iii) identify provisions of the regional local government code that require amendment, (iv) provide the basis for clarifying the roles and functions

of regional government, and (v) help assess capacity within the regional government to meet its mandates. Assistance will also be given in drafting necessary amendments.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – December 2004)

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❖ PROMOTING GOOD GOVERNANCE IN THE RESTRUCTURED POWER SECTOR (T. A. No. 4151-PHI)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Department of Energy

Amount : US\$800,000

Project Description: The TA will help clarify the respective roles of the DOE and ERC, and promote good governance in the restructured power sector by: (i) strengthening of DOE's planning capacities through capacity building of EPIMB; and (ii) formulation of the five-year MEDP to promote public and private partnerships for the expansion of rural electrification in nonviable areas. The TA will also identify areas which the power sector may need further strengthening.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– February 2005)

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❖ SUPPORT FOR THE NONBANK FINANCIAL SECTOR (T. A. No. 4168-PHI)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Securities and Exchange Commission

Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description: The objective of the proposed technical assistance (TA) is to (i) help the Government prepare medium- and long-term strategies to advance reforms and further develop the NBF sector, and (ii) promote competition and remove impediments to the creation and distribution of innovative financial products and services.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– June 2005)

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REFORMING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE THROUGH COALITION ADVOCACY (RAJCA) (AID-492-G-98-00032-00)

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency : The Asia Foundation

Amount : US\$2,267,643

Project Description: This project seeks to strengthen the Philippine legal and judicial system for it to operate more efficiently, effectively, and above all equitably for all Filipinos, particularly disadvantaged sectors. Working in coalition with Alternative Law Groups, the project includes interventions in three areas: (i) reform within the court system; (ii) reform outside the court system (including barangay justice, quasi-judicial adjudication, and the formulation.

Project Status : In progress

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LAND ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT (L7034)

Funding Agency : The World Bank (IBRD)

Amount : US\$4,790,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in carrying out studies in land administration and management policies, including land law and regulations.

Project Status : In progress (Closing date – September 2003)

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Non-Bank Financial Sector Development

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency: Securities and Exchange Commission

Second Subic Bay Freeport Project

Funding Agency : The World Bank

SAMOA

CAPACITY BUILDING OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS ADVISORY INTERMEDIARIES (T.A. No. 3549-SAM)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Treasury Department
P.O. Box 30017, Apia
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Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the improvement of the legal and regulatory environment for the corporate sector, particularly those areas that impact the micro- and small enterprise sector.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - December 2005)

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❖IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2001 (T. A. No. 4134-SAM)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Treasury Department

Amount : US\$375,000

Project Description: The public sector reform program in Samoa took an important step with the enactment of the Public Financial Management Act 2001. The legislative framework is now in place to pursue sound financial management consistent with the principles of transparency and accountability. The TA will assist the government to implement the Act through ensuring a focus on government priorities, a realistic and sustainable timetable of capacity building, change management and system development. Additionally the TA will also assist the government in developing a clear roadmap, appropriate sequencing of activities, total program costs and monitorable performance indicators.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– June 2005)

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HEALTH SECTOR MANAGEMENT PROJECT (C3421)

Funding Agency : The World Bank (IDA)

Amount : US\$3,800,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance includes (i) the development and implementation of appropriate health policies, legislation and regulations, and (ii) strengthening health care legislation and regulations for current and emerging policies and activities.

Project Status : In progress (Closing date - March 2006)

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SOLOMON ISLANDS

NONE

SRI LANKA

ENABLING SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES GROWTH (T.A. No. 3822-SRI)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance and Planning
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Amount : US\$1,250,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include (i) review of the legal framework for secured transactions with which to catalyze non-bank sources of finance for SMEs; and (ii) drafting of legislation for a suitable secured transactions legal regime which will form the basis for future development of a modern, electronic, secured transactions registry.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – December 2004)

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PUBLIC SECTOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (T.A. No. 3906-SRI)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance and Planning

Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance includes review of the legal framework, including legislation under preparation, and recommendations on legal changes for the establishment of a modern, integrated, autonomous revenue authority.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - February 2004)

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STRENGTHENING THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION (T.A. No. 4049-SRI)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Housing and Plantation
Infrastructure

Amount : US\$285,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the development of adequate legislation and guidelines to regulate the water sector. This includes (i) finalizing the draft Water Sector Reform (WSR) Act, and (ii) developing guidelines to implement the various provisions of the WSR Act.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - November 2004)

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DELIVERING NATURAL RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES SECTOR (T.A. No. 4059-SRI)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Environmental and Natural
Resources

Amount : US\$800,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the preparation of a draft natural resource policy and legal/regulatory reform agendas

including time-bound action plans for inclusion in the policy and institutional strengthening activities in the sector.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - September 2005)

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Resources Division, SARD
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✶ENERGY SECTOR MASTER PLAN (T.A. No. 4113-SRI)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Power and Energy

Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description: To develop an integrated energy sector master plan that will cover all the energy subsectors in Sri Lanka. The Master plan will provide and direct future planning and investment initiatives towards the end goal of ensuring uninterrupted and high quality energy supply to the various customer categories in Sri Lanka. The scope of the Master plan would entail (i) review of all existing material such as laws, regulations, sector plans, and business practices; (ii) identify the options available to Sri Lanka concerning sources and utilization of energy, (iii) detailed directions of developing an efficient and cost effective energy sector, and (iv) develop an investment plan for the energy sector with clearly identified projects.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – July 2004)

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COMPLETED PROJECT

Integrating Cleaner Production into Industrial Development

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Ministry of Economic and Industrial
Development

Preparing the Rural Finance Sector Development Project

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : The Central Bank of Sri Lanka
Rural Credit Department

Restructuring the Power Sector

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Ministry of Lands, Irrigation, Power,
and Energy

TAJIKISTAN

GOVERNANCE ASSESSMENT – SOUND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT FOR TAJIKISTAN (T.A. No. 3694-TAJ)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Working Group on the Improvement of the State Sector

Amount : US\$140,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include identification and in-depth review of legal/judicial organizational issues, anti-corruption measures and redress mechanisms.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion - March 2004)

Project Contact : Ms. Betty Wilkinson
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STRENGTHENING CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE REFORMS FORMERLY "STRENGTHENING THE LEGAL AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM" (T.A. No. 3987-TAJ)

Funding Agency : Government of Spain (administered by ADB)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$480,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance includes (i) advisory support to strengthen the law on joint-stock companies to improve corporate and financial governance; (ii) evaluation of amendments to the Law on Bankruptcy to ensure that the final version of the law contains sufficient provisions to initiate as well as expedite bankruptcy and enterprise reorganization procedures; and (iii) assessment of the current capital market regulatory framework in order to formulate developmental and regulatory measures needed to promote and sustain a viable capital market.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – May 2004)

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – Phase II

Funding Agency : Japan (administered by EBRD)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Telecommunications

Amount : EUR 300,000

Project Description: The objective of the Project is to build on the work already completed, assisting with the preparation of secondary legislation, regulations and other normative acts to support the provisions of the primary legislation, assist with the development of the organization, capacity and skills of the Regulatory Authority and assist with the implementation of the various policies already developed. Particular emphasis is being placed on training on the latest cost-accounting methods, assistance with tariff reform and tariff rebalancing, universal access/service policy and mechanism, together with assistance with the preparation and adoption of regulatory policies to promote further liberalization.

Project Status : In progress

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THAILAND

STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS (T.A. No. 3662-THA)

Funding Agency : ADB (from ACCSF)

Executing Agency : Office of the National Counter
Corruption Commission
165/1 Phitsanuloke Road
Bangkok, Thailand
Contact: Mr. Chitchai Panichpat
Deputy Secretary-General
E-mail: occc@mozart.inet.co.th

Amount : US\$565,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include (i) review of all provisions in the new Thai constitution and other legal documents concerning the impeachment process; and (ii) proposals for new laws and regulations that can strengthen the conduct of the impeachment process.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – May 2004)

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Operations Coordination Division, MKRD
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PENSION SYSTEM DESIGN (T.A. No. 4011-THA)**Funding Agency** : ADB**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Finance**Amount** : US\$600,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in reforming pension law during the first phase of the design and implementation of the reformed pension system in Thailand. This include: (i) drafting of laws to establish the structure of the mandatory accumulation system; and (ii) amendments to the civil code and other Thai laws that will be required as a result of the passage of pension reform legislation.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – December 2004)

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COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECT (TF 029440)**Funding Agency** : Japanese Government**Executing Agency** : The World Bank**Amount** : US\$450,000

Project Description (legal component): Legal advisory services to review and provide recommendations concerning the legal and regulatory framework related to: (i) mangrove forests, including land use in mangrove forest areas; (ii) marine national parks, including multiple use approach to marine park management, co-existence between parks and communities living within their boundaries and financing of marine national park management; (iii) coastal fisheries, including property rights and tenure for community-based fisheries management and access and harvest control in the offshore fisheries; and (iv) any other relevant natural resources and environmentally-related policy issues identified during project preparation

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Ms. Teresa Genta-Fons
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Fax: (202) 522-1590

CHAO PRAYA RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (TF 022751)**Funding Agency** : Japanese Government**Executing Agency** : The World Bank**Amount** : ¥105,900,000

Project Description (legal component): Legal advisory services to review and propose amendments to the existing legal and regulatory framework related to water resources development and conservation, with special emphasis on water rights.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Ms. Teresa Genta-Fons
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FINANCIAL SECTOR IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT (Loan No. 4233-TH)**Funding Agency** : The World Bank**Amount** : US\$15,000,000

Project Description (legal component): Technical assistance for strengthening of the legal and regulatory framework, the supervisory regime, and the institutional mechanisms for regulation of financial institutions.

Project Status : In progress

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METROPOLITAN DISTRIBUTION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT (Loan No. 4199-TH)**Funding Agency** : The World Bank**Amount** : US\$145,000,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance for the restructuring of power distribution.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Ms. Teresa Genta-Fons
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BUILDING CAPACITY FOR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE PROJECT (IDF Grant)**Funding Agency** : The World Bank

Thailand/Timor Leste/Tonga

Amount : US\$343,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance for the improvement of the legal and regulatory framework for financial accountability, transparency of information in the public and private sectors, accounting and auditing standards.

Project Status : In progress

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ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT PROJECT (L4288)

Funding Agency : The World Bank (IBRD)

Amount : US\$15,000,000

Project Description (legal component): Preparation of legal framework for corporatization and privatization of state-owned enterprises; preparation of legal framework for concessions and for granting government guarantees.

Project Status : In progress

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Ms. Mariana Montiel: Tel. (202) 458-0342

COMPLETED PROJECT

Training in Business Reorganization and Insolvency

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : Business Reorganization Office

TIMOR-LESTE

TRANSPORT SECTOR IMPROVEMENT (T.A. 3731-TIM)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET)
Contact: Department of Infrastructure
Fax: (670390) 322-007/8

Amount : US\$500,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the legal and operational establishment of effective and appropriately sized

operations of (i) a port authority, (ii) an airport authority, and (iii) a road administration. The scope will include a review of the legal, regulatory, and policy proposals for the transport sectors covering roads, ports, and aviation subsectors, finalization of these proposals, and support to their implementation.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion in 2004)

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Capacity Building for Governance and Public Sector

Management

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : UNTAET

Environmental Assessment Capacity Improvement

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : UNTAET

TONGA

ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM (T.A. No. 3705-TON)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance
P.O. Box 87, Vuna Road
Nuku'alofa
Contact: Mr. Aisake Eke, Secretary
Fax: (676) 26-011
Tel: (676) 23-066

Amount : US\$650,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include (i) review and consolidation of Tonga's laws and regulations; (ii) analysis of the regulatory regime of Tonga to ensure good practice and enforceability; (iii) review of regulations to ascertain that regulatory bodies comply with good practice and to suggest improvements to legislation in line with government policy; (iv) and assessment of the needs of the judiciary for improved dispensation of justice and smoother functioning of the court system in consultation with the advisory team provided by the Australian Agency for International Development that aims at strengthening the legal sector.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion –June 2004)

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**BUILDING A PERFORMANCE-BASED PUBLIC SERVICE
(T.A. No. 3873-TON)****Funding Agency :** ADB**Executing Agency :** Ministry of Finance**Amount :** US\$700,000**Project Description** (legal component): Assistance in the preparation of regulations and implementation guidelines for new legislation proposed under the Economic and Public Sector Reform Program**Project Status :** In progress (Expected completion–December 2004)**Project Contact :** Ms. Andrea Iffland
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E-mail: aiffland@adb.org**Project Status :** In progress**Project Contact :** Regional Mission for Central Asia
USAID
97a Furmanova Street
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Tel: (3272) 507-615/507-612
Fax: (3272) 696-490/507-636**ENERGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT – RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT****Funding Agency :** USAID**Executing Agencies:** United States Energy Association
Israeli Development Agency
Mineral Management Service
PA Consulting Group**Project Description** (legal component): Assistance in developing oil and gas environmental laws and regulations, the process by which they are implemented and the structure of the implementing institutions.**Project Status :** In progress**Project Contact :** Regional Mission for Central Asia
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480091, Almaty
Tel: (3272) 507-615/507-612
Fax: (3272) 696-490/507-636**TRADE AND INVESTMENT PROGRAM****Funding Agency :** USAID**Project Description** (legal component): Assistance in the development of laws that are fundamental to private-sector development, including laws on customs and tariffs, business organizations, company registration, and intellectual property rights.**Project Status :** In progress**Project Contact :** Regional Mission for Central Asia
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97a Furmanova Street
480091, Almaty
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Fax: (3272) 696-490/507-636**DEMOCRATIC CULTURE – NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS****Funding Agency :** USAID**Executing Agencies:** Counterpart Consortium
International Center for Not-For-Project Law
ABA/CEELI
Initiative for Social Action and Renewal in India**RATIONALIZATION OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (T.A. No.
4111-TON)****Funding Agency :** ADB**Executing Agency :** Ministry of Finance**Amount :** US\$515,000**Project Description:** The objective of this TA is to assist in accelerating reforms to significantly improve the efficiency of public enterprises so as to reduce the subsidy burden on the budget, and, where appropriate, to transfer some of these enterprises to the private sector. Regulatory arrangements will also be an important aspect of the TA.**Project Status :** In progress (Expected completion–June 2004)**Project Contact :** Mr. Thuy Mellor
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Pacific Operations Division, PARD
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E-mail: tmellor@adb.org**TURKMENISTAN****LEGAL EDUCATION****Funding Agency :** USAID**Executing Agency :** ABA/CEELI**Project Description:** In 1999, ABA/CEELI began a legal education and information program with Turkmen State University and the National Library.

Turkmenistan/Uzbekistan

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in improving the legal and regulatory framework affecting NGOs particularly those that promote women's rights and the contribution of women to social and political decision-making.

Project Status : In progress

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UZBEKISTAN

ENTERPRISE RESTRUCTURING AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (T.A. No. 4062-UZB)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Committee for Economic Insolvency of Enterprises, Ministry of Macroeconomics and Statistics

Amount : US\$1,000,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in (i) strengthening of the legal and judicial framework to support enterprise restructuring, execution of pledges, and resolution of commercial disputes; (ii) streamlining of the legal and regulatory framework to facilitate postprivatization and private sector development; (iii) identifying impediments in enforcing commercial legislation and judicial decisions; and (iv) designing mechanisms to strengthen the role of legal and judicial institutions.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– December 2004)

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❖DEVELOPMENT OF CAPITAL MARKET (T.A. No. 4146-UZB)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Center on Coord Func of the Securities Market

Amount : US\$200,000

Project Description: To facilitate development of an orderly, fair, and efficient capital market by (i) supporting incorporation of international best practice standards into the current legal and regulatory framework and (ii) enhancing the capacity of CCFSM to develop and regulate the capital market.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion–July 2004)

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❖INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING OF THE STATE COMMITTEE ON DEMONOPOLIZATION AND COMPETITION DEVELOPMENT (T.A. No. 4147-UZB)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : State Comm for Demonopolization and Compttn Devt

Amount : US\$300,000

Project Description: To promote private sector growth by creating a better enabling environment to promote development of a more competitive and healthy enterprise sector that better protects consumers.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion–September 2005)

Project Contact : Mr. Cheong-Hwan Oh
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❖STRENGTHENING THE POLICY AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (T.A. No. 4265-UZB)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Justice

Amount : US\$300,000

Project Description: Promote FDI by (i) creating a conducive policy environment; (ii) establishing a legal framework to ensure protection of foreign investors; (iii) strengthening capacity of government agencies concerned.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion–August 2004)

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Funding Agency : Japan (administered by EBRD)

Executing Agency : Communications and Information Agency of Uzbekistan

Amount : EUR 583,700

Project Description: The project will support and facilitate the reform process and has as its overall objective assistance to the authorities, in particular, the Communications and Information Agency of Uzbekistan, in establishing a clear and predictable regulatory framework likely to attract private investment and to enable the overall development of the sector in Uzbekistan. Particular emphasis will be placed upon institutional strengthening, assistance with respect to cost-accounting methods, assistance with tariff reform and tariff rebalancing, universal access/service policy and mechanism.

Project Status : In progress

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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING – FISCAL REFORM

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency : KPMG/Barents Group

Amount : US\$2,044,860

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in the development of legislation for value added tax, excise tax, corporate income tax and personal income tax, and advice on the administration of these and other taxes.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : USAID
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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING – PENSION REFORM

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency : IMCC

Amount : US\$209,550

Project Description: Assistance in the development of regulations for the implementation of the new law on pensions, and assistance in the administration of the new pension regime.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : USAID
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ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING – FINANCIAL MARKETS DEVELOPMENT

Funding Agency : USAID

Amount : US\$7,635,000 (also covers similar TA in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic)

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in drafting and implementing securities laws and regulations, and provision of legal advice to securities market participants.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : USAID
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COMMERCIAL LAW REFORM – TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Funding Agency : USAID

Amount : US\$1,910,774

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in (i) drafting and securing passage of legislation in the areas of customs law and intellectual property rights; and (ii) establishment of a regulatory framework to promote increased trade and foreign investments.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : USAID
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DEMOCRATIC REFORM – NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency : Counterpart Consortium

Amount : US\$1,475,782

Uzbekistan/Vanuatu/Viet Nam Socialist Republic of

Project Description (legal component): Support for NGO participation in the preparations of legal and regulatory frameworks affecting NGO operations.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : USAID
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DEMOCRATIC REFORM – LEGAL REFORM

Funding Agency : USAID

Executing Agency : ABA/CEELI

Amount : US\$660,000

Project Description: Assistance in (i) the development of an independent judiciary and legal profession through continuing legal education and assistance in forming judicial and legal associations; and (ii) the improvement of the quality of legislation by reviewing and commenting on draft laws and providing relevant training.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : USAID
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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Leasing Legislation

Funding Agency : Japan (administered by EBRD)

VANUATU

INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING OF THE PARLIAMENT (T.A. No. 3816-VAN)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Department of Strategic Management
Ministry of Comprehensive Reform Program
Private Mail Bag 088
Port Vila, Vanuatu
Contact: The Director
Fax: (678) 25481

Amount : US\$200,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include introduction of legislation for the Offices of Parliament and any necessary legal foundation for Parliament's privileges.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion–May 2004)

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Capacity Building of the Legal Sector

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)
Executing Agency : State Law Office

VIET NAM, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF

ENHANCING RESETTLEMENT LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY (T.A. No. 3727-VIE)

Funding Agencies : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$310,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance includes strengthening of the legal framework on land acquisition and resettlement, and improve the awareness among project implementers and people affected about resettlement policy and legal framework.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion – September 2004)

Project Contact : Ms. Marla Huddleston
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CAPACITY BUILDING FOR NONBANK FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CAPITAL MARKET (T.A. No. 4035-VIE)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : State Bank of Viet Nam
47-49 Ly Thai To
Hanoi, Viet Nam

Amount : US\$1,000,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance includes (i) review of existing laws and regulations with provisions concerning money market instruments, and proposing to resolve conflicts, if any; (ii) drafting a negotiable instruments law and related implementation regulations; and (iii) conducting roundtable discussions with stakeholders.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– June 2004)

Project Contact : Ms. Shigeko Hattori
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LEGAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT UP TO YEAR 2010 AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SECURED TRANSACTIONS REGISTRATION (T.A. No. 4060-VIE)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Justice

Amount : US\$750,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance in (i) preparing implementation mechanisms for comprehensive legal system leading up to 2010, with special focus on priority projects selected by the Ministry of Justice; and (ii) drafting an ordinance for registering secured transactions, improving the organization and operation of the registration system, increasing point of service, legal training, and public education and publicity programs.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion–July 2005)

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❖CAPACITY BUILDING FOR MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO SUPPORT TARIFF, INDUSTRY AND SUBSIDY ANALYSIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF WTO ACCESSION (T.A. No. 4291-VIE)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance

Amount : US\$150,000

Project Description: The TA aims to strengthen the capacity of Ministry of Finance (MOF) to effectively participate in the WTO accession negotiations, through provision of in-depth study on tariff, the manufacturing sector and subsidies, and training of MOF officials to analyze tariff policies, preparing tariff offers and proposals in relation to subsidies and other revenue-related areas to help the Viet Nam WTO negotiating team make well-founded and informed decisions; as well as enhanced capacity for implementation of the trade agreements.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion–December 2004)

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Viet Nam Resident Mission
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CAPACITY BUILDING FOR EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE FACILITY

Funding Agency : AusAID

Amount : US\$5,000,000

Project Description: The goal of the project is to improve transparency, accountability and the efficiency and effectiveness of policy development, management and service delivery in the public sector in Vietnam. It is designed to respond to requests from key government ministries and agencies for assistance in the following four focal areas: (a) private sector development; (b) economic integration (with specific focus on the domestic dimensions of liberalizing trade and investment); (c) efficient and equitable use of public sector resources; and (d) fostering a more transparent, predictable and accessible legal and judicial system.

Project Status : Proposal

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VIET NAM - CANADA OCEANS AND COASTAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME - PHASE II - MARINE POLLUTION CONTROL

Funding Agency : VCOP

Executing Agency : VINAMARINE

Amount : Can\$41,500 (approximately)

Project Description: Assistance in drafting regulations to implement international conventions dealing with the prevention of marine pollution from ships, and training of lawyers and judges in connection therewith.

Project Status : In progress

Project Contact : Mr. Vuong Dinh Lam
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COOPERATION IN THE LEGAL FIELD BETWEEN VIET NAM AND JAPAN

Funding Agency : JICA

Executing Agencies: Research and Training Institute of the
Ministry of Justice

Ministry of Justice, Viet Nam

Supreme People's Court

Supreme People's Procuracy

Project Description: The objective of the project is to assist Viet Nam in establishing the basic legal infrastructure and in training legal personnel through the explanation of the legal system in Japan.

Project Status : In progress. Phase I was completed in November 1999. Phase II started in December 1999 for three years.

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STRENGTHENING LAW MAKING AND LAW IMPLEMENTATION

Funding Agency : Sida

Executing Agency: Ministry of Justice
Dr. Ha Hung Cuong
Head of International Department

Amount : SEK 15.5 million

Project Description: The overall objective is to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Justice in law making and law implementation that are compatible with international legal standards and the human rights international treaties which Viet Nam has ratified.

Project Status : In progress (July 2001 - June 2004)

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STRENGTHENING LEGAL EDUCATION

Funding Agency : Sida

Executing Agency: Hanoi and HCMC Law University

Amount : SEK 24 million

Project Description: The objective is to achieve an accomplished curriculum development and teaching methodology for bachelor, master and doctorate degrees, which fit the principles of a state based on the Rule of Law and the needs of the "Doi Moi" policy, strengthening the legal education capability by improving gender equal lecturers' qualification, strengthening libraries information system and widening international cooperation.

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STRENGTHENING LEGAL INFORMATION

Funding Agency : Sida

Executing Agencies: Ministry of Justice (MOJ)
Law Research Institute

Amount : SEK 11 million

Project Description: Assistance includes (i) enhancing the capacity of MOJ's staff and others in accessing to legal information in the National Legal Database; (ii) strengthening legal dissemination by producing a Law Dictionary; (iii) designing a model of a National Legal Information Centre; and (iv) MOJ library development.

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STRENGTHENING LEGAL AID

Funding Agency : Sida

Executing Agencies: Ministry of Justice (MOJ),
 National Legal Aid Agency (NLAA)

Amount : SEK 11 million

Project Description: Assistance includes (i) strengthening NLAA's capacity; (ii) strengthening capacity of mediation groups; (iii) strengthening capacity of University Law Clinics; and (iv) support to the Bar Associations.

Project Status : In progress November 2001 – October 2004)

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❖ INSTITUTIONAL REFORM FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (VIE/01/025)

Funding Agency : UNDP

Executing Agency: Central Institute for Economic Management

Amount : US\$1,983,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance includes studies and workshops on SOE reform and drafting of the SOE Law, the Cooperatives Law, the Law on Foreign Investment and the Law on Domestic Investment Promotion in disadvantaged locations and on improving competitiveness of 'Made in Viet Nam'.

Project Status : In progress (extended to 2007)

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❖ ASSISTANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VIET NAM'S LEGAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY TO 2010 (VIE/03/005)

Funding Agency : UNDP

Executing Agency: Ministry of Justice

Amount : US\$5,000,000

Project Description: Assistance in undertaking a coordinated and programmatic approach to the implementation of the Legal System Development Strategy (LSDS) 2001-2010. The main outcomes of the project are as follows: (i) enhanced capacity of the Government and other relevant agencies especially the National Steering Committee, the Inter Agency Working Group and the Secretariat for effective management, coordination and oversight of the entire implementation process of the LSDS; and (ii) implementation of a number of high-priority projects through the effective establishment of the Legal System Development Facility for continuous support to the LSDS.

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**PREPARATION FOR STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT
CREDIT II (TF 029443)**

Funding Agency : Japanese Government (World Bank Project)

Amount : US\$958,000

Project Description (legal component): Provision of legal advisory services related to: (i) the State Enterprise Reform Action Program including drafting of specific charters for corporatization of strategic enterprises; and (ii) regulatory and prudential framework for the banking system including review and amendment of the existing banking regulations.

Project Status : In progress

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**CAPACITY BUILDING FOR EVALUATING AND
NEGOTIATING PRIVATELY FINANCED
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (IDF Grant No. TF027563)**

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Executing Agency : Ministry of Planning and Investment

Amount : US\$487,000

Project Description: Assistance in building capacity of designated government officials and staff for the management of private infrastructure projects in connection with relevant aspects of contract law and preparation of concession agreements, revenue agreements, guaranties and other related instruments.

Project Status : In progress

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**CAPACITY BUILDING FOR POWER AND GAS SECTOR
REGULATION (IDF Grant No. TF027564)**

Funding Agency : The World Bank

Executing Agency : Ministry of Planning and Investment

Amount : US\$478,000

Project Description: Assistance in building capacity to define the regulatory functions, institutions and regulatory processes to conduct economic regulation of the power and gas subsectors, and to implement and perform such regulatory functions through training of designated government officials and provision of consultants' services.

Project Status : In progress

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**TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND DISASTER
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (C3034)**

Funding Agency : The World Bank (IDA)

Amount : US\$144,400,000

Project Description: The Project includes (i) strengthening of the power sector regulatory framework by introducing tariff reforms and implementing regulatory reforms; (ii) strengthening the power sector regulatory capacity through preparation of detailed working procedures and analytic tools needed to regulate the power sector effectively, and training of selected staff of regulatory institutions in the use of said procedures and tools.

Project Status : In progress (Closing date – December 2003)

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Financial Market Development

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : State Bank of Viet Nam

Framework for Microfinance Development

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : State Bank of Viet Nam

REGIONAL

DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNET FOR ASIAN LAW (DIAL II) (TA No. 5820-REG)**Funding Agency** : ADB**Executing Agency** : ADB**Amount** : US\$600,000

Project Description: Implementation of the recommendations of the feasibility study under the technical assistance earlier funded by ADB for the creation of an electronic resource center to provide DMC officials involved in the law reform process with access to (i) internet sites housing full-text legislative and regulatory materials from DMCs and best practice jurisdictions in areas of greatest interest to DMCs; and (ii) a panel of experts who will provide guidance (to designated authorized users) on international experience with such laws and regulations.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion in 2004)

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LEGAL LITERACY FOR SUPPORTING GOVERNANCE (TA No. 5856-REG)**Funding Agency** : ADB**Executing Agency** : ADB**Amount** : US\$500,000

Project Description: Study of best practices for the delivery of legal literacy programs in selected DMCs to identify strategies of incorporating such practices in ADB-funded projects to enhance good governance by educating citizens about important legal rights and how to access legal institutions for enforcement of such rights.

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion in 2004)

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ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF GOVERNMENT LEGAL SERVICES (TA No. 5876-REG)**Funding Agencies** : ADB/Government of Japan/Government of Netherlands**Executing Agency** : ADB**Amount** : US\$400,000 (ADB)

US\$225,000 (Government of Japan)
US\$37,000 (Government of Netherlands)

Project Description: The objective of the Project is to maximize efficiency and quality in the delivery of legal services to governments (India, Nepal, Pakistan, People's Republic of China, Philippines, and Thailand) and thereby reduce costs of economic transactions, promote predictability in transactions with government and improve functioning of government in areas where legal inputs are critical.

Countries Covered: India, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, People's Republic of China, Thailand**Project Status** : In progress (Expected completion in 2004)

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PROMOTING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INSOLVENCY LAW REFORMS (T.A. No. 5975-REG)**Funding Agency** : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)**Executing Agency** : ADB**Amount** : US\$1,500,000

Project Description: The objectives are to (i) facilitate the development of sound insolvency frameworks for the handling of cross-border insolvencies; (ii) facilitate regional cooperation especially the exchange of ideas and experiences between courts and other competent authorities involved in the handling of cross-border insolvency cases, and formal and informal workouts and restructurings; (iii) review on a comparative basis informal insolvency frameworks to further develop the informal process; and (iv) develop case studies and model frameworks to illustrate how an integrated approach to secured transactions and insolvency law reform can be implemented.

Countries Covered: Indonesia, Korea, Philippines, Thailand**Project Status** : In progress (Expected completion 2004)

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STUDY ON FOREST POLICY AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS (TA No. 5900-REG)**Funding Agency** : ADB**Executing Agency** : National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB)**Amount** : US\$1,000,000

Regional

Project Description (legal component): Assistance will include (i) review of all provisions in the new constitution and in other legal documents (national and local) that pertain to decentralization, devolution of powers, and other related jurisprudence, including the state of implementation or the required codes and rules for implementation; (ii) identifying possible gaps in the legal mandate providing for decentralized functions of government, devolution of government services, and power sharing; and (iii) preparing recommendations for changes in structure of NESDB and different levels of government to respond to the needs of decentralization.

Countries Covered: Bangladesh, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion-June 2004)

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IDENTIFYING DISABILITY ISSUES RELATED TO POVERTY REDUCTION (TA No. 5956-REG)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : ADB

Amount : US\$300,000

Project Description (legal component): Review of policies, laws, guidelines, and directives at the national level, identifying any areas or sectors that can address the needs of disabled people in the poverty reduction program; and provide copies of such policies, laws, guidelines, and directives.

Countries Covered: Cambodia, India, Philippines

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion -
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COUNTERING MONEY LAUNDERING IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION (TA No. 5967-REG)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering
Secretariat

Amount : US\$650,000

Project Description: The objectives are to facilitate the adoption and implementation of anti-money laundering measures based on internationally accepted standards in the selected DMCs, and to

accelerate regional cooperation and collaboration in the fight against money laundering.

Countries Covered: Cook Islands, Fiji, Indonesia, Nauru,
Philippines, Republic of the Marshall Islands,
Samoa, Thailand, Vanuatu

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion in 2004)

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GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR POLICY FORMULATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING (T.A. No. 6004-REG)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : ADB

Amount : US\$700,000

Project Description (legal component): Assistance include development of comprehensive telecommunications sector legislative guidelines for the TA countries to formulate principal legislation for implementing telecommunications sector policy.

Countries Covered: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Viet Nam

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion- December
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INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS INTO DEVELOPMENT POLICIES, PLANS AND PROGRAMS (T.A. No. 6095-REG)

Funding Agency : ADB (from Japan Special Fund)

Executing Agency : ADB

Amount : US\$550,000

Project Description (legal component): The main objectives of the TA are to help governments (i) develop and disseminate an accurate and comprehensive understanding of the national environmental management regimes among the wide range of policy makers and development planners, with clear contextual linkages to the national economic development goals; and (ii) identify priority areas in policy, institutional, and legislative mechanisms, and programs.projects that will improve synergy between environmental/natural resources management and national economic development planning, including planned and potential support from ADB.

Countries Covered: Central Asia Republics, Azerbaijan and Mongolia

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– December 2004)

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IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT FOR FACILITATION OF THE CROSS-BORDER TRANSPORT OF GOODS AND PEOPLE IN THE GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION - PHASE I (T.A. No. 6098-REG)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : ADB

Amount : US\$800,000

Project Description (legal component): The purpose of the TA is to help finalize and implement the Cross-Border Agreement and its annexes and protocols. Specifically, the TA will assist the GMS governments in (i) negotiations and signature of a set of critical annexes and protocols to the agreement, and (ii) implementation of critical cross-border transport facilitation measures at border crossings to be agreed upon.

Countries Covered: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Viet Nam

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– December 2004)

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IMPROVING THE LEGAL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT IN THE PACIFIC REGION (T.A. No. 6098-REG)

Funding Agency : ADB

Executing Agency : ADB

Amount : US\$800,000

Project Description (legal component): The TA aims to improve the legal business environment in the Pacific islands to support the development of a strong and dynamic private sector, including improved corporate and public governance, and increased productivity and investment. The TA's purpose is to reform the legal and regulatory framework in the participating PDMCs in support of PSD. Specifically, the TA will contribute to the improvement of the efficiency of the legal business environment in the PDMCs, thereby reducing risk, uncertainty, and transaction costs for private businesses.

Countries Covered: Pacific DMCs

Project Status : In progress (Expected completion– May 2007)

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MEKONG REGION LAW CENTER

Funding Agencies : The Asia Foundation; AusAID; Japan Foundation; DANIDA; Thailand Development Cooperation Foundation; Royal Thai Government; private sector corporations

Project Description: The Mekong Region Law Center (MRLC) is a non-profit association of the legal communities of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Viet Nam established in 1994 to promote the rule of law, encourage sustainable economic and social development, facilitate the process of legal development within the countries of the region, encourage complementarity of legal systems and create a regional approach to problem solving. Current projects include: Commercial Law Initiative; Environmental Law Initiative; Due Process Project; Illegal Labor Migrations Project; Legal Internships; Legal English Training; and Legal Information Exchange.

Project Status : In progress

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INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL LAW

Funding Agency : JICA

Executing Agency : Research and Training Institute of the Ministry of Justice

Project Description: To assist developing countries in establishing the basic infrastructure in the fields of civil and commercial laws, and anti-corruption laws. On each theme, a one-and-a-half month seminar on the Japanese legal system for government officials and lawyers responsible for lawmaking and implementing in these fields in Asia and other regions is held annually.

Project Status : In progress

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SUPPORT TO DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT IN EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (AD/RAS/99/D82)

Funding Agencies : Australia and Sweden

Executing Agency: UNODC

Amount : US\$831,200

Project Description: The objective of the project is to increase the capacity of drug law enforcement agencies in East Asia and the Pacific to develop and implement effective drug control programmes. Strategic, operational and technical advice provided to governments of the region will aid the development, implementation and evaluation of programmes/projects in the fields of law enforcement and criminal justice at national and subregional levels. In addition, the project will monitor, analyze and report on drug control issues, cultivation, production and trafficking trends. The main input will be services of a Regional Law Enforcement Adviser posted to UNDCP Regional Centre, Bangkok, Thailand.

Project Status : In progress (five years and a half from Jul 99-December 2004)

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DEVELOPMENT OF CROSS-BORDER LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION IN EAST ASIA (RAS/99/D91)

Funding Agency : Japan

Executing Agency: UNODC

Amount : US\$2,809,100

Project Description: The project will progressively develop and expand in order of priorities the operational effectiveness of law enforcement agencies across and along the borders of countries which are party to the Memorandum of Understanding and the Subregional Action Plan on Drug Control. The project will be implemented in two phases with the China-Laos, China-Myanmar and China-Vietnam borders to be covered by the first phase. The second phase will address identified needs at the Cambodia-Thailand, Cambodia-Vietnam, Laos-Thailand, Laos-Vietnam, Myanmar-Laos, and Myanmar-Thailand borders. Activities will mainly entail building national and bilateral cooperation and enabling cross border personnel to work as a team. The key components will be workshops and specialized on-the-job training to develop skills and knowledge of drug control, initiatives to engender trust and confidence, and structures which favor close liaison.

Enforcement activities conducive to practical and daily collaboration will be identified and encouraged.

Project Status : In progress (six years and a half from July 1999-December 2005)

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PRECURSOR CONTROL IN EAST ASIA PHASE II (AD/RAS/00/F34)

Funding Agency : Japan and U.S.A.

Executing Agency: UNODC

Amount : US\$1,793,700

Project Description: The project is aimed at curtailing the rampant diversion and trafficking of precursors in East Asia as the means to reduce manufacture of heroin and ATS in the region. It intends to achieve that goal by continuing to strengthen precursor control in Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, where diversion and trafficking of precursors is most serious, improve control of licit trade in precursors in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines to prevent further development of ATS manufacture in these countries, and to enhance regional cooperation between countries in East Asia to address the regional problem.

Project Status : In progress (November 2001-November 2005)

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★UN ODC PARTICIPATION IN THE ASEM ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING PROJECT (AD/RAS/02/G44)

Funding Agency : The United Kingdom and European
Commission

Executing Agency: UNODC

Amount : US\$1,185,300

Project Description: The project entails UNODC participation in the ASEM (Asian-European Meeting) Anti-Money Laundering Project, which is aimed at developing sustainable institutional capacity in the Asia Region to address money-laundering concerns at a national, regional and international level. UNODC will provide technical experts and consultants, undertake pre-workshop preparatory work, administrative, logistical and support services to the organization and

delivery of workshops/seminars, and assist DFID in the monitoring and evaluation of the ASEM Anti-Money Laundering. The ASEM Money-Laundering project intends to develop closer and deeper cooperation between Europe and Asia as part of international efforts to implement a global anti-money laundering network; to strengthen existing institutional capacity at the regional level; and to develop new, or enhance existing institutional capacity at the national level.

Project Status : In progress (three years August 2002 - July 2005)

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❖ THE EXPANSION OF COMPUTER BASED DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING IN EAST ASIA (AD/RAS/03/G53)

Funding Agency : USA

Executing Agency: UNODC

Amount : US\$1,185,300

Project Description: The overall objective of the project is to enhance Governments' capacities to develop and implement self-sustaining training programmes to counter drug trafficking and cross-border organized criminal activity through the application of a computer-based training programme. The immediate objective is to introduce high-quality computer-based law enforcement training in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

At the end of the project, there will be a comprehensive ongoing computer-based drug law enforcement training in programme in place that will significantly raise the level of skills, knowledge and awareness within the law enforcement community in the three countries concerned and accross the region as a whole.

Project Status : In progress (18 months April 2003 – September 2004)

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SPECIAL TRAINING COURSE ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES

Executing Agency : World Trade Organization

Project Description: Each year the WTO holds dispute settlement courses in Geneva and various countries in which participants are

provided training concerning the implementation of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes. The training includes discussions of theoretical cases and participation in simulation exercises. Annually about 10/15 officials from the Asia-Pacific region countries participate in this training course.

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REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SEMINARS ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AND DSU NEGOTIATIONS

Executing Agency : World Trade Organization

Project Description: The WTO Technical Cooperation Division organizes regional and national seminars on dispute settlement and DSU negotiations in all regions, including the Asia-Pacific region.

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

Pacific Judicial Training

Funding Agency : ADB/AusAID/DFID/NZODA/UNDP
Executing Agency : Institute of Justice and Applied Legal Studies

Capacity Building for Environmental Law Training in the Asia and Pacific Region

Funding Agency : ADB
Executing Agency : International Union for Conservation of Nature –Environmental Law Centre

Judicial Independence

Funding Agency : ADB, Government of Netherlands
Executing Agency : ADB

Public Opinion Survey

Funding Agency : ADB (Governance Cooperation Fund)
Executing Agency : ADB

Enhancement of Drug Law Enforcement Training in East Asia

Funding Agency : Australia, Canada, Japan, United Kingdom, USA
Executing Agency : UNODC