

COMPLETION REPORT

Research Summary

The research project undertaken entitled: *ROLE OF THE JAPANESE AIDS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMBODIA-LAO DPR-VIETNAM DEVELOPMENT TRIANGLE*, has completed with a 49-page Report in English and a 48-page Report in Vietnamese with 7 sections as: (i) introduction; (ii) research objectives and research questions; (iii) research approach and methodology; (iv) background for building and developing CLV Development Triangle; (v) current situation, roles and management of aids from Japan to CLV Development Triangle; (vi) Impacts of the Japanese Aids on development of CLV Development Triangle: An analysis for the Case of Infrastructure (school and road) improvement in Ngoc Hoi, Kon Tum and Its Impacts on Children Education and Household Welfare (Income); and (vii) conclusion.

The research found that there are only Aids and ODA from Japan to the Triangle so far. These assistances play an important role in developing and improving infrastructures in the region, improving living standards and welfare of the people in the Triangle, especially of the minority groups. Research provides some recommendations and conclusions as follows.

+ *For attraction, use and management of the Aids and ODA from Japan:*

Followings are recommendations on how to attract more developmental aids from foreign countries for development of the triangle as: (i) we need a perfect regulations and rules on management, regulations and use of the foreign aids, and adjust insufficient and inadequate documents and regulations to be standardized and unified; (ii) local governments and government's officials need to actively intensify their potentials in lobbying, negotiating and signing aids contracts; (iii) Ministry of planning and Investment, Ministry of finance and the management Board of the Boarder Economic Zone and CLV Development Triangle need to coordinate in order to overcome overlapping and inadequacy in managing and using foreign aids in the triangle while constructing a proper monitoring and managing mechanism in order to increase effectiveness of aids. There is an urgent need to train staff working in the Triangle on the issues as system, regulation and rules of management, use of foreign aids and assistance, and project management; and (iv), there is a need to conduct special researches for each field as use of foreign aids, management of foreign aids, etc., to provide ground for enacting regulation and management of the foreign aids and assistance.

+ *For the impacts of the Aids and ODA from Japan on Minority Communities' and household's welfare in Ngoc Hoi, Kon Tum*

Our results show that the improvement in road infrastructure could lead to positive changes in household well-beings and socio-economic conditions as the results show increase in number of small and medium enterprises, the reduction in commuting time and increase in off-farm employment in the villages. For school development projects, the findings indicate that the improvement in school infrastructure produce important gains in school enrolment rate, raise school attendance.

Findings of this study would provide a very strong evidence for the government of Vietnam as well as some international donors like World Bank, IMF, ADB to consider spending moneys on rural and other less-privilege regions on basic infrastructures for education, road, health and water, etc. because the improvement in all infrastructure could help boosting economic growth, creating more employment and then improving household welfare in the targeted regions.

Publication of the Results of research Project:

Verbal Presentation:

- A paper entitled: Impacts of Infrastructure Development and Improvement by Japanese Aids and ODA on the Welfare of Minority Communities and Households in the CLV Development triangle: The Case of Ngoc Hoi, Kon Tum, Vietnam, had been presented at a workshop in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan on 16 May 2012 and a presentation at the JICA Office in Tokyo, Japan on 17 May 2012
- A paper entitled Role of Foreign Aids and Japanese Aids and Management of Aids in the CLV Development Triangle, presented at the workshop: Social Development and Management of social Development in the CLV Development Triangle held in Hanoi on 12 November 2011.

Thesis

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- Forthcoming on Southeast Asian Studies Review; Author: Nguyen Huy Hoang; Paper's title: Role of Japanese Aids in Development of the CLV Development Triangle (expected to be on December 2012 Issue)

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