

Philippines

Rural Road Network Development Project (I)



National road paved under this project

Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount / Disbursed Amount	5,266 million yen / 4,827 million yen
Loan Agreement	July 1991
Terms & Conditions	Interest rate 2.7%p.a. Repayment period 30 years (Grace period 10 years)
Final Disbursement Date	April 1999

Project Outline

The project involved the development of rural roads targeting the stimulation of rural economies and improvement of living standards for residents.

Results and Evaluation

The development program for rural roads in the Philippines had focused on major arterial roads; thus, this project involved paving work, bridge construction, etc., on secondary national roads, and rural roads under provincial or barangay jurisdiction, as the next stage in the continuous development of national trunk roads. Roads in four provinces were selected as high-priority on the basis of a Special Assistance for Project Formation (SAPROF) study conducted by JBIC, and implementation plans were drawn up accordingly.

Roughly 405km of road was upgraded and bridge construction work (improving single-lane wooden bridges to two-lane concrete ones) was carried out on 30 bridges in a total of 43 areas. These construction works completed sequentially between 1995-99.

By way of example, data on average daily traffic for Masbate Province reveals widespread increases for passenger vehicles (approx. 85 240), buses (approx. 1 17), and trucks (approx. 70 127) for the period between 1998-2000 covering project implementation. This has resulted in improvement of convenience for rural residents, easier physical distribution of agricultural products, and the construction of new factories in the vicinity of the roads leading to increased opportunities for employment.

It is expected that maintenance budgets will continue to be allocated at both the national and provincial level and roads will continue to be operated and maintained appropriately.