

## Annual Report of the Examiners' Panel (FY2008)

### 1. Introduction

#### (1) Outline of the Objection System

In April 1, 2005 JICA established the Modus Operandi of the Objection System regarding compliance with Japan International Cooperation Agency (hereinafter referred to as 'JICA') Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations in order to ensure compliance with JICA Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations (hereinafter referred to as 'the Guidelines').

The purpose of the Objection System is as follows.

- 1) To provide opportunities for people actually and potentially damaged by JICA-assisted cooperation projects to submit objections in order to ensure compliance with the Guidelines.
- 2) To investigate the objections and reflect the findings on to cooperation projects.
- 3) To encourage dialogues between the project proponent and the requesters who submitted objections regarding environmental and social considerations through above 1) and 2).

Projects that are subject to the Objection System are any cooperation projects, which are or were adopted on and after April 1, 2005 and in which substantial damage has actually been incurred or is likely to be incurred in the future due to JICA's non-compliance with the Guidelines.

In October 1, 2008 the following two Examiners were reappointed as the Examiners' Panel.  
(JICA's New Guidelines for environmental and Social Consideration is under examination)

Dr. Hidefumi Imura

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Please see 'Objection System' on JICA website (shown below) for detail of the procedures of the Objection System.

Japanese: <http://www.jica.go.jp/environment/guideline/pdf/seido01-01.pdf>

English: <http://www.jica.go.jp/english/about/policy/envi/pdf/objection.pdf>

(2) Annual Report

The Annual Report shall be submitted in accordance with the Objection System.

2. 2008 Report

(1) Objections in 2008

There were no objections submitted during the course of fiscal year 2007 (from April 2008 to March 2009).

(2) Notifying JICA staffs of the Objection System

Outline of the Objection System was notified to relevant departments of JICA, including relevant JICA overseas offices. Outline of the Objection System was explained to JICA staffs and experts.(Content of Execution: to a staff 7times 75people, to a expert 6 times 170people)

3. Public Relations

The Objection System, the names of the Examiners, and their contact address are posted on JICA website.

Japanese: <http://www.jica.go.jp/environment/guideline/seido01.html>

English: <http://www.jica.go.jp/english/about/policy/envi/objection.html>

## Sample Request

Date:

To: The Examiners in Charge of JICA Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations

Names of the Requesters

Place of contact:

Address:

Tel and Fax:

E-mail:

If requesters use a representative,

Name of the representative:

Place of contact:

Address:

Tel and Fax:

E-mail:

We wish not to disclose our names to the Project Proponent.

Yes · No (Circle one)

1. Project for which the objections are submitted.
  - (1) Name of country
  - (2) Name of project
  - (3) Project site
  - (4) Outline of the project
  
2. Damage actually incurred, or future damage likely to be suffered by the requesters as a result of JICA's non-compliance with the Guidelines.
  
3. Relevant provisions of the Guidelines that the requesters consider JICA to have violated, and the facts constituting JICA's non-compliance as alleged by the requesters.
  
4. Resolution desired by the requesters.

5. Details concerning the contacts that requesters made with the project proponent.
  - (1) Date and time
  - (2) Names of persons with whom the requesters spoke
  - (3) The contents of response
  
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  - (1) Date and time
  - (2) Names of persons with whom the requesters spoke
  - (3) The contents of response
  
7. If a request is submitted by a representative, the requesters must explain why it was necessary to submit the request by a representative; furthermore, evidence that the representative has been duly authorized by the requesters must be attached.

The requesters hereby covenant that all the matters described herein are true and correct.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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