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JICA, BTC officials sign Minutes of Meeting for the CCDP-B in 2013







(R-L) Mr Sininchi Masuda, Chief Advisor, JICA-CPO; Mr Naoyuki Ochiai, the Senior Advisor to the Director General of the Economic Infrastructure Department; BTC Chairman Mohagher Iqbal; and Engineer Mohajirin Ali, CCDP-B Project Director.

In 2013, following the historic signing of Records of Discussion for the Comprehensive Capacity Development Project for the Bangsamoro (CCDP-B) between Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Chief Representative Mr Takahiro Sasaki and the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC) Chairman Mohagher Iqbal on July 25, 2013 at Al Nor Convention Center, JICA Headquarters in Tokyo dispatched a Mission headed by Mr Naoyuki Ochiai, the Senior Advisor to the Director General of the Economic Infrastructure Department, to consult the stakeholders on the future Bangsamoro government for the full implementation of the new project.

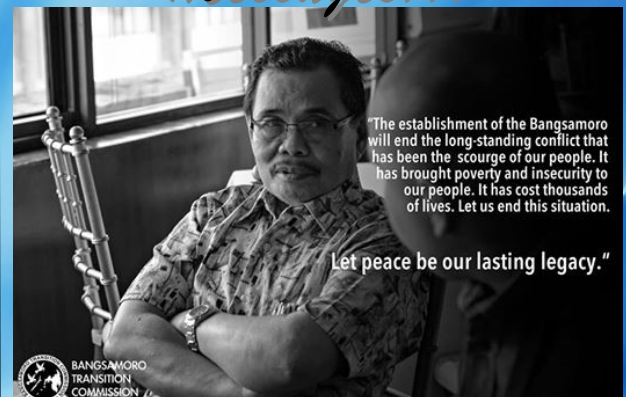
The outcome of the Mission's series of consultations with BTC officials, Bangsamoro Development Agency, Bangsamoro Leadership and Management Institute, and the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao were the detailed Work Plan of the Project which supports the vital activities in the setting up of institutions, organizations, policies, and plans during and after the transition period (2014 to 2016) for the establishment of the new Bangsamoro government in 2016.

The Minutes were signed between the JICA and the BTC for the Comprehensive Capacity Development Project for the Bangsamoro by the Team Leader of JICA Mission, Mr Naoyuki Ochiai and the Chairman of the BTC, Mr Mohagher Iqbal at the Golden Lace Restaurant on November 28, 2013. *Cont.p2 JICA, BTC officials*

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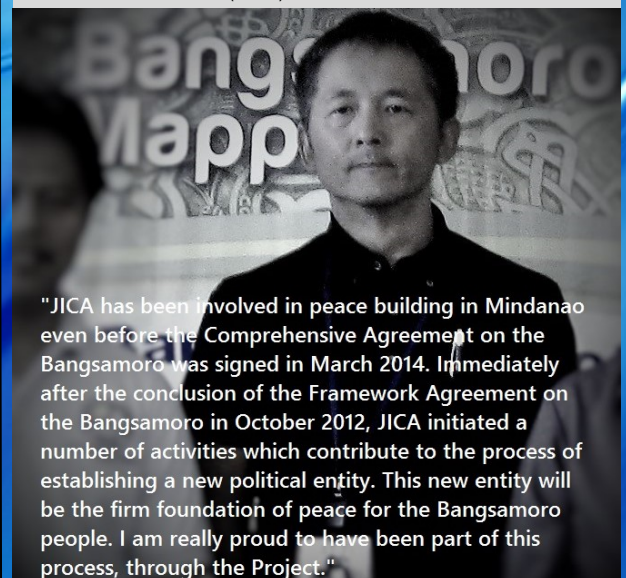


The establishment of the Bangsamoro will end the long-standing conflict that has been the scourge of our people. It has brought poverty and insecurity to our people. It has cost thousands of lives. Let us end this situation.

Let peace be our lasting legacy."



BTC Chairman Mohagher Iqbal, and Peace Panel Chief of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)



"JICA has been involved in peace building in Mindanao even before the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro was signed in March 2014. Immediately after the conclusion of the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro in October 2012, JICA initiated a number of activities which contribute to the process of establishing a new political entity. This new entity will be the firm foundation of peace for the Bangsamoro people. I am really proud to have been part of this process, through the Project."

Mr Sininchi Masuda, Chief Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Cotabato Project Office

JICA, BTC officials...

The signing were witnessed by the Director of the Socio-Economic Office of the BTC Mr Mohajirin T. Ali, MILF Peace Panel members Atty. Michael Mastura and Datu Antonio Kinoc, JICA Philippine Office Senior Advisor for Mindanao Mr Juro Chikarashi, and the Chief Advisor of the CCDP for Bangsamoro Mr Shinichi Masuda.

During the event, Mr Ochiai once again expressed the sincere commitment of the Japanese Government through JICA of their full support to the BTC's significant steps towards the establishment of the new political entity.

BTC Chairman Iqbal extended his gratitude to the Japanese Government as well as to JICA for their unwavering support to the Bangsamoro people and the peace process.

He assured the Japanese government and its people through the JICA Mission that the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the Bangsamoro Transition Commission will cooperate for the success of these endeavor. *(By Abdullah Cusain, Head BTC CommGroup)*

5,152 Bangsamoro Professionals register on JICA-BTC Human Resource Mapping Program

The Human Resource Mapping (HRM) for the Bangsamoro Professionals Program under the Human Resource Development (HRD) Component of Comprehensive Capacity Development Project for the Bangsamoro has been operating for 7 months since May 2014.

The program aims to identify available potential human resources of the Bangsamoro. Led by the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC), this program is a 'human resource inventory' for the Bangsamoro professionals in the Philippines and those who are living abroad.

The registration for Human Resource Mapping for the Bangsamoro Professionals was formally launched in Cotabato City on June 4, 2014.

Mr Tu Alid Alfonso, HRD Project Coordinator said "Overall, we have received a total of 5,152 Bangsamoro Professionals that have registered, obtained both from datasheet submitted to office and through online registration."

Registered Professionals in the HRM	Result (Figure)
Online	3,033
Datasheets	2,095
CV	24
Total:	5,152

"The number of those who registered was way below our expectations but it's a very good start in further determining the actual strength of Bangsamoro professionals," said Engineer Mohajirin Ali of the BTC Socio-Economic Unit, who supervised the project.

Ms. Baisanie Macabuat, HRM Project Officer said "the Human Resource Mapping Implementation Unit (HRMIU) has distributed more than 10,000 copies of HRM registration forms all over Mindanao."

The leading areas with registered professionals are the provinces of Maguindanao, City of Cotabato, Lanao del Sur, Basilan, Tawi-Tawi, other areas in Mindanao, Sulu, Marawi City, North Cotabato, Isabela City, Lanao del Norte, Luzon, Visayas and from overseas.

In the information dissemination of the human resource mapping, the HRMIU have engaged in an information campaign. The United Youth for Peace and Development (UNYPAD), Mindanao Action for Peace and Development (MAPAD) and the Bangsamoro Leadership and Management Institute (BLMI) were tasked to do the information campaign.

The information campaign of service providers covered the areas of Central Mindanao, Northern Mindanao and Western Mindanao that targeted local government units, non-government organizations, civil society groups, Moro Islamic Liberation Front political committees and the Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces (BIAF) among other groups. Other strategies used were radio advertisements and social media.

On December 18, 2014, the HRM for Bangsamoro Professionals interim report was presented to BTC.



Categorization of the Bangsamoro Professionals registered in the HRM.

The HRM objectives are to identify professionals and other potential human resources who are willing to voluntarily support the Bangsamoro Government and second to sort out various levels of human resources, namely, top-management, middle-level, and front-line personnel among the identified human resources, and third to equip professionals with the necessary knowledge.

Dr. Onofre Corpuz, in his report said that the Bangsamoro Professionals registered in the Human Resource Mapping, were about 70% or 3,897 Bangsamoro Professionals who attended various trainings in their field of work. Out of the total registered professionals, 30% or 1,686 professionals still needs to be trained with different skills that is useful in managing and running their present work in the government and other private institutions.

The Bangsamoro Professionals Mapping is only intended to gather and analyze data of the Bangsamoro Professionals with the help of the database management system. The activities involved do not promote recruitment or job hiring for any position. *(By CCDP-B HRD Component)*

JICA supports Transitional Development Plan for the Bangsamoro



The Development Plan for the Bangsamoro as one of the four components of the CCDP-B has been doing its best to fulfil its mandated task in coordination with the Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA), the agency tasked by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) to lead the formulation of the Bangsamoro Development Plan (BDP).

The BDP is an initiative of the MILF with support from Government of the Philippines (GPH) and development partners, to define a short, medium and long-term vision and strategy for the recovery, rehabilitation and development of the Bangsamoro.

The BDP will be implemented in three phases:

- Phase 1 (2015 to mid-2016) – Transitional development plan that will jump-start the “just economy” with stabilization and pump-priming programs.
- Phase 2 (mid-2016 to 2022)-Medium-term strategic interventions and investments to build a strong foundation for the Bangsamoro.
- Phase 3 (2022 and beyond) Long-term development plan towards a sustained “just economy.”

It has seven (7) Thematic Areas:

1. Economy and Livelihood
2. Infrastructure
3. Social Services
4. Environment and Natural Resources
5. Culture and Identity
6. Governance and Justice
7. Security and Normalization

The CCDP-B program, JICA in partnership with BTC has supported some programs under the thematic areas of the BDP. These are (1) Agriculture, Fishery and Agro-Industry (2) Infrastructures (3) Natural Resources (4) Power, (5) Water Resources and

Disaster Management. The JICA has also supported the BDA staff for their Geographical Information System (GIS) training and made the GIS digital mapping for sectors of Agriculture, Fishery, Infrastructures and so on.

The CCDP-B Project Coordinator for BDP, Mr Anuas Hadjise-
rad said that there were meetings joined by his component to fast-track the BDP.

On August 4-6, 2014, the BDP Core Planning Team Meeting was held in Cotabato City, facilitated by the World Bank. On August 8, the BDA presented the BDP to GPH- MILF peace panels at Water Front Hotel, Davao City.

A GPH-BDP core planning team workshop was also conducted on August 21-23, held in Davao City.

On October 15-16, 2014 Targeting and programing technical workshop (Track 1 and Track 2 Alignment) was held at Davao City.

Subsequently, the BDP was launched on November 2, 2014 at MILF Camp Darapanan, Simuay, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao.

Many partners have attended the launching that included Office on the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP), United Nations (UN), World Bank, JICA and among others.

The international aid donors have recognized that the MILF being a distinct only revolutionary group in the world that has crafted a development plan.

Ms Luiza Carvalho, UN Resident Coordinator, said the BDP, which the MILF’s BDA has turned over to the group’s central committee, was a road map to human and sustainable development for people affected by decades of conflicts in Mindanao.
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CCDP-B implements 20 Quick Impact Project in the Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao



On March 28, 2014, after the signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB), President Akihiro Tanaka of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Chairman Al-Haj Murad Ebrahim agreed and committed that the peace dividends should be realized swiftly and inclusively to create confidence and mutual trust among stakeholders of the peace process.

The discussions between and among the JICA, MILF, the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC) chaired by Mohagher Iqbal and the Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) agreed to outline the Quick Impact Project (QIP) under the CCDP-B.

The QIP will provide construction of Community Halls, Renovation and Expansion of School Buildings/Classrooms and or Livelihood improvement through construction of warehouses, solar driers.

Mr Nomaire Mustapha, QIP project coordinator, explained that these projects have targeted some barangays inside and outside of the Bangsamoro core territories.

"The criteria as to who may avail of these projects are impact of conflict, poverty incidence rate, security and accessibility," Mustapha said.

In July 2014, 86 barangays were recommended by the BDA and BTC, and 20 were short listed for validation.

The QIP Project Officer Mr Kasan Usop said that the regional allocation of the project are based on BDA regions such as Central Mindanao, South Mindanao, Davao, Lanao, ZamBas, Zamboanga Peninsula, and SulTa. "Another criterion is one barangay from one municipality in order to benefit municipalities as many as possible," he said.

Based on the criteria that has been set in this project, the areas where have qualified are 1. Laak, Compostela Valley; 2. Lukatan, Taragona, Davao Oriental; 3. Burias, Glan, Sarangani Province; 4. Lupoken, Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat; 5. Kibleg, North Upi, Maguindanao; 6. Kibengi, Datu Saudi Uy, Maguindanao; 7. Sinsimen, Pigkawayan, North Cotabato; 8. Talagian, Masiu, Lanao del Sur; 9. Kala-Kala, Buadiposo Buntong, Lanao del Sur; 10. Pendulonan, Munai, Lanao del Norte; 11. Beruar, Tangkal, Lanao del Norte; 12. Pamintayan, Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay; 13. Datu Tumanggong, Tungawan, Zamboanga Sibugay; 14. Masola, Isabela City, Basilan; 15. Bulanza, Lantawan, Basilan; 16. Gandasuli, Patikul, Sulu; 17. Paiksa, Panglima Estino, Sulu; 18. Mungit-Mungit, Talipao, Sulu; 19. Baldatal Islam, Sapa-Sapa, Tawi-Tawi; and 20. Pasiagan, Bongao, Tawi-Tawi.

Last November 2014, the 20 barangays have undergone a community assembly to decide on construction facility and possible location of the project. The social preparation for peoples' organizations and bidding for contractors are among of the major activities of this component. *(By CCDP-B PSD Component)*

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The Malaysian Facilitator Tenkgu Dato Ab Ghafar Tengku Mohamed also attended the turnover and launching of the BDP.

Mr Noriaki Niwa, Chief Representative of JICA Philippine Office, said "We commend the BDA for pursuing a long term vision and development strategy for Mindanao. We look forward to the plan's sound implementation to help Mindanao and its people realize the impact of peace and development in their lives."

MILF Chieftain Alhadj Murad Ebrahim, acknowledged that there was indeed a daunting task ahead. Chairman Murad, said that with the BDP, the MILF is hopeful that the dreams of the Bangsamoro would be fulfilled.

Department of Budget and Management Secretary Florencio Abad said President Aquino had assured the MILF of strong financial support to cover the needs of the implementation of the BDP.

"The President is deeply committed to this peace process and we have firm instruction from him to ensure that there is adequate and ample financing for the BDP," said Sec. Abad, who also attended the formal turnover of the BDP.

On the other hand, the Philippines Development Forum (PDF) on Bangsamoro was held three days after the launching of the BDP at Darapanan. The Forum was successfully held on November 5-6, 2014 at SMX Convention Center, Davao City.

The event was led by Government of the Philippines, with the Department of Finance (DOF) as Secretariat. PDF is the primary mechanism of the government for facilitating substantive policy dialogue among stakeholders on the country's development agenda.

The Forum serves as a process for developing consensus and generating commitments among stakeholders toward critical actionable items of the Government's reform agenda.

The PDF process involves continuous dialogue on thematic areas through working groups, which are expected to hold meetings in between the formal PDF meetings to follow up on the issues and agreements at the last one. The Development Forum has 10 working groups, each focused on one of the following themes:

1. Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Social Progress
2. Growth and Investment Climate
3. Economic and Fiscal Reforms
4. Governance and Anti-Corruption
5. Decentralization and Local Government
6. Sustainable Rural Development
7. Mindanao
8. Infrastructure
9. Rule of Law
10. Climate Change

The Forum was the platform among principal representatives from the MILF, government, development partners, and the private sector to discuss avenues of cooperation for the implementation of the Plan's short- and medium-term programs, which will lead to the sustainable rehabilitation of the Bangsamoro Core Territories.

After years of protracted conflict and deprivation of opportunities, President Benigno Aquino III said that through the BDP, "What we aspire for Mindanao is within reach. We can see that the region is on the cusp of a profound transformation, from being a land of promise to being a land of promises fulfilled."

Secretary Teresita Quintos-Deles of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) also expressed her confidence on the BDP.

"We are proud of the BDP, not only because it is born of our common embrace of peace, but because it eventually will bring joy to every corner of our land, to every family that seeks to be liberated from fear..., and to every child who dreams of a brighter and more vibrant future," said OPAPP Sec. Deles.

Sec. Deles also expressed her gratitude to the MILF and the BDA for their service to the country in crafting a Plan that is of the Bangsamoro, by the Bangsamoro, and for the Bangsamoro.

Secretary Arsenio Balisacan of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) extended his commitment towards the BDP.

"We are proud to have been part of this PDF which provided us the opportunity to discuss in concrete terms and ways by which we will build together the future of the Bangsamoro, Sec. Balisacan said.

"As we proceed with the process of establishing and activating the Bangsamoro, may we continue to nurture the spirit of harmony and cooperation that has brought us to a new beginning for the Bangsamoro, for Mindanao, and for the Philippines," he added.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe also graced the occasion. In his message, he said "It is expected that the peace process in Mindanao will serve as a valuable precedent for various peace-building in the world." "...Japan is making numerous efforts aimed at active contribution to the regional and international peace, stability and prosperity more than ever," Prime Minister Abe expressed.

Prime Minister Abe said that the Government of Japan stands ready to strengthen assistance for comprehensive growth in Mindanao.

The Forum was also attended by representatives from the Embassy of Japan, JICA, World Bank, the United Nations, the European Union, and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

Since BDP for Phase I was almost completed, the next task is to formulate the plan of medium term strategic intervention and investment to build a strong foundation for the Bangsamoro for mid-2016 to 2022.

JICA has also dispatched the Japanese Consultant Study Team (JST) to the Philippines working under the CCDP-B Development Plan for the Bangsamoro component. JST has commenced the preparation of technical materials useful for regional development planning for the jurisdiction of new autonomous government. *(By CCDP-B BDP Component)*

CCDP-B's Institutional Organizational Building conducts Capacity Training-Workshops



The Institutional and organizational Building (IOB) are among the four components of the CCDP-B. It has played a very pivotal role in building structures for the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) and new Bangsamoro Government in order to make it efficient, effective and transparent government.

On June 19-21, 2014, the IOB component headed by Prof. Alih Aiyub has organized Capacity Building Program intended for the Bangsamoro Government facilitated and attended by seven participants from Mindanao, four of come from the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the other three were from the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC). The activity was held in Tokyo, Japan.

The seminar was conducted by the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS). It focused on (1) Public Administration in Japan (2) Local Autonomy Law, and (3) Parliamentary Cabinet in Japan. The output of the workshops shall determine the proposed structure, priorities, and budget of the interim government.

On June 23-25, also in Hiroshima, Japan, Prof. Aiyub also attended the Consolidation for Peace for Mindanao (COP)-6. Dubbed as "Post Agreement Implementation: Building 'Capacities for Peace' of the Bangsamoro Stakeholders."

This component has organized a one-day "Governance Seminar for the Bangsamoro Leaders by GRIPS/DAP" participated in by around Sixty participants from the MILF, Civil Society Organizations, and Indigenous People (IP) held at EM Manor, RH 9, Cotabato City on December 11, 2014.

The objectives of the activity are for the participants to familiarize existing Philippine system and the proposed BBL as well as the international Japanese model on governance; to have better appreciation of crafting own local governance, its bureaucracy, administration and management; to gauge the level of capacity of participants in terms of knowledge and skills on governance; and to know who are among them the potential bureaucrats and technocrats of the Bangsamoro government.

The Development Academy of the Philippine (DAP) presented topic on "Contextualizing the Bangsamoro: Introduction to the

Philippine Government System."

Lawyer Raissa H. Jajurie of the BTC discussed "The Bangsamoro: Transition, Parliament and Inter-Governmental Relations.

The two Japanese experts on governance, Mr Hirofumi Takada and Prof. Kiyotaka Yokomichi of the GRIPS shared an input on Structure of Government/Election and Voting System, and Intergovernmental and Public Relations of Regional Government.

Currently, this component has dispatched a Bangsamoro expert Dr. Ismael Abdullah to Japan to research on good practices of the Japanese administration and management. (By CCDP-B IOB Component)

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