

Meteorological Telecommunication System Development Project



Telecommunication Tower

Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount/ Loan Disbursed Amount	¥4,986 million / ¥4,971 million
Loan Agreement	February 1990
Terms and Conditions	Interest rate: 2.7%, Repayment period: 30 years (grace period: 10 years)
Final Disbursement Date	May 1998

Project Profile

The project was to improve and renew the meteorological information system to increase the accuracy of information generated, including that on typhoons, and to speed the transfer of the information, in order to reduce the scale of natural disasters.

Results and Evaluation

Of the objectives of the project, the acceleration of data telecommunications has yet to be realized due to problems such as interference with mobile communications systems, which render the collation of data by this system extremely inefficient. On the other hand, the renewal and standardization of equipment has improved the accuracy of observation, enabling the provision of more reliable meteorological information. The interference problem has been largely resolved by now, with mobile communications operators ceasing to use the waveband areas which overlap with this meteorological communications system, and the outlook is good for a full solution to the problem.

The Philippines Meteorological Agency (PAGASA), which is the executing agency, lacks the budget for operation and maintenance, and it is required to be reinforced both financially and organizationally if the project is to be sustainable.