

Philippines

Postal Equipment Procurement Project (II)



Small mail van

Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount / Disbursed Amount	1,381 million yen / 561 million yen
Loan Agreement	May 1984
Terms & Conditions	Interest rate 3.5%p.a. Repayment period 30 years (Grace period 10 years)
Final Disbursement Date	November 1990

Project Outline

The project covered the procurement of postal delivery vehicles and processing equipment with the aim of responding to increases in the volume of mail items and contributing to improved postal services.

Results and Evaluation

This project was the successor to the Phase I project funded by Japan's ODA loan in 1980, and covered the provision of delivery vehicles (109 cars, 440 motorbikes, etc.), automatic stamp canceling machine, and weighing scales, which were supplied to post offices throughout the country.

Phase I resulted in next-day delivery of domestic postal items reaching approximately 80%. Although the number of mail items subsequently doubled between 1982-97, the number of days required for delivery has stabilized at between 1-3 days, which is inferred to be the result of the strengthened delivery capacity brought about by this project.

In addition, the availability of weighing scales at post offices has made the weighing/calculating of charges for letters and small parcels, which used to be carried out by hand, more accurate, which has contributed to the improved collection of postal charges.

Moreover, this project also included a study of plans to modernize the airmail delivery centers, and since 1990, efforts have been made to improve these centers in line with the recommendations, resulting in the establishment of a central mail center in 2000.

Although more than 10 years has passed since the vehicles and equipment were installed, approximately half remain operational, and it is expected that they will continue to be efficiently utilized thanks to efforts to carry on operation and maintenance work.