(1) Central Luzon Link Expressway Project

(Background and necessity)

Industrial space is expanding from Metro Manila to northward and southward, because space for further development is scarce and traffic congestion is severe in Metro Manila. The Government of Philippines is promoting expansion of industrial space to Central Luzon through northward expansion of Subic-Clark-Manila-Batangas Corridor ("SCMB Corridor").

As Central Luzon is located within 100 kilometer north from the center of Metro Manila, further development in the region is expected. There is, however, no highway to connect the east and west sides of the region, and smooth transportation in the region has not been realized. Accordingly, it is necessary to construct an expressway to connect east and west of this region, which will solve the bottleneck in physical distribution within Central Luzon, and between Central Luzon and Metro Manila.

(Objective and summary)

The objective of the project is to improve physical distribution between Metro Manila and Central Luzon by expanding “SCMB Corridor” northward through construction of an expressway connecting Tarlac and Cabanatuan Cities, thereby contributing to the formulation of industrial space and economic development in the region.

The Japanese ODA loan will be used for the civil works and consulting services.

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(Planned Implementation schedule)
(i) Completion of project: December 2016 (when the facility is put in operation)
(ii) Issuance of letters of invitation for consulting services (including detailed design, bidding assistance, and construction supervision): April 2012
(iii) Tender announcement for initial procurement package for international competitive bidding on project construction: June 2013
   Procurement package title: Civil works (Highway construction)