(6) National Irrigation Sector Rehabilitation and Improvement Project

(Background and Necessity)
In the recent years, Philippines has become the largest rice importer in the world due to the insufficient domestic production compared to the annual population growth at the two percent level. Insufficient operation and maintenance (O&M) of the existing irrigation facilities is one of the factors for such shortage in rice supply. Given such circumstances, function recovery of irrigation facilities, strengthening of O&M, and improvement of farming technology have been identified as important issues for achieving stable food supply.

(Objective and Summary)
The objectives of the project are to increase rice productivity and to establish sustainable O&M system through rehabilitation of irrigation facilities, strengthening of Irrigators Associations and provision of agricultural support at eleven National Irrigation Systems across the Philippines, thereby contributing to enhancing stable rice production and increasing income of farm households.

The Japanese ODA loan will be used for the civil works for the rehabilitation of the irrigation facilities, institutional development, agricultural support, and consulting services.

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(Planned Implementation Schedule)
(i) Completion of project : December 2017 (completion of civil works, institutional development and agricultural support)
(ii) Issuing of letters of invitation for consulting services (including Detailed Design, Construction Supervision assistance): May 2012
(iii) Tender announcement of initial Tender announcement of initial procurement package for international competitive bidding on project construction: There will be no procurement in this project through international competitive bidding, but procurement for subsequent project implementation activities such as site development activities through local competitive bidding is expected.