

Maritime Telecommunication System Development Project (3)



Procured Equipment of 1st Class Station in Jakarta

Outline of Loan Agreement

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| Loan Amount/ Loan Disbursed Amount | ¥4,057 million / ¥4,002 million |
| Loan Agreement | September 1991 |
| Terms and Conditions | Interest rate: 2.6%, Repayment period: 30 years (grace period: 10 years) |
| Final Disbursement Date | October 1997 |

Project Profile

In view of the importance of marine transport in this archipelago nation, the project was to improve and expand the communication equipment of maritime telecommunication stations, to provide a coastal wireless service of high quality and reliability, and aimed to secure the safety of vessels operating in Indonesian waters, and improve distress signaling.

Results and Evaluation

The record of marine accident numbers between 1993 and August 2000 shows that there were 222 cases in 1993, but in 1998, the year after the completion of the project, and subsequent years the number fell to around 100 cases per year. By the end of August 2000 there had been only 34 cases, and a total below 100 is expected for the year.

The project was implemented with the objectives of improving safety for vessels in transit and reinforcing the distress signal system. The improvement of the maritime telecommunication system and the expanded provision of information on weather and ports etc. appears to have helped to prevent accidents.

The maintenance budget allocation is relatively good, considering the central government's financial difficulties, but there are problems with insufficient staff training and spare part procurement. Technical assistance in preventive maintenance is now being provided by a JICA expert, and the maintenance of the project on that basis will be essential to its sustainability.