

South Nawin Irrigation Project



Irrigation Facilities

Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount/ Loan Disbursed Amount	¥8,150 million / ¥8,148 million
Loan Agreement	May 1985
Terms and Conditions	Interest rate: 2.75%, Repayment period: 30 years (grace period: 10 years)
Final Disbursement Date	November 1996

Project Profile

The project was to build and develop irrigation and drainage facilities on the left bank of the Irawaddy River, approximately 260km NNW of the capital, Yangon, and to provide farm management training, in order to increase agricultural production.

Results and Evaluation

The political and public order situation in the country delayed the completion of the project by approximately six years. The results of the project, once completed, were largely as planned in terms of irrigation area and crop intensity. The dry season irrigation rate approximately doubled after the completion of the project, which was a particularly good result. The project has been confirmed to increase annual rice production overall, and dry season production approximately tripled immediately after the project. The project was also planned to enhance productivity for crops other than rice, but changes in farming industry conditions encouraged rice paddy farming after the project was completed. The project helped to create new jobs and increase the incomes of small and medium farmers in the region, because it became possible to cultivate crops in a planned manner.

There is now an adequate budget for maintenance of the facilities, and the terminal water courses are managed without problems by the beneficiary farmers. Administrative instruction in farm management is provided by organizations under the Ministry of Agriculture and Administration, which is the executing agency, but it is not always provided fully, due to shortages of equipment and materials and poor access to the target region. That aspect of the project requires improvement.