

China

Qiqihar Nenjiang River Highway Bridge Construction Project



A newly constructed bridge (Tong Jiang Bridge)

Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount / Disbursed Amount	2,100 million yen / 2,099 million yen
Loan Agreement	October 1992
Terms & Conditions	Interest rate 2.6%p.a. Repayment period 30 years (Grace period 10 years)
Final Disbursement Date	November 1997

Project Outline

A new highway bridge was constructed over the Nenjiang River, which runs north to south through Qiqihar, the second largest city in Heilongjiang Province, with the aim of ensuring safety and efficiency of road transport, and contributing to economic development in the region.

Results and Evaluation

Qiqihar is a base for heavy industry and industrial zones are located on both the east and west banks of the Nenjiang River. However, deterioration on the existing road bridge had resulted in the imposition of weight restrictions (no vehicles in excess of 10 tons) and chronic congestion, and ferry services were not operated during the winter months. Therefore, road transport had become heavily restricted. The project covered the construction of two new 4-lane bridges (Tong Jiang Bridge: 1,057m, Xi Jiang Bridge: 577m), and approach roads (approx. 6.4km), with work being completed in 1995. This has provided a new route with a weight capacity of 20 tons year round, and whilst the existing bridge became impassable as the result of nationwide flooding in 1998, the new bridges have guaranteed road safety.

Although traffic is currently shifting from the old bridge to the new bridges and traffic volumes on the new route remain suboptimal, a new road is under construction using local funds, which will connect the new route with national trunk roads. Accordingly, it is anticipated that, in the future, the new bridges will be able to demonstrate their effectiveness as part of the road network encompassing neighboring regions.