China

Qingdao Port Second Phase Expansion Project

Newly constructed container berth

Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount / Disbursed Amount

2,700 million yen / 2,695 million yen

Repayment period 30 years (Grace period 10 years)

Loan Agreement

litions Interest rate 2.3% p.a.

Terms & Conditions

Final Disbursement Date

October 2002

December 1996

Project Outline

Six additional berths for containers and general cargo were constructed in the Qingdao Qianwan Port to enable the port to handle increased volumes of cargo.

Results and Evaluation

The First Phase Expansion project was undertaken at Qingdao Port between 1984-89 using ODA loan funding, and construction of the 6 additional berths for coal, minerals, etc., was completed by the end of 1993. This Second Phase Expansion project was a continuation of the first phase and was designed to handle increases in containerized and general cargo at the port. It covered the construction of 6 berths in total: 2 container berths (35 thousandton class, 25 thousand-ton class), and 4 general cargo berths (20 thousand-ton class), and the procurement of loading equipment such as cranes, and tugboats. The project was completed in September 1999, and between 1999-2000, containerized cargo increased by 45% from 12.56 million tons to 18.26 million tons, whilst the volume of general cargo grew by 10% from 30.34 million tons to 33.31 million tons.

Rapid economic growth has been recently achieved in the hinterland regions of Qingdao Port such as Shandong, Henan, and Hebei etc., and the volume of cargo handled at the port, as the physical distribution base for these regions, is forecasted to continue to grow.

The port facilities established under this project are being appropriately operated and maintained, and no problems have been identified in terms of technical standards or the positioning of human resources.