

To: The Examiner for the Guidelines  
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

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We desire that our names not be disclosed to the Project Proponent.

**No**

1. Project with respect to which the objections are submitted

\* Country name: **Philippines**

\* Project name: **New Bohol Airport Construction and Sustainable Environment Protection Project**

\* Project site: **The Republic of the Philippines, Bohol Province**

**\* Project outline: The objective of the Project is to construct a new airport in Panglao Island, Bohol, which is to comply with domestic and international standards for operational safety and efficiency. Another objective of the Project is to protect the environment of Panglao Island through sustainable tourism development and improvement of on-site wastewater disposal.**

2. Substantial damage actually incurred or likely to be incurred by the Requester as a result of JICA's non-compliance with the guidelines:

**The seaport that you are planning to build at Tabuan Tangnan Panglao Bohol in order to transport the materials needed for the construction of the new Bohol airport would cause damage to the environment particularly our spectacular reefs, fishes and fish sanctuaries which add significantly to the influx of tourists in Panglao and would also destroy the livelihoods of fishermen, resort owners and their staff and significantly damage the economic value of the Barangay.**

3. Relevant provisions of the Guidelines considered violated by JICA and facts constituting JICA's non-compliance, as alleged by the Requester:

**The widening of the scope of the project by way of contractors/subcontractors building a seaport without proper public consultation, environmental impact assessment study, mitigation plan, and without compliance with the legislation and regulations of the Philippines.**

4. Causal nexus between JICA's non-compliance with the Guidelines and the substantial damage:

**The proposed structure to allow for transportation and offloading of site materials consists of 36 steel pipes embedded in the coral reef with a ramp is composed of welded steel plates . A road is to be redevelop. Ships and barges would be boating and unloading within the barangay waters on a daily basis. There are 2 adjacent marine sanctuaries in the area - the Bil-isan marine protected area and the Bingag, Dauis protected area which would face significant detrimental damage. The waters of the barangay is also one of the prime diving sites of Panglao and the location of important clam reproduction area. The sea is currently pristine and the site of a number of resorts, It is also central to local fisher folks' livelihoods which would be destroyed by the building of this port. More than 600 residents of the barangay have signed the petition opposing the construction of any port at Tangnan, Panglao Bohol and this has been vehemently communicated to the local government unit and provincial government. This matter has been ongoing for at least 2 months.**

5. Resolution desired by the Requester:

**Review the need for and location of the proposed port.**

6. Facts concerning the Requesters' consultation with the Project Proponent:

**Our advisor, Ms. × × ×, called Mr. × × × on May 13, 2015 at 2:30pm to request the email address for the submission of the complaint and outline the issues. The gentleman was unaware of the matter.**

7. Facts concerning the Requesters' consultation with JICA's Operational Department:

**Yesterday, May 12, 2015 at 9:30 am we talked to Mr. × × ×, and Ms. × × × at 2:30pm. Neither of them were aware of the issues that has been going on since March 2015. Calls were made today, May 13, 2015 at 1:35 pm for Mr. × × × and Ms. × × × but neither of them were available. At 3pm, the same date, Ms. × × × rang back and was asked for the email address and she said that she would call back again. She also didn't provide further insight regarding the issue.**

8. If a Request is to be submitted by an agent, the Requester must explain the necessity to submit the Request through an agent and attach evidence that the agent has been duly authorized by the Requester.

The Requester hereby covenants that all the matters described herein are true and correct.

## **JAPANESE PANGLAO AIRPORT BIDDER DISOWNS JETTY PORT**

<http://boholchronicle.com.ph/2015/03/15/japanese-panglao-airport-bidder-disowns-jetty-port/> March 15, 2015 Bohol Chronicles

## **BARANGAY FOLKS NIX JETTY PORT PLAN**

<http://boholchronicle.com.ph/2015/04/26/barangay-folks-nix-jetty-port-plan/> April 26, 2015 Bohol Chronicles

## **BRGY FOLKS DENOUNCE MAYOR FOR DECEPTION**

<http://boholchronicle.com.ph/2015/05/10/brgy-folks-denounce-mayor-for-deception/> May 10, 2014 Bohol Chronicles