

**Annual Report
of
the Examiners for Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations
(Fiscal Year 2009)**

Objection Procedures

JICA succeeded Japanese ODA Loans of the JBIC on October 1st, 2008. Two agencies have had respective guidelines for environmental and social considerations on their operations; 'Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations' of JICA and 'Guidelines for Confirmation of Environmental and Social Considerations' of JBIC. During FY2009 JICA was in the process of establishing new consolidated guidelines, therefore JICA had applied former JICA's guidelines to its operations, grant aid projects and technical cooperation projects, and former JBIC's ones to its ODA loan operations.

Both of two agencies had the Objections Procedures under their guidelines to ensure their compliance with the guidelines. The Objection Procedures enable residents who have suffered actual damage or who are likely to suffer damage as a result of the agency's non-compliance with the guidelines to submit an objection concerning specific environmental and/or social problems caused by the agency-assisted projects. In response to the objection, the Objection Procedures set up a mechanism in order to investigate whether or not the agency has complied with the guidelines, to report the results to the top management and to encourage dialogues between the parties concerned in order to assist in the resolution of dispute.

As well as guidelines, during FY2009 new Objection Procedures were in preparation and the Objection Procedures of former agencies were applied respectively. Both Objection Procedures establish the Examiners in order to achieve the above-mentioned two objectives from the independent and neutral standpoint on accepting the objections.

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Annual Report

The Examiners have prepared and publish an annual report on their activities on FY2009 in accordance with the Objection Procedures.

1) Objections

There were no objections submitted during the course of FY2009 (from April 2009 to March 2010).

2) Dissemination of the Objection Procedures

The Objection Procedures had notified to all of the line departments and overseas offices of JICA. And the Objection Procedures were explained for 243 JICA staffs and experts to be assigned overseas for enhanced compliance with the guidelines.

3) Public Relations

Details of the Objection Procedures were posted on JICA website in both English and Japanese.

Former JICA's Objection Procedures

English

http://www.jica.go.jp/english/operations/social_environmental/archive/reviews/pdf/objection.pdf

Japanese

<http://www.jica.go.jp/environment/guideline/archives/jica/seido/pdf/seido01-01.pdf>

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Japanese

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