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## JICA, BTC, MILF Turnover Quick Impact Project to Residents of Upi, Maguindanao



(L-R) International Monitoring Team Head of Mission Maj. Gen. Dato' Sheikh Mokshin bin Shiekh Hassan; JICA Chief Representative in the Philippines Noriaki Niwa; North Upi Municipal Mayor Ramon S. Piang; JICA President Akihiko Tanaka together with Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Chief Negotiator and Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC) Chairman Mohagher Iqbal; Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) Executive Director Mohammad Yacob, and Kibleg Elementary School Principal Nestor De Vera were present in the turnover ceremony.

A two-classroom school building financed through the Quick Impact Project (QIP) under the Comprehensive Capacity Development Project for the Bangsamoro (CCDP-B) was formally turned-over to residents and school administration of Kibleg Elementary School, Barangay Kibleg, Upi, Maguindanao on Monday, August 24.

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) President Dr Akihiko Tanaka explained why JICA and MILF chose QIPs.

“Both JICA and our MILF counterpart believe that QIP would be a great way for Bangsamoro communities to feel the peace dividends and for people to remain hopeful about the benefits of the peace process and continue to support it, and they need to be assured that the CAB will bring improvements in their lives,” he said. *Cont.p2&3 JICA, BTC, MILF, Turnover QIP...*

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The JICA President Akihiko Tanaka (seated, 3rd from right) post with JICA CPO head and chief leader Naoyuki Ochiai (standing), teachers and pupils of Kibleg Elementary School in North Upi, Maguindanao.

Tanaka also said that the QIP is actually a small scale local project implemented in a short period of time but it can address urgent community needs.

The QIP is implemented in 20 sites: in Maguindanao, Cotabato, Lanao del Sur and del Norte, Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Zamboanga Sibugay, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, Compostela Valley, and Davao Oriental.

“These communities are chosen because they are among of the most affected by conflict,” he pointed out.

Quick Impact Project, he said, is just one element of their broader projects in the region. The construction of school and multi-purpose buildings and solar dryers with warehouses in the conflict affected-communities started last March 2015.

The QIPs is also part of JICA's Comprehensive Capacity Development Project for the Bangsamoro (CCDP-B), which was formulated to assist the work of the BTC and BDA. CCDP-B aims to address the various needs of the Bangsamoro in the different stages of transition, from the formation of the BTC to the creation of the new government.

Tanaka also recalled the breakdown of the Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain

(MOA-AD) that induced frustrations of some MILF commanders which led to the 2008 war between MILF and government troops that displaced half-a-million people in Mindanao, and recently the January 25 Mamasapano incident and the prolonged deliberations on the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) in the lower and upper houses of congress that may affect the 17-year peace negotiations.

“However the Japanese government and JICA remained steadfast in their commitment in supporting the peace process in Mindanao,” he said.

Tanaka promised that JICA will remain true to its commitment of promoting peace and to further strengthen its support in Mindanao.

Joined by Commissioners Ebrahim Ali and Melanio Ulama, a Teduray Timuay (Datu) and a native of Upi, and BTC Socio-Economic Office CCDP-B Director Engr. Mohajirin T. Ali, BTC Chairman Mohagher Iqbal thanked the JICA and the Japanese government especially on JICA President's commitment for attending and leading the turnover ceremony.

He appreciated the role of Japan through the International Monitoring Team and International Contact Group.

"The Government of Japan has been invest-

ing greatly in the socio-economic development of the region, even before the peace process started. I am grateful that Japan, through JICA, has been assisting us even though the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) is still under deliberation," said Iqbal.

In his closing remarks, Upi Mayor Ramon Piang Sr, said: "Thank you Japan for helping these small children. We believe that it is a manifestation that Japan through JICA trusts the MILF because this quick impact project is a confidence building program of the MILF and people of Japan."

"The people of Upi, Mr Chairman (Iqbal) and of course Mr President (Tanaka), are behind the MILF in its quest for peace in this part of Central Mindanao. We sympathize with the MILF and pray for them that government and the legislature of this country will be able to think faster and see the impact of peace in Mindanao," he pointed out.


Piang said that they have suffered from violence in the past and he doesn't like to repeat this negative impact of war on his constituents especially the students.

In 2013, the Bangsamoro Transition Commis-

sion (BTC) and JICA started the CCDP-B.

Meanwhile, there are QIP sites have finished and completed the constructions while other infrastructure which all are ready for turnover. These are: Multipurpose Hall in Laak, Laak, Compostella Valley; Multipurpose Hall in Burias, Glan, Sarangani Province; Multipurpose Hall in Kibengi, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao; Multipurpose Hall in Simsiman, Pigcawayan, North Cotabato; Multipurpose Hall in Pamintayan, Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay; Multipurpose Hall in Datu Tumanggong, Tungawan, Zamboanga Sibugay; School Building in Masola, Isabel City, Basilan; Multipurpose Hall in Bulanza, Lantawan, Basilan; and Warehouse with Solar Dryer in Pasiagan, Bongao, Tawi-Tawi.

The 10 remaining sites in Lukatan, Taragona; Lupoken, Palimbang; Talagian, Munai; Kala-Kala, Buadipuso Buntong; Pendulonan, Masiu; Beruar, Tangkal; Gandasuli, Patikul; Paiksa, Panglima Estino; Mungit-Mungit, Talipao; and Baldatal Islam, Sapa-Sapa are still on the construction phase.

For the month of September, based on the QIP Progress Report, most of the activities conducted was mainly QIP site visits and monitoring. 

## Human Resource Development (HRD) Update...

The Human Resource Development component of the CCDP-B had launched a program called "Text Blast" by which Bangsamoro professionals who were able to register in the "Human Resource Mapping for the Bangsamoro Professionals" conducted by the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC) in 2014 in partnership with different Non-government Organizations (NGOs) with support from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) are main recipients.

HRD Project Coordinator Mr. Tu Alid Alfonso, said: "This is a way of informing the registrants of the status of the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) and the progress of the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) peace process."

"Other information to be included in sending of messages is the development of the CCDP-B," he added.


Mr. Alfonso said that on August 7, a meeting was held with the Bangsamoro Transition Commis-

sion-Communications Group (BTC-ComGroup) headed by Mr. Abdullah "Dong" Cusain and discussed matters on how registered Bangsamoro Professionals in the Database could be utilized.

"Mr. Cusain is amenable on the proposed activity," Alfonso said.

The team who went to BTC office and talked to Mr. Cusain was Ms. Tomoko Yasunaga-Nakamura of the JICA CPO and Prof. Alih Aiyub, the Institutional and Organizational Building Project Coordinator.

"Other activity was the sorting-out of contact details of those registered Professionals in Human Resource Database Management System done by an IT expert who was the one developed the database," said Mr. Alfonso.

On September, after completing the packaging of letter of communication, the JICA has hired two encoders who were in-charge in contacting the registrants both in Text/SMS and thru email asking them if they are willing to receive information from the BTC-JICA on latest status of the BBL, among others. 

## **Bangsamoro Development Plan (BDP) Update**

To push the wheel of the BDP II, on the 27th day of July of the year, BDP II TWG Meeting was held at EMs Manor Hotel, Cotabato. The meeting aimed at fulfilling the following agenda, to wit: 1) Review of Agreed Points in the First Meeting (Final TOR and Members) 2) Review of Projects under four (4) initiatives 3) Initial Comments on the Interim Report and 4) Discussion of the Project Lists (clarification and addition).

On September 10-11, Round-table Discussion on Halal Food Industry and Islamic Banking and Finance was held at Alnor Convention Center, Cotabato City. "The activity has relation to the BDP project list since it included Halal in the plan," said Rhadzni Taalim, Planning Officer III of BDA for the Bangsamoro Development Plan (BDP). The discussion was conducted with the expectations to guide the participants on the issue and to create working group to work for the purpose. The first day of the program included presentation on Islamic Finance and Banking. The second day was focused on Halal Industry. One of the positive outcomes of the activity was the creation of the Core Groups on Halal Food Industry and on Islamic Finance and Banking.

The said forum was attended by representatives from Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao-Regional Planning and Development Office (ARMM-RPDO), group of ulama and asatidz from island provinces of Sulu, Tawi-Tawi and Basilan, business sectors in Cotabato City and some representatives from Department of Agriculture (DA-ARMM).


In order for the BDP II to gain wider acceptance, BDP II Interim Report was presented to Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi (BaSulTa) Provincial Planning Development Officers (PPDOs), Municipal Planning Development Officers (MPDOs) and other government line agencies for comments, suggestions and additional inputs.

The participants were asked to provide a list of implemented, on-going and pipelined projects in their respective areas. This is for the purpose of knowing the cost of project and avoiding project duplication. This will be included as well in the formulation of the BDP II investment plan.



*The participants in the workshop on the BDP II Interim Report together with the field validation team are taking a photograph after the conclusion of the two-day meeting and workshop in September 2015.*

BDP II will spell out the general projects listed in BDP I, that is to say, to make those projects specific. So, with much anticipation, there will be another book aside from the BDP I to compile in the near future.

BDA is the main coordination body to formulate the BDP II. JICA has gave technical support on the formulation of BDP II through the JICA Study Team (JST) in the following thematic areas: 1) Economic and Livelihood, 2) Infrastructure, 3) Power, 4) Natural Resources and Environment. Expectedly, the JICA's input will be finalized by February 2016. 



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