Project Brief

Issue: Economic

Infrastructure (Transport)

Scheme: ODA Loans

(STEP*)

Project Title:

Tashguzar-Kumkurgan New Railway Construction Project. (UZB-P8)

Loan Amount: 16,359 million Japanese Yen

(approximately 151.5 million US Dollars).



Terms and conditions of repayment: Interest Rate: 0.40 % p.a. (other than consulting services); 0.4 % p.a.(consulting services). Repayment Period: 40 years, including 10 years of grace period (other than consulting services)

Uzbek Counterpart: State Joint Stock Company "Uzbekiston Temir Yo'llari".

Project Goal: reducing transport costs; cutting short transport distance and time; meeting increased transport volume; and ensuring reliable services by constructing a new railway line stretching 222 kilometers and rehabilitating the existing 31-kilometer section as an alternative route to the existing one that runs by way of Turkmenistan.

Project Scope: Construction of five railway steel bridges, procurement of rails, signaling and telecommunication, procurement of track materials and maintenance machinery.

Results (Expected for on-going projects): new railway reduced transport costs, distance and time, connected central and southern parts of Uzbekistan promoting their economic and social development of the country's southern provinces (Kashkadarya and Surkhandarya) as well as facilitated transportation to and from Afghanistan through this mountainous section.

^{*} Special Terms for Economic Partnership (STEP) was applied to the lending to that component, since Japan's advanced technology and knowhow was utilized for constructing the bridges.

Geographical Location:

Kashkadarya and Surkhandarya Provinces.



Red line is the new railway constructed under ODA Loan Project No. UZB-P8.