PROJECT OUTLINE

1. Name of the Country:
Socialist Republic of Vietnam

2. Title of the Project:
Project for Strengthening of Agriculture and Livestock Management for small-scale farmers in Hue City, Vietnam

3. Background and Necessity of the Project:
In farming villages of Hue City, the expansion of pig farming is an effective means for small-scale farmers to increase income, but they cannot expand the scale of breeding since they have to spend much time to collect firewood for boiling feed for pigs and to dispose of pig excreta, and offensive odors of pig excreta cause trouble with the neighbors. As for farming villages in the western part of Hue City, small-scale farmers cannot secure money by sale of their farmland when they need a certain amount of money since legal restrictions prohibit the sale of agricultural land from the perspective of rural landscape conservation as a tourism resource. Because of these factors, many small-scale farmers are deeply in debt, and therefore it is necessary to help farmers to make a living by agriculture and livestock.

Hue City offers 2 kinds of subsidy programs to expand pig farming in environmentally friendly ways, which are “the subsidy for purchase of good quality pigs” and “the subsidy for biogas digesters (BDs, a container which can turn animal excreta into biogas).

Bridge Asia Japan (BAJ) has been implementing a pilot project on dissemination of BDs and promotion of agricultural and livestock products, which demonstrates the effect on income increase of farmers. Based on the achievement of the pilot project, this proposed project will transfer know-how on dissemination of the programs on strengthening of agriculture and livestock management for small-scale farmers, especially in farming villages in the western part of Hue City.

4. Project Purpose:
Household livelihoods of low-income farmers will be improved through the programs on strengthening of agriculture and livestock management.

5. Target Area:
Hue City, Thua Thien Hue Province

6. Target Group:
(1) 20 administrative officials in charge of agriculture policy
(2) 110 farm households (about 570 persons) who will use the subsidy programs
(3) 20 BDs engineers
(4) 25 farm households (about 130 persons) who will use liquid fertilizer.
7. Expected Outcomes:
(1) The programs on strengthening of agriculture and livestock management will be developed and implemented effectively by administrative officials in charge of agriculture policy.
(2) Good quality pigs and BDs will become more popular through the subsidy programs, and farm households will understand the appropriate ways of breeding pigs and using BDs.
(3) Farm households who use the subsidy programs will be organized as farmer groups and they will cooperate with each other for sharing of information and extension of market.
(4) Activities for strengthening of agriculture and livestock management and agricultural and livestock products of farmer groups will be widely known.

8. Project Activities:
(1) Implement on-the-job training for administrative officials in charge of agriculture policy.
(2) Disseminate and implement the subsidy programs for good quality pigs and BDs.
(3) Organize farmer groups with farm households who use the subsidy programs and construct a model for extension of market.
(4) Introduce activities on strengthening of agriculture and livestock management, and agricultural and livestock products of farmer groups to consumers and administrative officials of other wards.

9. Implementing Duration:
May 2014-April 2019

10. Implementing Organizations:
- Japanese Side: Bridge Asia Japan (BAJ)
- Vietnamese Side: Economic Affairs Bureau, Hue City