

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

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Agenda Item: 5

Report on Projects Related to Competition and Deregulation: "APEC Training Program on Competition Policy" (CTI 05/2003T)

Purpose: Information Submitted by: Japan



Competition Policy and Deregulation Group Pucón, Chile 27 May 2004

APEC PROJECT FORMAT

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	(Tick \checkmark one) \Box Project seeking APEC funding	Project for self-funding			
	X Progress Report	☐ Evaluation Report			
(Tick ✓ one where applicable)[] Operational Account [✓] TILF Special Account					
Project number:		Date received by Secretariat:			
	(To be filled in by Secretariat:)				
	Name of Committee/Working Group: APEC Competition Policy and Deregulation Group (CPDG)				
	The Coordination Group on Strengthening Economic	The Coordination Group on Strengthening Economic Legal Infrastructure (SELI)			
	Title of Project: APEC Training Program on Competition Policy				
	Proposing APEC Economy: Japan, Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia				
	Co-sponsoring APEC Economy (ies)				
	Project Overseer: Name, Title and Organization (M/F)				
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Financial	Total cost of proposal (US\$):	Amount being sought from APEC Central Fund		
Information	nformation		(US\$):	
1111 01111111111	\$186,230 for 2004	\$150,000 for 2004		
Type of Project: ☐ seminar/symposium ☐ ✓ short-term training course ☐ survey or analysis and research ☐ database/website ☐ others (Please specify)				
Project start d	ate: April 2002	Project end date: December 2004		
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Brief description of Project: its purpose and the principal activities (including when and where):

The purpose of this project is to build capacity in the area of competition policy, which will contribute to the implementation of APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform.

Japan and Thailand, since 1996, in co-operation with other member economies, have organized a training program in the field of competition policy every year within the framework of APEC Partnership for Progress(PFP). The program was aimed to assist the capacity building of the experts from member economies, in particular developing member economies, by providing a wide variety of courses in the area of competition policy, both lecture courses and case-studies, as well as general basic courses and some specialized courses, which served the interests of those participating experts.

As the result of co-operation from member economies in providing lecturers, ardent participation of experts from member economies, as well as constant review of the program responding to needs from member economies, the program gained a wide support and high appreciation in APEC community, as have been repeatedly expressed in the past APEC CPDG and SELI meetings.

The training programs supported by TILF Fund in 2002 (CTI33/2002T), in 2003 (CTI05/2003T) and in 2004(CTI03/2004T) have been approved at SOM and BMC, and the first training program was conducted in August, 2002 in Bangkok, Thailand as one of a series of five training programs. The second program was successfully held on August 5-7, 2003 in Hanoi, Vietnam, and the third program was held on March 1-3, 2004 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia under the topics of "Competition Policy and Globalization" and "Competition Policy and Development Policy". Approximately 50 mid-level officials and 3 speakers/moderators from international organizations and academia participated in the third program.

For the 2004 programs, two training courses, which focus on more specific issues, will be held, based on the outcomes of the 2002 and 2003 programs, and have been approved at SOM and CTI in 2003. The forth program will be held on 3-5 August, 2004 in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, and the fifth program is scheduled to be conducted on 6-8 December, 2004 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

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Signature of Project Overseer:
(Separate written confirmation acceptable for email submission) Date:
Signature of Committee Chair/WG Lead Shepherd: (Not applicable to Progress Report and Evaluation Report)
(Separate written confirmation acceptable for email submission) Date:

Progress Report on APEC Projects

Status/Progress and Problems

Current status of project: On schedule (Yes/No)

Within budget (Yes/No)

Objectives

How do results of the project thus far (if any) compare with its expected results? Include your results thus far (if any) relative to quantitative measures you proposed in paragraph 1 (and 25) of the project design proposal.

The first training program was, as successfully as the project overseers expected, conducted in August, 2002 in Bangkok, Thailand as one of a series of five training programs. The outcomes of the program have been circulated in the shape of CD-ROM to each economy through respective CPDG contacts and to the APEC Secretariat.

The second training program was successfully conducted in August, 2003 in Hanoi, Vietnam. The outcomes of the program have been circulated in the shape of CD-ROM to each economy like the first program.

The third program was conducted on 1-3 March, 2004 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia under the topics of "Competition Policy and Globalization" and "Competition Policy and Development Policy". CD-ROM including all presentation materials was circulated to all participants as soon as the program ended.

And, the forth and the fifth programs in 2004 have not been conducted yet.

Linkages, Methodology, Budget

Describe any problems which have arisen and how they were resolved, including changes in schedule or revised dates, budget changes, changes in participation, or additions or deletions of activities.

Concerning the second program in Hanoi, Vietnam, giving careful consideration to overall circumstance, the project overseers modified the duration of the program from five days to full three days.

Although the original dates of the second seminar were scheduled on 25 - 27 March in

2003, the project overseers had no alternative but to reschedule it because of the SARS outbreak.

In connection with the third program, giving the success of the second program in Hanoi, Vietnam, the project overseers modified the duration of the program from five days to full three days

Gender Considerations

Provide a brief description of the impact of the project on women to date. Provide details to show how women have been consulted on the delivery of the project. What kind of sex-disaggregated data has been collected and used for the project?

The objective of the programs is to build capacity in the area of competition policy and law, and thereby contribute to the APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform. The participants, including women, will derive great benefits from the program. Women are involved in the planning and implementation of the program. The participation of women in the program is encouraged through CPDG and SELI. It should also be emphasized that the three project overseers, Ms. Chantida Kalampakorn, Ms. Nguyen Thi Hoang Thuy and Ms. Shila Dorai Raj are devoting themselves into co-organizing the program.

Progress since last report:

See "Objectives" and "Linkages, Methodology and Budget".

Notes: All Committee and Working Group projects, irrespective of their source of funding, should be reported to BMC.
Please mark "N.A." if any item is not applicable.

Name of Project should be identical with the name stated in the project proposal.