

**TECHNICAL COOPERATION
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN
PROPOSAL**

In connection with the Senior Volunteer Programme of Japan referred to in the Record of Discussions made by Japan International Cooperation Agency and Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation of the Kingdom of Thailand, dated February 19, 1997, the Government of Thailand hereby proposes the dispatch of Senior Volunteer of in the field of Urban Planning and Urban Development Planning to the Government of Japan.

Notes--The careful completion of this proposal form will avoid much reference back and lead to speedier action.

1. Back ground Information

This section should show as precisely as possible the general nature of the project for which the senior volunteer required, stating whether it comes within the Government's development programme. It is important to indicate whether the project is a new enterprise or whether it was started previously. In the latter case, any assistance received under other technical cooperation programmes (e.g. under United Nations auspices) should be stated. With regard to industrial enterprises, some impression of the size is important and the output and number of workers to be employed are useful indications. The type of process, make and age of industrial or scientific equipment with which the senior volunteer will be concerned should be specified. In the case of academic establishments, it is an advantage to know the number of annual intake of students, their level of attainment, numbers and status of existing staff and details of any research facilities and the level of research being undertaken (Copies of brochures, annual reports, financial statements, calendars, syllabus of institution etc. should be attached where applicable).

Thailand has experienced high economic growth in 1980's and urbanization has progressed very rapidly. Especially in Chiang Mai city, Major improvement of large scaled urban facilities were performed such as highway construction, inner city road network arrangement and commercial area & residential area development, etc. celebrating 700 year anniversary of its foundation since 1995. As a result, Chiang Mai city centre is now suffering from rapid population increase and problem such as traffic congestion and air pollution.

As the urban development extends towards suburban area, uncontrolled urban sprawl spreads out widely and residential development caused by reforming land use from agricultural area is developing rapidly everywhere in Chiang Mai suburbs.

According to the growing city activities, the urbanized area in Chiang Mai is expanding far bigger beyond the original municipal area of Chiang Mai administration.

In accordance with the urbanization and decentralization*, the one of the major subject for today's urban planning and development is to establish "effective planning" through coordinating among related authorities and organization scrutinizing the defects and problem of the present plan, focusing on overall urban area in Chiang Mai .

On the occasion of the execution of constitution of Thailand and Decentralization Act of 1999, Urban planning activities will gradually be transferred to local governments such as Tarsaban and Tanbon in accordance with the progress of human resources and administration capability. Development of Public Works and Town & Country Planning (DTCP), The Ministry of Interior has a role to assist, advise and provide technical support to local governments for the implementation of urban planning .

Chiang Mai Office of Public Works and Town & Country Planning which is one of the core provincial offices of DTCP has been provided the equipment as well as program and training materials to local governments as a main regional center of the north regions in Thailand.

Chiang Mai Comprehensive (or General) Plan (as Government Plan based on Town Planning Act of 1975) established in 1999 is now being reviewed and revised. Regarding the transfer of responsibilities for preparation of General Plan and local plan, more effective General Plan in Chiang Mai is urgently required as an effective measure for guidance and control of land development to local governments. Specific Plan or other forms of detailed/local plan are definitely required for effective development control and revision of land use zoning in addition to the General Plan (Land Use Plan).

The land readjustment project as a part of urban development activities proposed by JICA will be required to be applied and local special assessment is required for preparation.

*decentralization - the transfer of powers, responsibilities, budget, and personnel from central government agencies to local government authorities

2. Specification for the post *
(a) post title

Senior Volunteer on Urban Planning and Urban Development Planning in Chiang Mai Public Works and Country & Town Planning Office, Ministry of Interior

(b) duties for which the senior volunteer will be responsible
These should preferably be listed, and it is important to give as much detail as possible

Please see Annex No.1

(c) authority to whom senior volunteer will be responsible

Please see Annex No.2

* It is essential that full particulars should be given. If the space provided is inadequate, they should be given on a separate sheet.

<p>2. Specification for the post (Cont'd)</p> <p>(d) qualification and experience required and approximate age limits</p> <p>(e) number of personnel required</p>	<p>Please see Annex No.3</p> <p>4 persons</p>
<p>3. In the case of continuous projects, give name and particulars of understudy or counterpart who is to work with the senior volunteer</p>	<p>Please see Annex No.4</p>
<p>4. Terms and conditions of appointment:</p> <p>(a) duration</p> <p>(b) actual place of employment, nearest town and post office</p> <p>(c) if living accommodation to be provided, state whether furnished or unfurnished, and whether suitable for married man with family</p> <p>① daily allowance for food if accommodation only provided</p> <p>② daily rate for accommodation and food if neither are provided in kind</p> <p>(d) daily and nightly rates of subsistence payable when away from base on duty</p> <p>(e) are costs of internal travel paid or car provided?</p> <p>(f) what leave arrangements are suggested?</p> <p>(g) extent to which free hospital and medical treatment is to be provided for the senior volunteer and his accompanying dependents, if any</p> <p>(h) shall the senior volunteer be exempted from the payment of income tax and charges of any kind imposed on or in connection with any allowances to be remitted from overseas?</p> <p>(i) ① shall the senior volunteer be exempted from the payment of customs duties and charges of any kind imposed on or in connection with the importation of equipment, machinery, materials and medical supplies as well as personal and household effects belonging to the senior volunteer and his family, including one refrigerator, one sewing machine, one radio and other electrical appliances?</p>	<p>Apr.2006 – Apr.2008</p> <p>Chiang Mai Public Works and Country & Town Planning Office, Ministry of Interior, Chiang Mai City Hall Muang Chiang Mai</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>Refer to the Record of Discussions</p> <p>Refer to the Record of Discussions</p>

4. Terms and conditions of appointment (Cont'd)	
(i) ② in case a car is not provided to the senior volunteer by the host government, shall the senior volunteer be exempted from the payment of customs duties and charges of any kind imposed on or in connection with the importation of a car?	
(j) does host government undertake to indemnify senior volunteer in respect of damages awarded against him for actions performed in the course of his official duties?	
(k) approximate date on which the senior volunteer is required to arrive in receiving country	April 2006
(l) any other information	No
5. Previous steps, if any, to fill the post: if any previous attempt has been made to fill the post from any external source (UN, Specialized Agency or other) please indicate:	No
(a) to whom application was addressed, with date	
(b) result or present stage of negotiations	
(c) are other experts working in this area in associated projects or have there been experts working in this field previously? If so, are any reports by these experts available?	
6. Correspondence: Name, postal and telegraphic address of official to whom correspondence regarding this application should be forwarded	Ms. Pochanie Surname Kajornpreedanon, Chief Chiang Mai Public Works and Country & Town Planning Office, Ministry of Interior, Chiang Mai City Hall Muang Chiang Mai 50300

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Annex No.1

Duties for which the senior volunteer (as a group consisting of 4 persons) will be responsible.

1 Advice and technical support to urban planning and land use planning including transportation planning

Chiang Mai Comprehensive (General) Plan as Government Plan was established in 1999 and now it is the time for review and revision thereof. New urban problems have come out due to rapid urbanization and transfer of power for urban planning to local governments under decentralization since 1999.

Chiang Mai Office of Public Works and Town & Country Planning is required to establish the Specific Plan and other form of local/detailed plan based on Town Planning Act of 1975 in addition to the review and revision of Chiang Mai Comprehensive (General) Plan.

SV and his or her group are required to advise and provide technical support on urban plan implementation including review & revision of land use zoning in consideration of linkage and adjustment between land use subdivision control regulations and building construction control regulations which shall be linked to the general plan system and new policy for urban development and countermeasure on finance & tax, etc.

At the same time, the transportation system of Chiang Mai has been facing to the serious situation in spite of continued measures for improvement.

The tremendous increase of cars, motorcycles and other types of vehicles through rapid economic growth and urban sprawl causes such problems as traffic jams of every morning and evening in the major intersections. As a result, there are serious air pollution and continuous traffic noise in many places of the city. The inhabitants are afraid of possible damage to health, especially that to their children, as well as of the increase of traffic accidents.

On the other hand, community roads are not sufficiently maintained. Road traffic congestion occurs very often due to roadside parking and illegal parking in addition to insufficient parking lots.

SV is required to advise and provide technical support to solve above-mentioned transportation problems and to improve the comprehensive transportation plan as significant part of urban planning & land use policy.

SV will be also expected to enhance capacity development for local governments on implementation of their own plans in cooperation with Chiang Mai Office of Public Works and Town & Country Planning through data supply based on urban planning database and planner training for local governments.

2. Advice and technical support to planning and implementation of land readjustment projects

The Land Readjustment Act B.E.2547 has come into force since December of 2004. Chiang Mai province, like other 74 provinces, is now trying to conduct at least one land readjustment project after selecting an appropriate area among several candidate areas, such as Lookmoolii, Kadvira and Charumprathed within Chiang Mai region.

The land readjustment project will be performed as a model project of special local plan.

Therefore, SV in charge of land readjustment project will be expected to provide practical advice and technical support to all of the aspects and procedures from basic survey to implementation based on large experience accumulated in Japan.

SV is also required to use the fruits of Project on the Development of the Method of Urban Development (1999-2005) supported by JICA and cooperate with the new JICA Project Team (2005-) for assisting the promotion of land readjustment projects in Thailand.

3 Advice and technical support to urban landscape planning including conservation and preservation of greenery, historic architecture & buildings and cultural heritage.

Chiang Mai is not only an old city having a history of more than 700 years with a lot of historic heritage and cultural architecture & buildings such as old temples, famous streets with roadside trees, and Lanna-style wooden houses, but also a "city of greenery" surrounded by mountains such as Doi Suthep and others.

In addition, Chiang Mai is now growing to an international city where many significant international conferences such as APEC are held every year and an increasing number of foreign tourists are attracted to this city.

However, these historic and cultural assets are in a dangerous condition and appropriate measures for conservation & preservation are urgently needed to preserve urban landscape. Proper evaluation should be made

and new guideline and regulation should be established for urban development projects.

“Wiang Kum Kam called “the Underground Ancient City”, the first capital of Lanna, is now under excavation for years and recently become a new tourist site due to renovation and preservation works

SV in charge of urban landscape planning is required to advise and provide technical support to the on-going projects such as Green & Clean project, Historic Road for cycling to Wiang Kum Kam and Development project on the city of historic tourism, based on experience and knowledge of Japan, Europe and USA, as well as protection & conservation of cultural assets and historic monuments in cooperation with local NGOs and citizens.

4 Coordination among JICA and relevant offices and SV group.

SV in charge of coordination is required to support to SV group’s activities and make proper coordination not only with DTCP and JICA but also with the local community and related organizations

Frankly speaking, as far as the mutual understanding between Thai and Japanese is concerned, there is a language barrier. Therefore, SV is strongly expected to have a special capability of speaking, reading and writing Thai .In addition, SV is desirable if he or she is able to help both sides to have good communication and understanding in the cultural and social context.

Annex No.2

Authority to whom senior volunteer (as a group consisting of 4 persons) will be responsible.

Chiang Mai Office of Public Works and Town & Country Planning requests SV group dispatched from Japan to meet the following two points.

The first one is summarized as follows.

The SV group will provide advice and technical support to the staff of Chiang Mai Office of Public Works and Country & Town Planning and local governments

- (1) To make the effective urban planning on urban development and land use plan
- (2) To make comprehensive transportation planning
- (3) To plan and implement land readjustment projects
- (4) To make landscape planning including conservation & preservation planning of greenery, historic architecture & buildings and cultural heritage
- (5) To make proper coordination between JICA and institutions concerned and SV group.

The second one is summarized as follows.

The SV group will assist and advise local governments in technical aspects and perform training for human resources in cooperation with Chiang Mai Office of Public Works and Town & Country Planning.