

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

WTO Capacity Building Initiative

Expected date of initiation: September 2002

Expected date of completion: 2005

Partners Involved:

Governments: China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand

Intergovernmental organizations:

Major groups: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Other:

Leading Partner:

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

WTO-related capacity building addresses the need of developing countries to implement the WTO agreements and to negotiate effectively in the WTO negotiation. In this regard, this initiative's purposes include:

- Expanding knowledge and skill for implementation of WTO Agreements,
- Developing legal framework for domestic implementation,
- Enhancing physical infrastructure for domestic implementation, and
- Building capacity to participate in the international dispute mechanisms of the WTO.

Expected results:

This initiative enables the developing countries to actively participate in the world trade which can play a major role in achieving sustainable development.

Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:

(2002-2004)

This initiative is based on the idea that countries can benefit from a rule-based and predictable multilateral trade system. During the WTO negotiation, the initiative, as a contribution to a successful completion of the Doha Development Agenda, promotes the basic understanding of the WTO Agreements such as GATS, TRIPS, and DS.

(2004-2005)

New issues such as Singapore issues will be added to the agenda of the initiative toward the end of and after the WTO negotiation. The broadened agenda enables partners to comply with the WTO Agreements after the negotiation.

<p>Coordination and Implementation mechanism JICA, in cooperation with its partners, coordinates and implements the capacity building activities including administrative work.</p>
<p>Arrangements for funding Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry will arrange the funding for this initiative.</p>
<p>Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer JICA arranges capacity building activities based on its investigation and discussion with related parties, including METI.</p>
<p>Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any) JICA consults the partner's request to coordinate and implement the initiative as well as pays attention to WTO-related capacity building activities in international and regional level by other agencies through APEC WTO Capacity Building Group and WTO Secretariat.</p>
<p>Monitoring Arrangements JICA monitors the progress of the initiative in an appropriate manner.</p>
<p>Other relevant information: Web-site (if available): http://www.jica.go.jp/english/index.html</p>
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