



Clean Dhaka Project



Project for Strengthening of Solid Waste Management in Dhaka City (2007 – 2011)

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Framework of the Project

The project is four-year technical corporation project for strengthening solid waste management in Dhaka City Corporation. The project aims for improved participatory solid waste management program, improved capacity for solid waste collection and transportation, appropriate operation and management of the final disposal sites, and improved accounting system.

Record of Discussions and Minutes of Meeting on the Project

The record of discussions (R/D) for implementation of the Project was signed on December 11, 2006 between Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh. Project framework, measures to be taken by JICA and the Government of Bangladesh, administration of the Project were agreed in the R/D.

The Minutes of Meetings (M/M) were signed on October 19, 2006 between of Japanese Preparatory Study Team and the Government of Bangladesh.

The preparatory study was consisted of Project Cycle Management, Project Design Matrix (PDM) and Plan of Operation (PO) of the Project with the participation of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC)



Arrival of JICA Expert Team

On February 24, JICA Expert Team for the Project arrived at Dhaka. Upon the arrival, the Expert Team made courtesy call to the Honourable Mayor of Dhaka City. Chief Advisor of the Expert Team briefly explained project frame work and draft policies for Project implementation.

PDM Workshop

On April 18, 19 and 22, 2007, a three-days workshop to confirm and review PDM prepared in the preparatory study with active participation of DCC Counterpart personnel and JICA Expert Team members. Results of Problem Analysis, Objective Analysis were reviewed. The discussions are made in group at first, followed by check and review by all participants. Institutional set-up was added as important Activities. Expressions of some Activities were modified. Required Activities in the Project were added. Objectively Verifiable Indicators and Important Assumptions were also checked in the workshop.

Message from Honorable Mayor

It is indeed a good opportunity for Dhaka City Corporation to commence the technical co-operation project 'Strengthening of Solid Waste Management in Dhaka City' with JICA.



The formulation of Clean Dhaka

Master Plan and the follow up projects undertaken by DCC will get a complete shape through this capacity development program. The intervention of JICA in the field of waste management is a timely endeavor as well as milestone step in the development paradigm. I appreciate the heartfelt co-operation and assistance of JICA which gives us the lighted candle to go forward with waste management with the ambition of clean Dhaka by the year 2015.

First Steering Committee Meeting

First Steering Committee was held on May 3, 2007, chaired by Chief Executive Officer of DCC. In the meeting, policies for Project implementation agreed within the Project Team were presented. Activities of the Project discussed in the PDM workshop and subsequent meetings were explained. Establishment of Waste Management Department and DCC arrangement for Project implementation was also discussed.

Before improvement and current condition of Matuail landfill



Before improvement of Matuail Landfill



Current condition of Matuail Landfill

VIPs' Visit to the Project Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh

On March 1, 2007, Ambassador of Japan and his wife visited Ward 65, where they observed an environmental education program in a school held by two Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) and DCC Counterpart personnel. They also visited Matuail Landfill Site, whose construction is assisted with Japanese Debt Cancellation Fund (JDCF). The honourable Mayor welcomed the Ambassador at Site.

DCC Counterpart personnel explained design of the landfill facilities and progress of the construction works with comparison of sanitary conditions before and after. They also visited the project of medical waste treatment at the landfill site. The project is assisted with grant aid by the Government of Japan.



General Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

General Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan visited site of community solid waste management in Ward 65.

Chief Executive Officer and Chief Conservancy Officer explained efforts of DCC for community participation to solid waste management. He visited also landfill site.



Senior Vice President of JICA

Senior Vice President of JICA visited DCC on April 11, 2007. DCC Counterpart made presentation on achievement in the development study, challenges for DCC on Solid Waste Management and intensions for Project implantation. Conditions of participatory solid waste management were also explained. After the meeting, the Senior Vice President visited Ward 65,

where he observed demonstration of primary collection by a community based organisation and secondary collection by DCC. Chief Conservancy Officer explained to the Senior Vice President at the Site.



Appreciation Letter from Senior Vice President of JICA

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your hospitality extended to me and my colleagues during our visit on 11 April. It was my great pleasure to observe that the output of the development study done by JICA was being utilized very well and the waste management in Dhaka city has significantly.



In the presentation you mentioned that the Solid Waste Management Department needs to be newly established in the Dhaka City Corporation. I am convinced that with the department established, the solid waste management in Dhaka city will be greatly improved and will become a good model to be followed by other cities in Bangladesh.

Visit by Other Organizations

A team of *Asian Development Bank (ADB)*- assisted project of STIFPP (Secondary Towns Integrated Flood Protection Project) visited the waste management division and Matuail Landfill Site to get acquainted with the landfill prospect and development in the secondary towns of Bangladesh.

A delegation of the Khulna University of Engineering & Technology (KUET) visited the waste management division and Matuail Landfill Site to start a pilot sanitary landfill in Khulna with the Asia Pro-Eco Project of European Commission.

Visit of University Students Yokohama University

On March 9, 2007, Students of Yokohama University visited Matuail Landfill Site and participatory solid waste management in Ward 65.

Project Director of Matuail Landfill Improvement explained progress of the project.

In Ward 65, the Students had opportunity to exchange views and opinions with students of BUET.



Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) and Chittagoing Universtisy (CU)

Around 25 students of BUET and 30 students of Chittagong University guided by the professors visited Matuail Landfill and Hospital Waste Management facility as part of their study tour.

Further information will be available at www.dhakacity.org (now under preparation)