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Department of Finance
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
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MEMORANDUM

TO : **AII DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT/PORT COLLECTORS
HEADS/CHIEFS OF UNITS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : **REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO**
Commissioner

SUBJECT : **JICA'S NEEDS SURVEY FOR TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE**

DATE : 14 February 2019



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The Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signified its intention to conduct an Annual Needs Survey to discuss its plan for technical assistance to the Bureau of Customs.

In order to proceed with the said plan, JICA requests the BOC's priority needs, plans and programs related to audit, AEO, and other specific needs for assistance.

In this regard, you are hereby directed to submit the list of your priority programs and plans on or before 20 February 2019.

For your information and strict compliance.

Encl. a/s



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February 12, 2019

Reference: JICA/BOC-2019-2

Mr. Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero

Commissioner

Bureau of Customs

Re: a needs survey for technical assistance

Dear Commissioner Guerrero,

I would like to conduct an annual needs survey to discuss my plan of technical assistance with Japan Customs for Japanese fiscal year 2019 (from April 2019 to March 2020).

In line with this, please fill out the attached list specifying following items:

- BOC's Priority of needs
- Field (e.g. Post Clearance Audit, AEO program etc.)
- Details for the needs of assistance
(e.g. the current status of the field, what kind of trainings the BOC needs etc.)
- Target group (e.g. Senior officers in the head quarter, frontline officer etc.)

I would appreciate it if you could send the list back to me by March 1, 2019. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in advance.

Respectfully yours,

Seiji Harumoto

JICA Customs Expert

CC: Atty. Marietta D. Zamoranos, Head, External Affairs Office

Ms. Lilibeth C. Bonifacio, Acting Chief, Interim Training & Development Division

A needs survey of technical assistance (conducted by JICA Customs Expert)

| Priority | Fields | Detail for the needs of assistance (including the background) | Target group |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|--|
| (Example) | Post Clearance Audit (PCA) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) mandates the BOC to conduct the audit and Executive Order no. 46 says the PCA function shall be transferred from the DOF-FIU to the BOC. * The Post Clearance Audit Group (PCAG) needs to develop the capacity of profiling and identification of potential priority audit candidates to conduct effective audits. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Director * Frontline officers |
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JICA'S ASSISTANCE for THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

February 12, 2019



Japan International Cooperation Agency

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■ OVERVIEW OF JICA'S ASSISTANCE

Dispatch of Long Term JICA Experts

- World-wide customs administration has developed dramatically over the past decades to keep pace with the increase in international trade, organized crimes, and the threat of terrorism.
- Thus, the need for BOC to modernize and harmonize customs operation with the standards of International Conventions.

12 June 2017 - July 2019

JICA Programs Assisted by Experts in BOC

- ✓ Tariff System, 1990-1991
- ✓ Intelligence Management, 1991-1996
- ✓ Risk Management, 1996-2001
- Introducing Customs Intelligent System, 2007-2011
- ✓ Enhancement of Customs Operation, 2001
- present



For 28 years, 12 experts have been dispatched

■ SUMMARY OF JICA'S ASSISTANCE

Introduction of AEO Program in 2012

- To enhance BOC-business partnership on trade security and trade facilitation and establish accreditation procedures
- ~~Activities Conducted:~~
 - AEO Program Seminar in 2012



Provision of Narcotic Drug Test Kits for the Customs Anti-Illegal Task Force, March 2014

Donation of Analytical Equipment for the Philippine Customs Laboratory in 1993, 2009 *Spectrometry, Customs Laboratory*

- To reduce incidence of misclassification, misdeclaration or underevaluation of imported goods



Time Release Study (TRS), 2003, 2010, 2012 *for significant change 2012 (March)*

- To understand accurately the actual situation and identify problems of import procedures; evaluate efficiency and effectiveness of recently introduced clearance-related systems (such as e2m system); and propose the direction for improvement.
- To provide explanation on the usually wide variation and unexplained patterns in the release time across ports through the assessment of cargo process flows and risk management system

■ SUMMARY OF JICA'S ASSISTANCE

- **Enhancement of Customs Operations, 2017-2019**
 - Under this TCP, a Japan Customs Expert is dispatched to provide assistance to BOC by organizing workshops/seminars and sharing Japan-Customs related information on the following:
 - implementation of Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programs
 - enhancement of Post Clearance Audit (PCA) Function
 - reactivation of the Philippine Customs Laboratory
 - enhancement of border protection
 - implementation of Rules of Origin (ROO) under Japan-Philippine Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA) and ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEP)
 - cooperation with other international organizations

- **Promotion of JPEPA, 2011**
 - To improve business/investment environment through conduct of seminar on ROO
 - Activities Conducted:
 - Organized 15 seminars in coordination with JETRO and BOC since 2011

SUMMARY OF JICA'S ASSISTANCE

- Technical Cooperation Project Capacity Development for Post Entry Audit (PEA), June 2008 – March 2011 (Completed)
 - To promote smooth customs clearance and proper tax collection through the post entry audit in the Philippines
 - Activities Conducted:
 - Dispatched 10 Japanese Experts to BOC from June 2008 to March 2011
 - Trained 24 Finance/Customs Officers in Japan
 - Provided assistance in the publication of PEA Primer in 2010



- Technical Cooperation Project on Philippine Customs Intelligence System (PCIS) for Enhancement of its System Environment and Training of Customs Officer - Preparatory Project for the Establishment of PCIS, July 2007–June 2011, (Completed)
 - To establish an appropriate environment for implementing the PCIS in the BOC, and provide training to Customs Officers
 - Activities Conducted:
 - Dispatched 5 Japanese Experts to BOC from June 2007 to July 2011
 - Trained 36 Customs Officers in Japan
 - Technical Exchange of 22 BOC Trainees with Third Countries (Thailand and Malaysia)
 - Provided assistance in the ISO Certification of Auditing Activities of BOC and PCIS Requirement Definition

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THANK YOU!



Overview of JICA Customs Expert's activities

JICA CUSTOMS EXPERT

SEIJI HARUMOTO

Topics

- ▶ 1. Outline of my assignment
- ▶ 2. Summary of my activities
- ▶ 3. Future assistance plan

1. Outline of my assignment

- ▶ I have been sent from Japan Customs through JICA since July 2016.
- ▶ JICA has sent 12 customs experts to the BOC since 1990.

2. Summary of my activities

- ▶ Study tour for BOC executives in Japan (Feb 2018)
 - Customs Training Institute
 - Central Customs Laboratory *Customs School*
 - Narita Airport
 - X-ray machine
 - Explanation of AEO in Japan

2. Summary of my activities

- ▶ Assistance in implementation of the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) program
- Workshop in Japan (Oct 2018)
 - Lectures by AEO experts of Japan Customs
 - Discussion
 - Study tour to an AEO company

2. Summary of my activities

- ▶ Capacity enhancement of the Post Clearance Audit (PCA) function
 - Provision of information (legal basis, statistics and organizations of PCA in Japan)
 - Workshop in BOC (Mar 2019 ⇒ Jun 2019)

2. Summary of my activities

- ▶ Assistance in reactivation of the Philippine Customs Laboratory
- Inviting experts from Japan for fact finding (Jun 2017)
 - Mission Report was submitted to the BOC
- Inviting a BOC officer to a training (Nov 2017)
- Providing information
 - organization in Japan
 - analytical methods

BOC

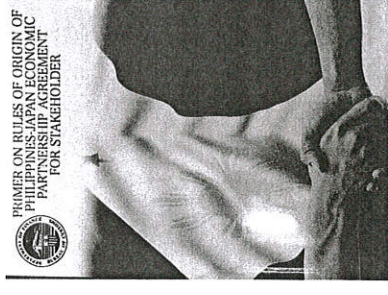
*Customs Laboratory
not functional*

3. Summary of my activities

- ▶ Enhancement of border protection
- Sharing information about smuggling cases seized in Japan
- Coordination of conducting trainings and providing devices through World Customs Organization (WCO)
 - Trainings in Oct 2017, Mar 2018, Dec 2018
 - Providing Five (5) Raman Spectrometers,
one (1) Backscatter in 2018

2. Summary of my activities

- ▶ Assistance in smooth implementation of PJEPA Rules of Origin
 - Organizing seminars (six times)
 - Makati, Nov 2016 (76 stakeholders, 14 BOC officers)
 - Clark, Aug 2017 (22 stakeholders, 6 BOC officers)
 - Makati, Nov 2017 (61 stakeholders, 5 BOC officers)
 - Makati, Sep 2018 (78 stakeholders, 10 BOC officers)
 - Batangas, Nov 2018 (57 stakeholders 3 BOC officers)
 - Cebu, Jan 2019 (83 stakeholders, 4 BOC officers)
 - Issuance of the primer



3. Future assistance plan

- ▶ Continuation
 - ❑ Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Program
 - ❑ Post Clearance Audit (PCA)
 - ❑ Border protection
 - ❑ PJEPA Rules of Origin
 - ❑ (Customs laboratory)
- ▶ Addition
 - ❑ If any (I will conduct a needs survey)

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Thank you for your attention!

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