

PIPELINE GRANT-ICT PROJECTS

Project Title	Description	Proponent Agency/Office	Duration	Project Cost/ Funding Source	Remarks / Status
Philippine Customs Intelligence System (PCIS) Project	The project involves the setting up of an ICT infrastructure, including hardware, software, application systems, networking of BoC Main Office, collection districts and sub-ports and conduct of training to build a comprehensive database of imports, exports and related data, which can be used by the Bureau for query, analysis and decision-making. It will be benchmarked against similar customs systems being implemented by the Customs and Tariff Bureau of Japan and other countries. The project is envisioned to enable the BOC to accurately manage its risk assessment program, refine its selectivity system and manage internal risks associated with customs administration, through the full and appropriate use of the information it has and continues to generate.	BOC	2 years	PhP641.56M (GOJ-GGAP)	The Japanese Government has yet to stamp their approval to the project. A Japanese survey mission will be coming over in October 2004 for a preliminary survey/discussion with BOC re. project requirements and specifications. The BOC submitted to NEDA for approval last August 2004 the application for Technical Cooperation Program in relation to the PCIS Project. Initial training for the BOC Project Implementation Unit has been scheduled in November in Japan (study trips this year to Indonesia and Australia are still for confirmation).
UP IT Training Center - Training of Instructors	The project aims to raise the level of Philippine IT skills to global standards; upgrade the capacity of the Philippine educational system to produce more high-quality, high level IT professionals; and to expand supply of Philippine IT professionals.	UP Diliman	Five years	PhP140.9M under the GOJ grant aid program	2nd JICA Preparatory Study Mission was dispatched in Feb. 2004. Technical Cooperation is expected to start after the signing of the Records of Discussion between U.P. and another JICA Mission. Possibility of

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					a grand aid will depend on the implementation of the TCP.
Upgrading Communication and Information Technology for Education and Sustainable Agro-Industrial Development	To enhance the existing capability of the UPLB in communication and information technology in its vision of making significant contributions to education and sustainable, agro-industrial development in the Philippines and surrounding region. This entails upgrading of communication and information technology hardware. A minor component of the requested grant aid will be building renovation to accommodate staff and facilities to be displaced by the addition of new equipment.	UPLB	Five years	PhP295.69M JICA	Endorsed by NEDA to the Government of Japan. As of Sept. 2004, no official communication had been received from the Japanese Government.