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Questionnaire survey

Ho Chi Minh Route in Vietnamese War period

Area bombed by U.S. Army is now being cultivated as Agriculture Development

Rubber farm as afforestation

Intercropping is seen between rubber trees.
Foreword

This report is the product of “Base Study on Impact of Population Issue on Agriculture and Rural Development” consigned by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to Asian Population and Development Association (APDA) in fiscal 2005 and was conducted in Vietnam. The study and coordination were mainly performed by the domestic review panel created within APDA and headed by Dr. Shigeto Kawano, Professor Emeritus, the University of Tokyo.

Reduction of poverty and starvation as well as securing of sustainability are the pressing challenges included in the U.N. Millennium Development Goals requiring the support of international community and are positioned as priority item in Japan’s ODA Outline. The important tasks are deeply related to population issues including rapid population increase as well as rural-urban and urban-rural migration and various forms of inter-sectoral cooperation are being implemented to address these issues. For this reason, a broad range of information was collected in this study and problems were sorted out with regard to population issues in developing countries in order to propose the policy and points to keep in mind when offering cooperation in the field of agriculture, forestry and fisheries in the future as well as actual ideas of cooperation.

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It is my hope that this report would contribute to promotion of effective cooperation between the agricultural and rural development programs of Vietnam and the Japanese Government.

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