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Country: Near East, South Asia and Far East

Project No.:

Submission Date: December 10, 1969, Original: a

Project Title: Asian Agricultural College and University Seminar

U.S. Obligation Span: January 1 to December 31, 1970.

Proposed Implementation Span: January 1 to December 31, 1970.

Gross Life of Project Financial Requirements: U.S. \$62,036

I. Summary Description

A.I.D. is currently financing 11 agricultural education and research projects with U.S. universities in the Near East/South Asia and Far East regions. Seventeen such projects have been terminated in the two regions. The recent AID-CIC Rural Development Research Project produced evidence and recommendations on means of increasing the efficiency of operations of these institution-building projects. The proposed traveling seminar will enable leaders in 19 Asian agricultural colleges and universities, and personnel from the ministries of agriculture or education in 14 countries to exchange information on and discuss the institution-building process, and observe its operations in Thailand, India and Pakistan during the period September 20 to October 10, 1970.

Carolina State University will organize and conduct the seminar. The seminar staff will include one regional senior researcher from the recent CIC-AID Rural Development Research Project, and a leader in agricultural education formerly with the Ford Foundation in India. Resource persons from host country institutions or from resident U.S. university teams will participate locally in the seminar.

The seminar group will generate a ^c report on the proceedings with recommendations for strengthening the institution-building process and, more importantly, will gain a better understanding

on how to improve operations and effectiveness of their own universities as instruments of agricultural training, research and extension.

II. Setting and Environment

AID/W financed a research project, An Analysis of AID-University Programs in Agricultural Education and Research (csd-840), conducted by the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) from July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1969 at a cost of about \$1,300,000. It involved a study of 45 active and 23 expired programs for the period 1952-1966 that AID had financed at a cost of about 150 million dollars. The results of this research have been presented in a summary report, "Building Institutions to Serve Agriculture," and in 19 other reports of which seven or more have been or will be published.

The research project indicated many common problems of University organization and administration, and many different approaches to solving them. It is through the sharing of these experiences that university leaders can benefit in their institution-building efforts. Agricultural universities need to upgrade the educational facilities, to strengthen and broaden study curricula, to intensify research on relevant problems of agriculture, and to respond more effectively to individual farmer problems.

III. Strategy

The seminar will be concerned with the process and problems of developing an agricultural college or university. Research results from the CIC project will be used in comparing and analyzing the 19 colleges or universities represented in the seminar. Also, the four or five institutions to be observed in Thailand, India and Pakistan will show diversity in the stages of development which the participants need to understand.

The specific objectives of the seminar are:

- . To initiate an exchange of information among agricultural universities of Asia regarding the strategies or institutional development, their roles in agricultural development, institutional goals, programs and problems.
- . To provide for a visit to and study of a few representative agricultural universities and discussions with administrators, faculty and students and observations on how these institutions have developed in response to the needs and problems of the areas they serve.
- . To observe the relationship of agricultural universities to other government agencies, agricultural industries, farmers and the general public.

4. On the basis of experience in the various institutions of the region, to consider the principles of strategy, organization, administration, governance, structure, program, and operation conducive to successful development of agricultural universities and also the features to be avoided.

5. To consider the advisability and feasibility of mechanisms for a continuing exchange of information and experience between agricultural universities of the region in furthering their mutual development.

IV. Planning Input. Results and Output

All the countries which will provide participants and the countries to be observed will be visited by a representative of the contractor prior to the seminar. A tentative program and itinerary have been developed, subject to approval of the countries involved.

Leaders from 19 universities and personnel from the ministries of agriculture and/or education in 14 countries will participate. These persons will be selected jointly by the USAIDs and host government. The participants will benefit from observation, discussion and cross-fertilization of ideas pertinent to university development. In addition, a few officials from FAO/UNESCO, other AID regions and AID/W will observe the seminar.

Each university participating in the seminar will be requested to prepare and send to the seminar organizers, at least six weeks in advance of the beginning date, a description of the institution in accordance with the outline appended to the proposal. This brief report will review the university's history; stage of development; its present role and future hopes for contributing to agriculture; the size, level of training and experience of the faculty; the composition of the student body; the general nature of research and extension programs; its structure, organization, authority and method of governance; and a brief description of its physical and financial resources. These reports will be circulated to the participants.

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The report of proceedings with recommendations will be useful to the participants, to their governments, to USAIDs in the two regions, and to AID. If means are obtained to establish and support a secretariat for the Asian agricultural colleges and universities, this effort of institution-building also will be a real step forward.

Course of Action

The Asian Agricultural College and University Seminar will be conducted from September 20 to October 10, 1970, beginning in Bangkok, according to plans submitted to the country

missions and governments which will be involved. Previous contacts with the missions and host governments in the two regions on this matter have elicited a substantial number of favorable responses for support of the seminar. AID/W will finance the organization and conducting of the seminar; the missions and host-country governments in the countries involved will finance the transportation and per diem of participants between and within countries, excepting as otherwise provided.

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PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

PROJECT NUMBER 931-11-190-573	3. COUNTRY Technical Assistance Bureau	4. AUTHORIZATION NUMBER 0056
PROJECT TITLE Traveling Asian Agricultural College and University Seminar		5. AUTHORIZATION DATE Jan. 21, 1970
LIFE OF PROJECT a. FIRST YEAR OF FUNDING: FY 1970		b. PROPOSED December 30, 1967
		b. LAST YEAR OF PHYSICAL WORK: FY 1970

PLANNED FUNDING REQUIREMENTS - IN DOLLARS

6. AID DOLLARS: GRANT: \$ 62,036 LOAN: \$

7. AID CONTROLLED LOCAL CURRENCY - IN DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS: \$1 =

(1) U.S. OWNED: GRANT: \$ LOAN: \$

(2) COUNTRY OWNED: GRANT: \$ LOAN: \$

Local Costs to be funded by USAIDs and/or host governments, as appropriate IN DOLLARS

COMMODITIES	QUANTITY	CCC VALUE	OCEAN FREIGHT
		\$	\$

8. OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS OF COOPERATING COUNTRY - IN DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS: \$1 =

GRANT: \$ LOAN: \$

IN KIND (Summarize):

9. OTHER DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS (Identify separately) IN DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS: \$1 =

GRANT: \$ LOAN: \$

OTHER, IN KIND (Summarize and quantify, if possible):

CLEARANCES	DATE	CLEARANCES	DATE
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Kenneth Levick, TA/PM			

Approved in substance for the life of the project as described in the PROP, subject to the availability of funds. Detailed planning with cooperating country and drafting of implementation documents is authorized.

This authorization is contingent upon timely completion of the self-help and other conditions listed in the PROP or attached thereto.

This authorization will be reviewed at such time as the objectives, scope and nature of the project and/or the magnitudes and scheduling of an inputs or outputs deviate so significantly from the project as originally authorized as to warrant submission of a new or revised PROP.

Joel Bernstein AA/ Technical Assistance Bureau Jan. 21, 1970

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