



AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
ADVICE OF PROGRAM CHANGE

COUNTRY: APRE Regional

PROJECT TITLE: Asia Democracy Program

PROJECT NUMBER: 499-0002

FY 1991 CP REFERENCE: None

APPROPRIATION CATEGORY: Education and Human Resources (EHR); Private Sector, Environment and Energy (PSEE); Agriculture, Rural Development and Nutrition (ARDN)

LIFE-OF-PROJECT FUNDING: Continuing

INTENDED FY 1991 OBLIGATION: \$2,200,000 EHR  
\$1,300,000 PSEE  
\$ 500,000 ARDN  
\$4,000,000 Total Grant

This is to advise that A.I.D. intends to obligate \$4,000,000 in FY 1991 grant funds for the APRE Regional Asia Democracy Program (ADP). This is a new project that was not included in the FY 1991 Congressional Presentation. The life-of-project funding will be continuing.

The project's purpose is the development and strengthening of sustainable democratic societies. The project will support a wide range of activities which, as appropriate to local country conditions and circumstances, concentrate on the following areas: civic participation, association and advocacy; dissemination of information and opinion; free and fair elections, civic education and political organization development; effective and open administration (executive, legislative, judicial branches and local government); human rights and redress; and financially responsible and accountable government.

Attachment: Activity Data Sheet

**AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
ACTIVITY DATA SHEET**

PROGRAM: Asia Private Enterprise Regional

CP 81-05 (4 85)

TITLE Asia Democracy Program		FUNDING SOURCE Various	PROPOSED OBLIGATION (In thousands of dollars)		
NUMBER 499-0002		PRIOR REFERENCE None	FY 91	4,000	LIFE OF PROJECT (Ann) CONTINUING
GRANT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LOAN <input type="checkbox"/>	NEW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CONTINUING <input type="checkbox"/>	INITIAL OBLIGATION FY 91	ESTIMATED FINAL OBLIGATION FY Continuing
			ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE OF PROJECT FY Continuing		

**Purpose:** The development and strengthening of sustainable democratic societies.

**Project Purpose:** The Asia Democracy Program (ADP) represents a long-range commitment to provide human and material resources to assist developing Asian countries meet the growing demand for democratic reform. ADP is based on the recognition of: the historical relationship of economic and democratic development; the many economic and political advantages of an open society; the equal legitimacy of economic and political freedom; and the right of all peoples to control their economic future through democratic means. For the Asia region, many countries traditionally have severely limited political and civil rights, and where democracy exists, it is very fragile.

Project activities have been designed to support the many factors that have been found to affect the prospects for democratic development in a particular country — historical experiences, political culture with relatively stable values and attitudes, ethnic and religious cleavages, institutional factors, class structure, political attitudes with short-term reactive opinions, and support for democracy by neighbors or the world community. Noting the sensitive nature of democratic development, the guiding principles for ADP are: non-partisan and non-interventionist; transparent to both public and government; supportive of governmental and private institutions; adapted to specific opportunities; and adapted to unique political and cultural situations.

The project will support a wide range of activities that concentrate on the following areas:

**A. Civic Participation, Association and Advocacy:** U.S. and indigenous FVOs/NGOs advancing social and political development; labor development/strengthening; civic education and advocacy groups; landless laborers; and professional and business groups, particularly associated with economic development.

**B. Dissemination of Information and Opinion:** public opinion polling; training of journalists (newspaper, radio and TV); expansion of information/news dissemination; greater access to government information; professional news organizations; and laws that protect the media.

**C. Free and Fair Elections, Civic Education, and Political Organization Development:** election commodities (ballot boxes, registration forms, ink); technical assistance to election commissions; training of local election monitoring groups; U.S. and international election observation teams; political organization development (non-partisan, multi-party assistance through intermediaries, such as NED); and civic education.

**D. Effective and Open Administration (executive, legislative, judicial branches and local government):** legislator and staff parliamentary training; legislative research services and libraries; judicial support and development; U.S. study tours in effective governance; local decentralization initiatives.

**E. Human Rights and Redress:** support for human rights advocacy groups; legal aid NGOs, particularly targeting women and disadvantaged; judicial processes that further political rights and civil liberties; and legal literacy efforts.

**F. Financially Responsible and Accountable Government:** "abuse of authority" commissions/laws, Ombudsman office functions/reviews, activities that seek to decrease governmental controls that restrict private sector businesses and free-market economies.

**Relationship to A.I.D. Strategy:** All activities will be carefully crafted to local country conditions and circumstances.

**Host Country and Other Donors:** Beneficiary organizations will be contributing resources toward the objectives of related programs.

**Beneficiaries:** Direct beneficiaries will be groups and individuals such as: non-government organizations, civic and professional business associations, media groups, labor, women's and disadvantaged groups, election commissions, parliaments, judiciaries, and related host government entities.

**Major Outputs:** The promotion and strengthening of a wide variety of social, political and economic organizations that contribute to the growth of pluralism, the strengthening of democratic institutions and the overall process of democratization.

**A.I.D. Financed Inputs**  
Democratic pluralism activities

**Life of Project (\$000)**  
Continuing

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U.S. FINANCING (In thousands of dollars)			
	Obligations	Expenditures	Unliquidated
Through September 30, 1989	-	-	-
Estimated Fiscal Year 1990	-	-	-
Estimated Through September 30, 1990	-	-	-
	Future Year Obligations	Estimated Total Cost	

PRINCIPAL CONTRACTORS OR AGENCIES

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