

Joint Commission on Rural Reconstruction, Taiwan

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Summary

- ✓ 1948-79, JCRR originally an agrarian reform effort patterned after the Marshall Plan to assist southern China
- ✓ became institution for administering U.S. aid to Taiwan
- ✓ reputation as highly effective agency for promotion of agricultural development in Taiwan
- ✓ monitored and advised extensive land reforms, such as working with farmers' associations to improve rural health and bringing new technology for water resources, livestock, fishing, and forestry
- ✓ three Chinese and two American commissioners appointed by two countries' presidents
- ✓ served as agricultural division of USAID mission in Taiwan
- ✓ de-facto agricultural ministry of Taiwan (between 1953 and 1964, provided 40% of budget)
- ✓ functioned outside of Taiwan's regular government bureaucracy
- ✓ recruited and maintained highly skilled and well paid staff for two decades
- ✓ successful elements were its semi-autonomous nature and using local organizations as project sponsors
- ✓ replaced by a Chinese agency in 1979

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