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Minute of BDQC meeting on 11 May, 2006

I. Participants:

- ❖ Tokyo: Eiko and Naomi
- ❖ Canberra: Maree and Thang
- ❖ Timor Leste: Joao
- ❖ Vietnam: Linh
- ❖ Philippines: Robbie
- ❖ WB Sydney: Colin
- ❖ Melbourne: Ravi

II. Items of discussion

1. Review of the regional business plan

- Ravi reported the progress of the regional plan
 - o Implementation:
 - A business manager of the proposed association needs to be recruited. Need seed funding for this position.
 - The recruitment should be done in the first 6 months of the association operation.
 - o Sustainability:
 - It is currently proposed that it will take 5 years for the association to reach its financial sustainability. The tentative target is USD 3,5 million per year (50 projects x USD 70,000 each project).
 - This needs more discussion in the Bangkok meeting.
- Feedback from DCL:
 - o Needs more time in the Bangkok meeting's agenda for this.
 - o Bigger projects and smaller numbers of projects should be targeted.
 - o DLCs should be able to work to reach this target.
 - o Actions need to be taken to make the regional plan happen.

2. Other issues:

- The regional meeting in Bangkok: 45 participants have registered.
- The Annual Bank Conference for Development of Economics (ABCDE) will be held late May 2006 in Tokyo.
- Quarterly reporting: DLCs should contact the Secretariat if they have difficulties in filling in the reports.

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