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FOREWORD

The Study on Watershed Management Plan for Forest Conservation in Vangvieng District in Lao People's Democratic Republic is being implemented in accordance with the Scope of Work (S/W) concluded by the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (hereinafter referred to as Lao) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

In Phase I, the first field survey and second field survey were conducted, involving the natural environment survey, social environment survey, aerial photography, ground survey, socioeconomic baseline survey and survey on the use of GIS. The findings of these Phase I surveys have already been compiled in the Progress Report (July, 1997).

The third field survey in the Phase II period involved the village-level land use survey using the participatory rural appraisal (PRA) method, fact-finding survey and initial environmental survey in the Model Area with a view to formulating a draft watershed management plan with the participation of local people.
The third work in Japan, followed by the third field survey, further analysed the present conditions of the natural as well as socioeconomic environment based on the findings of the third field survey and formulated a draft watershed management plan and draft guidelines for Formulation of watershed management plan.

The present Interim Report compiles the findings of the third field survey and the third work in Japan in the Phase II period.