

News from ANUtech's international projects – Canberra Australia

Key highlights from April/May 2003 are:

Viet Nam Agriculture Sector Development Support

ANUtech has been shortlisted for this Asian Development Bank (ADB) TA. The TA will indicatively require 15 person-months of international and 18 person-months of domestic consulting services over a 7-month period. Whereas ANUtech have not received the TORs as of yet from the ADB, we are indicatively looking for domestic and international consultants with experience of working with the Viet Nam Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), and/or the Viet Nam Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (VBARD). Key skills required are prior experience of restructuring and strengthening agricultural research institutes and centres, assisting provincial governments with agricultural extension services, assisting agricultural market information, monitoring and implementing fund tranches, providing credit to agroindustry SMEs. Full details will appear in ANUtech's 'News' section of its website when available: <http://www.anutech.com.au/ADI/>. Please send CVs with a brief covering letter to simon.cann-evans@anutech.com.au.

Nepal Social Protection Study

ANUtech has been shortlisted for this Asian Development Bank (ADB) TA. The TA will require the following personnel: 2 international consultants (Social Protection Specialist and Team Leader - 5 months, and Risk Management / Conflict Resolution Specialist - 1 month), and 4 domestic consultants (Social Protection Economist – 3 months, Social and Labour Law Legal Specialist – 3 months, Community Development & Gender Advisor – 3 months, Poverty Analyst – 3 months). Full details are in ANUtech's 'News' section of its website: <http://www.anutech.com.au/ADI/>. Please send CVs with a brief covering letter to simon.cann-evans@anutech.com.au.

China Capacity Building

ANUtech is implementing the first private sector development activity ever undertaken by a foreign donor through China's major central government reform leader, SCORES. The successful program in 2 cities has now been replicated in over 10 other cities in China, and was nationally disseminated as 'good practice' in April - May 2003.

APSEM to APSEG

The ANU's Asia Pacific School of Economics and Management (APSEM) has been renamed as the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government (APSEG) to reflect changes in the content of the institutions research, teaching and consultancies. Research will now be grouped sectorally by: Trade and International cooperation in Asia Pacific, Development Economics, Governance, Environmental & Resource Management, and Country Policy Forums. Country Policy Forums will be loosely grouped as follows: Japan, China, Vietnam, PNG and Pacific Islands, and Networks / Partnerships.

Fiji Training

ANUtech will be implementing a Skills Training course in June 2003 for the Fijian Government in Program Design, Planning, and Monitoring & Evaluation. The trainer has been selected from the ANU's National Centre for Development Studies. The National Centre for Development Studies (NCDS) at ANU trains international students at a postgraduate level in areas critical to economic development. NCDS also offers short courses in association with full-time graduate studies programs within the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government. It draws on its expertise in teaching in the areas of economics, infrastructure management, development administration, public administration, governance and environmental management and development.

Statistical consulting project

ANUtech in conjunction with the ANU's Statistical Consulting Unit has delivered a successful teaching program to the statistics and research students of Charles Sturt University in April 2003. In order to enhance the curriculum opportunities for Charles Sturt University students and staff, ANU experts in statistics teaching have provided research advice and presented seminars at two of the university's campuses. Plans for future programs are underway.