

Appendix 6
Summary of Consultations with JICA

Date	Type	Addressees/Participants	Subject	Response
07/03/2013	Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Akihiko TANAKA, President of Japan International Cooperation Agency • Mr. Fumio KISHIDA, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan • Mr. Toshimitsu MOTEGI, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan • Mr. Taro ASO, Minister of Finance of Japan • U Set Aung, Chairman, Thilawa Special Economic Zone Management Committee <p>Sent by 13 villagers from 6 villages: Ahlwan Sut, Thida Myaing, Aye Mya Thida, Phaya Kone, Shwe Pyi Thar Yar and Tat Yar Kone</p>	A written response to the February 14, 2013 eviction order, which did not include information about where villagers should move to, and the problematic meeting with the Yangon Regional Government (YRG) and police officers in which farmers were criticized as “squatters.”	No response
15/10/2013	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Yasushi TANAKA, Director General, Private Sector Partnership and Finance Department, JICA • Mr. Masahiko TANAKA, representative officer of Yangon office <p>Met in Yangon with 19 members of the Thilawa Social Development Group (two from 400 ha and the others from 2,000 ha)</p>	<p>Items discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The necessity for villagers to meaningfully participate in decision-making processes of the project and the resettlement and compensation plans • The importance of transparency and information disclosure • The necessity for compensation for 	JICA said they would not be able to meet again as the villagers requested, and would meet with them only in the event of urgent matters

			<p>land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with JICA's Guidelines and Myanmar law • Resettlement and compensation plan • Agreement documents for resettlement and compensation • Construction of new port in Bay Pauk area • Intimidation against the village leaders 	
29/10/2013	Letter	<p>Mr. Akihiko TANAKA, President, JICA</p> <p>Copied to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Fumio KISHIDA, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan • Each examiner for the Objection Procedures on JICA's Guidelines • Each member of the advisory committee for JICA's Environmental and Social Considerations <p>Sent by the Thilawa Social Development Group</p>	<p>Following up on the October 15, 2013 meeting with JICA staff in Yangon, this letter expressed in writing the group's concerns about the relocation and compensation procedures, and about the likelihood that their livelihoods would deteriorate under the compensation arrangements. The letter also outlined specific aspects that failed to comply with JICA's Guidelines.</p> <p>The letter included testimonies from 3 villagers who had experienced coercion in the process of signing the relocation and compensation agreement.</p>	No response
27/01/2014	Letter	<p>Mr. Akihiko TANAKA, President, JICA</p> <p>Copied to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Fumio KISHIDA, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan 	<p>Following up on October 29, 2013 letter, asking for response to concerns and requesting a meeting with senior representatives of the Yangon office in charge of the Thilawa SEZ Project.</p>	No response

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05/02/2014	Letter	<p>Mr. Akihiko TANAKA, President, JICA</p> <p>Copied to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Fumiko KISHIDA, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan • Each examiner for the Objection Procedures on JICA's Guidelines • Each member of the advisory committee for JICA's Environmental and Social Consideration <p>Sent by the Thilawa Social Development Group</p>	Requesting a reply to the previous letter and expressing continuous concerns about the project.	No response
07/04/2014	Letter	<p>Mr. Akihiko TANAKA, President, JICA</p> <p>Copied to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Fumiko KISHIDA, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan • Each examiner for the Objection Procedures on JICA's Guidelines • Each member of the advisory committee 	Requesting urgent meeting with JICA Operation Department concerning serious problems in violation of the JICA Guidelines.	On April 28, a staff from JICA's Yangon office called U Mya Hlaing to say that the Thilawa SEZ Management Committee was

		<p>for JICA's Environmental and Social Consideration</p> <p>Sent by the Thilawa Social Development Group</p>		<p>following JICA's Guidelines, and that she had not heard that JICA's staff were planning to meet the villagers.</p>
30/4/2014	Letter	<p>Mr. Akihiko TANAKA, President, JICA</p> <p>Copied to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Fumiko KISHIDA, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan • Each examiners for the Objection Procedures on JICA's Guidelines • Each member of the advisory committee for JICA's Environmental and Social Consideration <p>Sent by the Thilawa Social Development Group</p>	<p>Following-up on the April 28, 2014 phone call, requesting a written response. The letter also requested an explanation about how the current situation of the villagers affected by the Phase 1 of the SEZ Project was complying with the JICA's Guidelines.</p>	<p>No response</p>
29/05/2014	Letter	<p>Mr. Masahiko TANAKA, Chief Representative, JICA Myanmar Office</p> <p>Copied to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Akihiko TANAKA, President, JICA • Mr. Fumiko KISHIDA, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan • Each examiners for the Objection Procedures on JICA's Guidelines 	<p>Letter in response to phone call from JICA's Yangon office on May 28, 2014, inviting the Thilawa Social Development Group representatives to a meeting. The representatives thanked JICA for the invitation, but due to their tight schedule ahead of their trip to Japan, they requested to schedule the meeting in Tokyo during their trip, or upon their return to Yangon.</p>	<p>JICA's representative from the Yangon office followed-up by phone call, providing the representatives with their counterpart in</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each member of the Advisory Committee for JICA's Environmental and Social Consideration <p>Sent by the Thilawa Social Development Group</p>		Tokyo's phone number to set up a meeting during their trip.
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