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Subject: Invitation to the 2nd SEA Public Consultation Workshop

Dear Dr. Salahaddin Yasin Baper

In response to an official request of the Kurdistan Regional Government to the Government of Japan, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) decided to carry out the Project for Update of Erbil City Master Plan (MP) towards Sustainable City Development (the Project) as a technical cooperation project of an official development assistance. JICA entrusts the Project to a consultant consortium of which a leading company is RECS International Inc. The Project aims at updating Erbil Urban Master Plan together with General Directorate of Urban Planning (GDUP) of Ministry of Municipalities and Tourism (MoMT), our Kurdish counterpart.

Under the project, currently we are preparing the Development Alternatives for MP. As a part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), we will hold the 2nd SEA Public Consultation due to hearing of assessment of the impacts of Development Alternatives regarding natural and social environment including citizens living environment.

It is our great pleasure to invite you, Dr. Hardy Kherulla Abdulla, Ms. Fenk Dilawar, Mr. Muhammed Abdulrazaq, Mr. Evan Slewa, Ms. Sirwa Otheman, Mr. Jamal Kamal Muhammed, and Mr. Faris Zedan Jarjees to attend the 2nd SEA Public Consultation, scheduled on June 12 (Mon.), 2023 from 9:30 am to 12:30, at conference hall of the GDUP (the registration is from 9:00). Please find an attached description for more details.

We would appreciate contact to Ms. Taketani Marie at taketani@recs-intl.co.jp (cc. Mr. Baravan Abdul Jabbar at baravan.abduljabbar@yahoo.com/07504260489) if you have any question.

Respectfully yours,



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BACKGROUND

The City of Erbil has been promoting urban administration in a relatively stable security environment. Considering the situation that the City of Erbil has been the center of the international and domestic transportation and distribution networks that connect not only the Kurdistan region and central and southern Iraq, but also neighboring countries such as Turkey, Iran and Syria, the role of Erbil city is expected to be more important

General Directorate of Urban Planning (GDUP) in the Ministry of Municipalities and Tourism prepared an urban development master plan for Erbil City (Erbil Master Plan) between 2007-2009 in consideration of future growth of Erbil City. However, since it was formulated, the urbanization in Erbil City has been accelerated in a way deviating from the master plan, due to the construction rush caused by the increase in investments from Turkey and the Gulf countries and the unexpected population increase.

It has been an important issue to ensure the consistency of various policies with regard to land use plans and investment plans for urban growth management. Based on the backgrounds, GDUP, on behalf of KRG, made an official request to the Government of Japan for the technical cooperation for updating the master plan and promoting the implementation of the updated Master Plan.

WHAT IS THE MASTER PLAN?

The Master plan is a dynamic long-term planning document that provides a conceptual layout to guide future growth and development. Master planning is about making the connection between buildings, social settings, and their surrounding environments. (World Bank website)

OBJECTIVE OF THE 2nd STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENT CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

To Assess and Discuss Environmental Impacts of Development Alternatives in Erbil

In order to explore the potential of the future of city from multiple perspectives, the project sets the establishment of development alternatives of Master Plan. As a part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), we will hold the 2nd SEA Public Consultation for 2days: Day 1 is with the Environmental, social specialists, and Day 2 is with representatives of local communities. The objectives of this consultation is for hearing of assessment of the impacts of Development Alternatives regarding natural and social environment including citizens living environment.

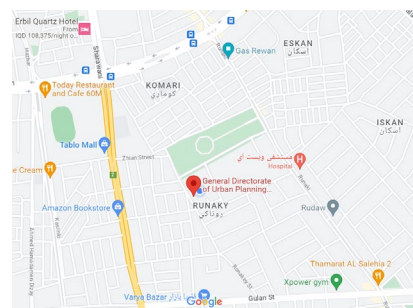
CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

DAY1

Date: 6/12 (Mon.)

Venue: Conference hall at General Directorate of Urban Planning (GDUP)

*Please note that the GDUP moved currently (Runaki Quarter)



AGENDA

TIME	CONTENTS
9:00 - 9:30	Registration of Participants
9:30 - 10:10	Welcome Speech, Self-introduction, Introduction of the project, SEA and Development Alternatives
10:10 - 10:30	Coffee Break/ Announcement of Working Groups
10:30 - 11:30	Group Discussions on Each Development Alternatives based on SEA
11:30 - 12:30	Presentation by Group Leader (5 mins for each group) and Q&A session (10 mins for each group presentation)