

Managing the Development Process and Aid

Study Concept and Issues for Discussions



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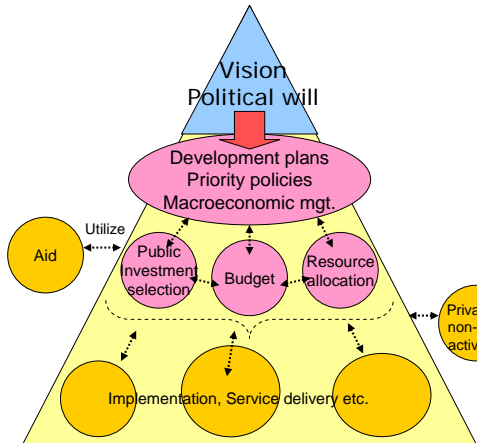
1. Scope of the Analysis

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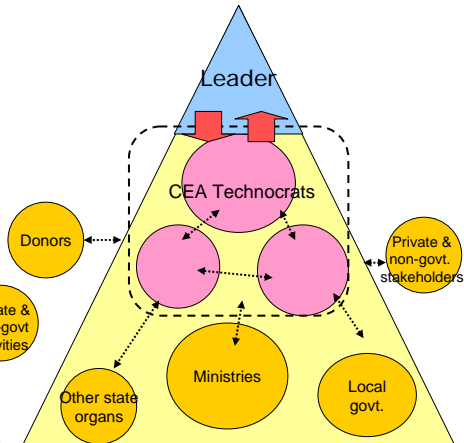
- Coordination mechanisms of central economic agencies (CEAs)
 - Role of Development Plan (DP) in policy and resource planning, alignment functions;
 - Budget process and public investment programming;
 - Aid management
- Key factors affecting CEA functions and evolution of development administration: the role of leadership, technocrats, etc.

Coordination Mechanisms of CEA

Policy & resource planning, alignment functions



Key actors affecting CEA functions



Scope of the Analysis

<Countries>

- The Philippines (esp. late 80s-)
 - Mixed experiences under the Marcos era;
 - Now, renewed effort for CEA building after democracy restoration in 1986 (“turning point”)
- Thailand and Malaysia (late 50s-80s)
 - Building institutional basis for “developmental” CEAs
 - Mobilizing resources and organizing for development; achieving structural transformation (esp. 70s-80s)
 - New emerging donors

2. Key Perspectives and Basic Premise

- Emphasis on country perspectives
 - “Real” experiences, rather than “ideal” prescriptions
 - No standardized, donor-driven approach to institution building
- Critical role of CEAs in managing the development process
 - Also, recognizing their evolving role according to the stages of development
- East Asian views of “ownership”

Key Perspectives and Basic Premise

<Critical role of CEAs>

- Economic cases for central administration (Bardhan 1997)
 - Policy coordination in the presence of scale economies
 - Inter-jurisdictional externalities, with spillover effects across localities
 - Support to local administration
- Complementary to decentralized administration
- Providing the enabling environment for private sector development

Key Perspectives and Basic Premise

- “*Developmental*” role of CEAs, especially at the early stage (Haggard, Evans, Wade, etc.)
 - Agent of managing the transformative, development process (Leftwich 1995)
 - *Strategic core centers*:
 - Aligning policy planning and resource mobilization with attaining strategic priorities
 - Coordinating different interests of various stakeholders (domestically and externally; vertically and horizontally)
- As the first step, this study examines the coordination mechanisms within central development administration

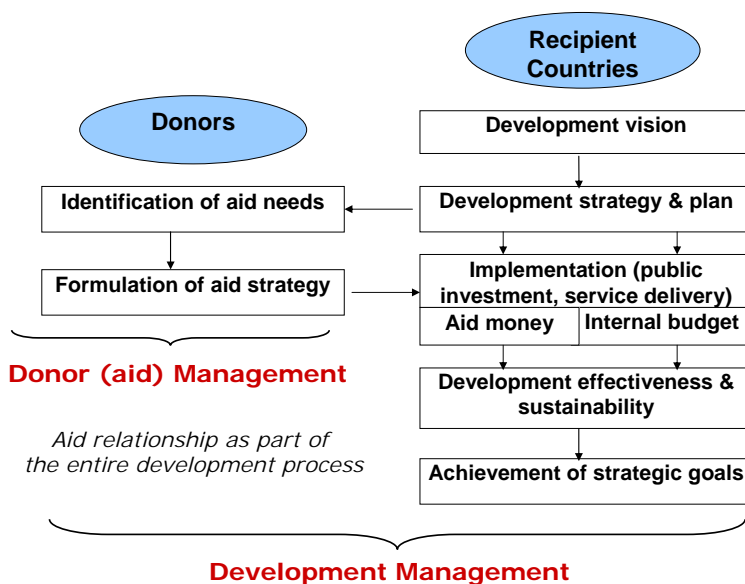
Key Perspectives and Basic Premise

<East Asian views of “ownership” >

- Managing donors and aid, as integral part of the development process
- Willingness to graduate from aid, supported by an “exit plan”
- Managing policy ideas, with selectively adopting foreign knowledge

(Shimomura and I. Ohno 2005)

Development Management and Aid

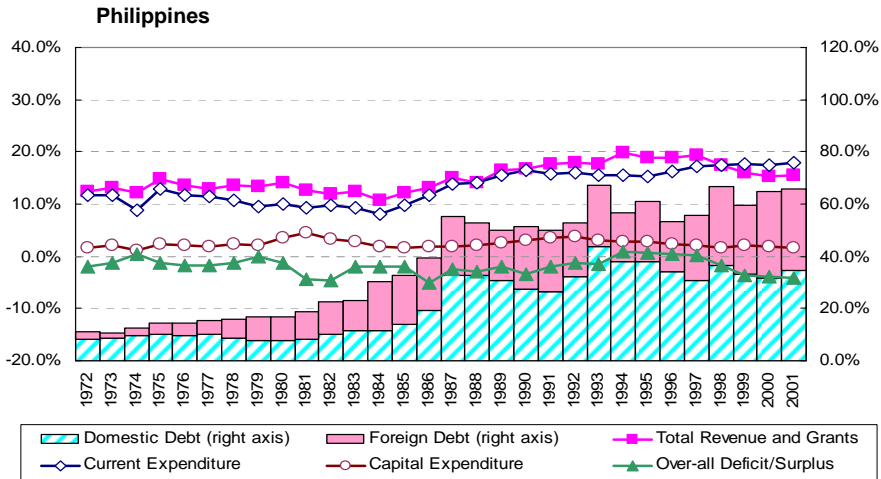


Source: Adapted from I. Ohno and Niiya (2004)

3. Macroeconomic and Aid Management in Three East Asian Countries

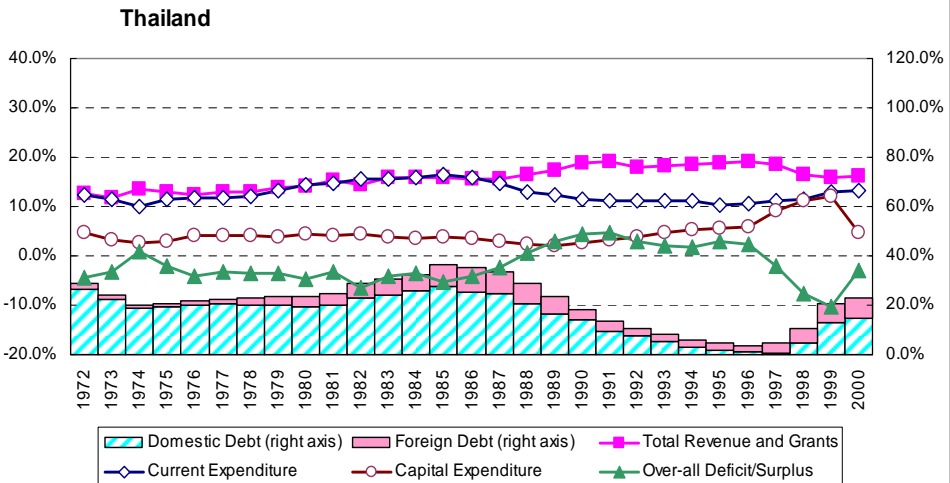
The Philippines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Problems of allocative efficiency; debt burden constraining development expenditures Active use of aid continuing; selectivity?
Thailand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong fiscal discipline; prudent debt management Active, but selective use of aid; changes in aid mix and “graduation”
Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiscal activism to support large development expenditures; overall balanced economic management Selective use of aid; changes in aid mix and “graduation”

Key Fiscal Indicators : The Philippines



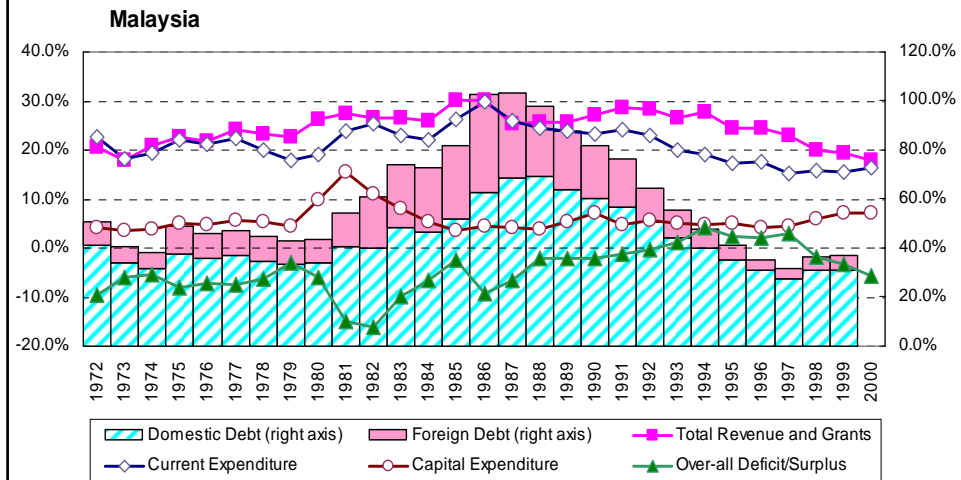
Source: IMF, Government Finance Statistics Yearbook (various years), International Financial Statistics (various years) and ADB, Key Indicators of Developing Asian and Pacific Countries (various years).

Key Fiscal Indicators : Thailand



Source: IMF Government Finance Statistics Yearbook 1983, 1990, 1996, 2002.
GDP data are based on IMF International Financial Statistics 1992, 1997, 2004.

Key Fiscal Indicators : Malaysia



4. Issues for Today's Discussions

<Context: the Philippines' reform efforts>

- Major, historic efforts underway (since 1987 EO230) including:
 - Sharpening the focus of NEDA as an independent development planning agency; establishing centralized ODA management structure
 - Streamlining inter-agency committees and revitalizing ICC and DBCC (joint effort by DBM, BSP, DOF, NEDA, etc.)
 - Reforming public expenditure management (e.g., MTEF, OPIF, SEER) to institutionalize coherency between MTPDP, MTPIP (plus RTPDP, RTPIP) and annual budget
 - Reforming procurement system to increase transparency, etc.

Issues for Today's Discussions

<Main points>

- What are the role and functions of CEAs in three East Asian countries?
- How have the coordination mechanisms actually worked? What are key actors?
- What is the role of development plans (DPs) in policy and resource alignment (i.e., budget, public investment, aid)?
- To what extent have these instruments and resources been used in a coherent fashion?
- What are implications for building effective CEAs (esp., in light of sustaining the ongoing reforms in the Philippines)?

Lessons from Thailand and Malaysia: Implications for the Philippines

<Synthesis>

- Dynamic evolution of development administration, incl. CEAs
- Diversity in institutional design and coordination mechanisms of CEAs
- Despite differences, both Thailand and Malaysia share common “functional” principles to ensure CEA operations.

<Differences>

- Leadership style and operating principles of CEAs
- Degree of DPs binding medium-term resource allocation and project selection

Lessons from Thailand and Malaysia: Implications for the Philippines

<Similarities – “functional” principles>

- The content of DPs is strategic enough to serve as the core document for policy alignment
- Coherency among development priorities, macroeconomic management, and public investment programming
- Good inter-agency coordination within CEAs, plus between CEAs and line agencies
 - vertical and horizontal links
 - hard-budget constraints

Lessons from Thailand and Malaysia: Implications for the Philippines

- Commitment and capacity to use aid, as integral part of the development planning, budget and investment programming processes
- Strong alliance between political leadership and CEA technocrats around “*shared visions*”

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