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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Aviation Navigation Technologies Workshop	In March of 2005, the US Trade and Development Agency (TDA) approved a grant of up to \$171,500 for fund an Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC) for an Asia Regional Technical Symposium (TS) on aviation navigation systems for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) member economies. The TS is scheduled to be held at the Singapore Aviation Academy (SAA) in August 2005. The workshop, to be held in conjunction with the FAA, aims to develop APEC's capability in implementing and authorizing performance enhancing navigational systems with specific focus on Area Navigation (RNAV) and Required Navigational Performance (RNP) technology, which uses the U.S. GPS system. The symposium will feature topics ranging from flight standards and aircraft certification, to air traffic control and implementation of the RNAV/RNP system. U.S. export potential is extensive given the strength of U.S. suppliers in the Aviation sector. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Other Trade Facilitation	128,932
		Physical Infrastructure Development	32,233
		Activity Total	161,165
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Global Harmonization Task Force Seminar	This activity provided training on the Global Harmonization Task Force guidance on quality systems and auditing to encourage harmonization in the way governments regulate medical device manufacturers. Funded by Health & Human Services/FDA and implemented by Department of Commerce.	Agreement on TBT	5,600
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Trade Capacity Building Projects	The State Department provides funds to support Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) projects with trade related capacity building elements. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	240,400
Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation - DOT funded	The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation was created in 1989 to increase trade and development of the Asian Pacific region. The Department was successful in making a major breakthrough in trade liberalization in APEC, having tabled and developed an aviation liberalization initiative in APEC that led to the multilateral Open Skies aviation accord. To date APEC has a total of 21 membership economies. There are also on-going efforts in the APEC transportation working group to assist developing economies in air negotiations. APEC is also implementing efforts in inter-modal transportation and e-commerce activities. Funded and implemented by Department of Transportation.	E-Commerce & IT	175,000
		Business Services & Training	125,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	200,000
		Activity Total	500,000
Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Phase II	Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Phase II is supporting cybersecurity efforts that enable e-commerce and e-transactions in a secure environment. This activity is in support of the US-Thailand FTA negotiations. Funded by Department of State and implemented by USAID/ANE.	E-Commerce & IT	310,000

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Disaster Communications Management	The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) committed \$100,000 to an Orientation Visit to the United States for thirteen Southeast Asian officials responsible for disaster communications management. The Orientation Visit would be part of a larger government initiative to assist those countries affected by the 2004 tsunami disaster. The activity will support infrastructure development, technology transfer, and productivity improvement in Southeast Asia, leading to greater social and economic development. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	100,000
FASTrade - Asia	FASTrade, in conjunction with the Seldon project, implemented a regional assessment of the Commercial Legal and Institutional Reform (CLIR) and trade facilitation environment in Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and Cambodia). This activity focused on the current policy, institutional, and societal barriers to increased commercial activity across the region in a number of key areas related to the impact that trade facilitation and the commercial legal and institutional reforms have on the business environment. This assessment examined the business environment from the public, private, and civil society sector perspectives. Input on issues and recommendations was obtained from government ministries and agencies (as appropriate based on individual country circumstances), private companies/firms/commercial enterprises (domestic and foreign, large, small, medium, and micro sized organizations), and non-governmental, academic, and research organizations. This activity is in support of the US-Thailand FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	200,000
Intellectual Property Rights Protection and Enforcement - Asia	This activity supports the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) for Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) enforcement training conference in Bangkok, Thailand, April 1-9, 2005. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Justice/Criminal Division.	Agreement on TRIPs	38,580
International Business Linkage IT Program	The International Business Linkage Information Technology (IT) Program will assist IT companies to understand the U.S. business market, improve their international business practices (e.g. elevator pitches, gathering market information, etc) and then meet like-focused U.S. companies that could potentially form business alliances (e.g. Venture Capitalists, U.S. Entrepreneurs) through business networking events and individualized meetings. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	E-Commerce & IT	210,000
Invasive Species Network in Asia Region	This activity focuses on developing a network in the Asia and Pacific region that facilitates information sharing, builds capacity and develops tools to manage forest invasive species. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Agreement on SPS	40,000
Last Mile Initiative	The Last Mile Initiative will enable people to engage in global e-commerce/trade through buying and selling of goods and services. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	E-Commerce & IT	300,000

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Peace Corps - Asia	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology, (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills, and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	E-Commerce & IT	136,300
		Business Services & Training	136,300
		Activity Total	272,600
Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SME) Financing and Capacity Building Workshop	In 2005, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) provided \$195,000 in funding materials for two-day APEC Regional Small-to-Medium Enterprises (SME) Financing and Capacity Building Workshop. This workshop is in response to a direct request by the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs and will be held in coordination with the Thai Ministry of Industry. SMEs represent the backbone of the APEC region, comprising on average 95 percent of all enterprises. The workshop will highlight programs, applications, and services that can be used to improve SME financing and disaster recovery activities in the region. The workshop will also support market-oriented reform, productivity improvement, and human capacity building. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Business Services & Training	39,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	58,500
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	39,000
		Physical Infrastructure Development	58,500
		Activity Total	195,000
Southeast Asia Assessment (Seldon)	This activity assesses the commercial law and trade environment of Southeast Asian countries, providing actionable recommendations and plans for follow up. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	500,000
Support for Control of Coconut Beetle	This activity supported a meeting to share information and promote collaboration in controlling a coconut beetle in the Asia and Pacific region. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Agreement on SPS	20,000
Technical Assistance on Competition Policy - Asia	The U.S. Department Justice (DOJ) and U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) are providing technical assistance to members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). The program addresses the objectives of sound competition policy and institution building issues, as well as sharing the experience of the FTC and DOJ in detecting, investigating, and appropriately remedying anticompetitive conduct and primarily takes the form of regional seminars. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Justice/Antitrust Division.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	27,789

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Technical and Training Support to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)	The ASEAN-US Technical Assistance Training Facility is designed to advance the goals of the US ASEAN Cooperation Plan (ACP) and contribute to the effort by ASEAN to become a stronger regional institution. Accordingly, it endeavors to: (1) strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat to fulfill its mandate to initiate, advise, coordinate, and implement effective ASEAN activities, and (2) enhance ASEAN integration and cooperation consistent with the Vientiane Action Plan (VAP). The Facility is implementing multiple distinct activity streams: (1) Trade Negotiations, (2) Trade-related Coordination and Consultation, (3) ASEAN Tariff Harmonization, (4) Investment, (5) Services, (6) Rules of Origin, and (7) Strengthened Human Resources. Facility activities consist of policy studies, assessments, and training. From January to June 2005, the Facility launched 25 activities, and over 200 ASEAN Member Country representatives and Secretariat staff members have benefited from Facility training. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	1,782,000
Transportation Trade Facilitation Conference Briefing Book	The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) will provide \$100,000 for development of a Briefing Book in support of a Transportation Trade Facilitation Conference for South Asia in India in the Fall 2005/Winter 2006. The Conference will bring together U.S. and South Asian policy and industry leaders to discuss policy and project opportunities in the transportation and trade facilitation area. The World Bank, Asian Development Bank and developing countries are making transportation infrastructure and trade facilitation a priority sector for investment because of its impact on trade and development. This region and sector represents significant opportunities for U.S. exports and for creating relationships between U.S. companies and South Asian business and government entities. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Customs Operation & Administration	50,000
		Physical Infrastructure Development	50,000
		Activity Total	100,000
Transportation Trade Facilitation Conference Organizer	The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) will provide \$200,000 for a conference organizer to support the Transportation Trade Facilitation Conference for South Asia in India in the Fall 2005/Winter 2006. The Conference will bring together U.S. and South Asian policy and industry leaders to discuss policy and project opportunities in the transportation and trade facilitation area. The World Bank, Asian Development Bank and developing countries are making transportation infrastructure and trade facilitation a priority sector for investment because of its impact on trade and development. This region and sector represents significant opportunities for U.S. exports and for creating relationships between U.S. companies and South Asian business and government entities. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Customs Operation & Administration	100,000
		Physical Infrastructure Development	100,000
		Activity Total	200,000

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US Asia Environmental Partnership (USAEP) Regional	The US Asia Environmental Partnership (USAEP) is working in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to provide technical assistance in developing improved policies and practices in environmental compliance and enforcement in India, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. Specific initiatives include an environmental court in Thailand, administrative penalties in India, inspection procedures and agency adjudication in the Philippines, self-monitoring regulations in Thailand and pollution charge programs and environmental funds in Vietnam. As a result, these Asian governments can better enforce environmental regulations and standards to promote regional cooperation and further strengthen compliance with environmental requirements, USAEP and other partners have established a new regional practitioner network, the Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network (AECEN). Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	Environmental Trade & Standards	180,000
Workshops to Harmonize Phytosanitary Regulations in Asia-Pacific Seed Trade	In cooperation with the American Seed Trade Association and the Asia Pacific Seed Association, the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) conducted a series of six regional workshops, with government and private sector representatives, to bolster phytosanitary regulations and streamline import/export procedures for planting seeds. Results included a common systematic approach for technical analysis of quarantine regulations and a subsequent deputed list of quarantine pests for the ten pre-selected seed crops, for intra- and extra-regional seed trade, based on scientific information and increased transparency. Participating countries agreed to reduce from 241 to 59 quarantine pests, equivalent to a 75 percent overall reduction of pathogens from the original lists presented by each country. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	100,000
Total FY 05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Asia, ns			5,483,134