

**LAND RECLAMATION AND
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT:
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Abstract

The State has laid out a plan for agricultural intensification to extend the cultivated acreage both horizontally and vertically in which land reclamation plays a vital role. The reclamation works in the whole country as well as the temporal land policies are first discussed. For the agricultural development potential, the basic geographic factors, types of land uses, population and the common crops grown in the study area examined. The agriculture and socio-economic conditions of some village tracts with relatively large area of reclaimed land are analyzed and the achievement of fish culture being undertaken by the companies, organizations, and private are assessed. State has been encouraging not only to grow the most suitable crops on the respective lands, but also to raise livestock where it is possible. The companies and private enterprises have participated to establish commercial farming with large amount of initial investment and strategy of capital-intensive rather than labour – intensive. Companies take more interest in fish and prawn breeding. This activity needs a substantial investment, but the profit is desirably high. Some farmers gain a desirable profit from farm project, while others encounter only marginal profit or loss owing to physical and socio-economic restraints. The authority concerned has been undertaking to improve the skill relating to the existing jobs and to extend the market within the country as well as over seas.

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