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We now know our way around each of the Bank's three Manila locations. We have a good feel for the various project phases, the timing of the planning cycle and the factors which can change the planned progress of projects. We also now better understand the influences on decision-making which, while invisible, are very real. Finally, and perhaps more important, we now have the contacts in place to find information when we need it. These contacts, together with a very effective Embassy staff, prove invaluable in dealing with the ADB which is both costly and time-consuming to visit.