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Mr. Toshinobu Kato from JICA visited the country for a short official visit



Meeting of Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Sooronbai Jeenbekov, Mr. Toshinobu KATO, General Director of East and Central Asia and the Caucasus Department of JICA and Chief Representative of JICA in Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Kazuhiko Kikuchi

On August 23rd Mr. Toshinobu Kato, General Director of East and Central Asia and the Caucasus Department of JICA HQ met with the Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Sooronbai Jeenbekov during his visit to the Kyrgyz Republic. “This year we are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Independence of the Kyrgyz Republic and from the first days of its independence Japan has provided significant support to our country”, said the Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic. He also expressed his gratitude to JICA for

for its contribution to the development of Kyrgyzstan through the implementation of various projects. Mr. Kato expressed his gratitude to the Kyrgyz side for its continuous cooperation and for the smooth implementation of JICA’s projects and noted that the official visit of the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Abe to the Kyrgyz Republic, which was held in October of 2015, served to strengthen further bilateral relations between the two countries. ●

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JDS Fellows Send-off Meeting for 10th Jubilee Batch



JDS Fellows meeting

August 6, 2016 JDS Fellows met with the Prime-Minister of KR Mr. Sooronbay Jeenbekov. He expressed his sincere gratitude to the Government of Japan for their inestimable contribution to human resource development and extended his good wishes to the Fellows. Chief Representative of JICA in KR Mr. Kazuhiko Kikuchi and Director of State Personnel Service of KR Mr. Nurhanbek Momunaliev took part in the meeting. Mr. Kikuchi expressed his confidence that JDS Fellows would be a bridge of friendship and collaboration between Japan and Kyrgyzstan. On August 12, 2016 there was a Send-off Meeting for 10th Jubilee Batch of JDS Fellows with the participation of Operating Committee Members,

Representatives from Embassy of Japan in the Kyrgyz Republic, JICA Kyrgyz Republic Office and JDS Fellows. A representative for the JDS fellows expressed their strong willingness to study hard in Japan, and to gain familiarity with the rich culture of the Japanese people. JDS Fellows will be accepted by leading Japanese universities for 2 years. We wish every success to the JDS Fellows! ●

JICA IN THE MEDIA

"The project agreement "Scholarship Program for the Development of Human Resource" in the amount of 231 million Japanese yen was signed." Fifteen civil servants in Kyrgyzstan will go to Japan for training. It should be noted, the aim of this program is to support the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of training and development of bilateral relations between Japan and the Kyrgyz Republic.

www.vb.kg
August 1, 2016

"There was adopted a report on the Master plan for the control of quality and safety of milk and milk products in the Kyrgyz Republic." The Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic held a final meeting of the Joint Coordinating Committee, during which was presented and adopted Report on the Master plan.

www.mineconom.kg
August 4, 2016

"The Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan met with JDS fellows, the meeting was also attended by the Chief Representative of JICA Mr. Kikuchi and the Director of the State Personnel Services and Policy, Mr. Momunaliev." Kyrgyzstan is leading in the number of JDS Project graduates who took high government positions. Prime Minister Sooronbai Jeenbekov thanked the Government of Japan for providing the opportunity for state and municipal employees to be trained in leading universities in Japan.

www.akipress.org
August 6, 2016

Japanese Interns in Kyrgyzstan

We welcome two Japanese interns in JICA Kyrgyz Republic office. They are Ms. Haruna Tozawa and Mr. Yuki Nishiyama. Their internship will be for two months. They have both studied international development and some aid projects in foreign countries. They are eager to know first-hand the real needs of people in developing countries and how to effectively achieve development goals. They will investigate and evaluate the various activities of former JICA volunteers and find out what the long term affect on Kyrgyz society has been after the departure the volunteers. Wish them good luck! ●



Japanese interns: Mr. Yuki Nishiyama and Ms. Haruna Tozawa

CALENDAR*

OCTOBER

- 04** Arrival of new volunteers
- 17** Mission on Tax project

*dates may be changed

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During the seminar

On August 24-27 a seminar on agricultural cooperatives was held in Bishkek. The seminar was part of the visit of the Follow Up Mission for the JICA training course in Japan, "Strengthening the role and

functions of farmers' organizations in Central Asian countries." Over 40 people attended, including the heads of agricultural cooperatives and farms from different regions of the country.

The seminar aimed to share Japanese experience in agricultural cooperatives development and management, by experts from Japan using a cooperative in Hokkaido, as well as consulting services in agricultural cooperatives. We believe these two days have been productive for the participants of seminar. ●



Participants of seminar

The First Day of School Year



From left: English language teacher, JICA Volunteer

On June 11th the Kyrgyz-Japan Center for Human Development held the annual festival of culture and friendship "Satsuki." The opening of the Festival began with a welcome speech by the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Japan to the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Takayuki Koike and the Director of the Kyrgyz-Japan Center of Human Development Mr. Kanat Kolbaev. According to tradition, the concert program of the

festival included participation by: dance ensemble "Shat-tyk", drummer "Oedo-dayko", a cosplay group. JICA volunteers and SIDOK with Japanese traditional dance. Also, in the festival various cultural corners were set up showing Japanese culture such as: origami; calligraphy; tea ceremony; Japanese games; Japanese language; the checkers game "go"; sales corners with Japanese cuisine; as well as sports programs with demonstration performances of: aikido, judo, sumo, iaido, kendo and karate. ●



With German language teacher

JICA volunteers on the radio show "Dostuk"



During radio show program

Representatives from Japan International Cooperation Agency in the Kyrgyz Republic (KR) took part in radio program "Let`s sing friends." The main purpose of this program is to give opportunity for foreign countries to share their cultures. Three Japanese volunteers and staff of JICA had the opportunity to give information about volunteers program in KR. Within the framework of radio program, the host of the program requested

that the Japanese colleagues sing 3 Japanese songs. In the end warm wishes from one radio listener were received. ●



Song performance

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Impressions about Japan



From left: teacher, JDS alumni

Dear friends, I'm glad to welcome you here! Over the years, technical assistance has been provided through the JDS Project to our country for its development by strengthening the capacity of civil servants of the Kyrgyz Republic. I

have always been delighted with Japan because after the war they, only quickly "go on their feet" but also in a literal sense, advanced beyond many developed countries in the world. So, my choice was in favor of the JDS Program.

During study in Japan I had the opportunity to acquire new knowledge in the international relations field and great experience in understanding other cultures, which always help in professional activities.

It is unforgettable and, in my opinion, it is admirable and respectable how Japanese citizens show their love to the country through selfless work and do their best to be useful to improve the quality of everyone's life.

I wish you good luck! May the

knowledge and life experience acquired in Japan promote the welfare of the Kyrgyz Republic and the immortal friendship between our peoples! ●

JDS fellows,
Advisor of Government Chief of Staff-Minister
Ainura Orozbaeva



Video "Invest in Kyrgyzstan"



JICA technical cooperation project is supporting the Investment Promotion Agency (IPA) under the Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic to attract foreign direct investment and the creation of business opportunities in the Kyrgyz Republic. The production of the video "Invest in Kyrgyzstan" was funded through the framework of the Japanese expert. The main objective in developing the video was to provide information on the investment potential of the Kyrgyz Republic. The video was produced in three languages: Kyrgyz, Russian and Japanese.

Link: <https://m.facebook.com/JICA-Kyrgyz-Republic> ●

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