

One Village One Product project achievements and future plans



Mr. Kikuchi Kazuhiko, JICA Chief Representative, awards Mr. Imanaliev Daniyar, the Deputy Minister of the KR, the JICA President's Award

The second phase of the “One Village One Product” Project was officially terminated on January 10, 2017. The final meeting with the Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) was held on December 2, 2016. Mr. Imanaliev Daniyar, the Deputy Minister of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic and a JDS program alumnus, chaired the meeting. During the meeting, the second phase of the OVOP’s results, achievements and challenges were presented and shared. It was agreed that the Issyk-Kul OVOP model would be compiled as a guideline for the third phase of the OVOP that

will launch in other Kyrgyz oblasts late January 2017. In addition, it is worth mentioning that JICA HQ selected the OVOP as one of the best projects of 2016. It was awarded the “JICA President’s Award” by JICA Kyrgyz Republic Office Chief representative during the JCC Meeting. The award praised OVOP as one of the most remarkable JICA projects across the globe in 2016. Its remarkable achievements were also shared with the representative of the Ministry of Economy, Issyk-Kul Government, OVOP Association and OVOP+1. •

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Two seminars Organized in Bishkek for Public and Private Partnership in the SME support



During the seminar

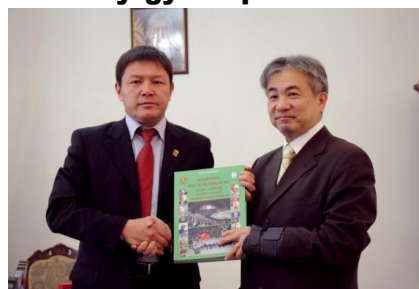
Two seminars were organized for the mission visit from JICA head office, the Department of Industrial Development and Public Policy. One seminar was organized for the staff of the Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic in which the history of politics in relation to small and medium-sized enterprises of Japan and the policy development for small and medium-sized en-

terprises were discussed. Another seminar was organized for the former trainees of the course titled, "Strengthening business associations in Kyrgyzstan 2014-2016". At this seminar, the further development of the business association in the Kyrgyz Republic was discussed. Representatives of business associations and state organizations attended

these two seminars and had the chance to get their questions answered. Seminars went swimmingly and we sincerely hope that they were useful for all participants, especially for those who are high professionals in the field of policy development for small and medium-sized enterprises. ●

Chief Representative of JICA meets with the Director of the State Agency for Youth Affairs, Physical Culture and Sports under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic

On November 16th, 2016, Chief Representative of JICA met with the Director of the State Agency for Youth Affairs, Physical Culture and Sports under the government of the Kyrgyz Republic. In the meeting, the past projects and possible future cooperation were discussed. Japan currently pays special attention to supporting sport development in other countries in order to deepen their friendship and strengthen ties in light of the upcoming 2020 Summer Olympics that will be held in Tokyo, Japan. Therefore, JICA is ready to expand its cooperation to supporting sport development in the Kyrgyz Republic. It is our wish that future projects will promote popularization of sports in the Kyrgyz Republic with the help of JICA volunteers. ●



During the meeting (Photo provided by State Agency)

JICA IN THE MEDIA

"The Donor Coordination Council under the Council for Development of Business and Investment held its first meeting in Issyk-Kul oblast". As noted by A. Sharshenbaev, the Council will be the central regional platform where managers of various projects will be able to exchange their views and information on projects, coordinate a joint implementation, act with regional initiatives and together make proposals to the regional authorities, businesses and communities. The meeting was attended by organizations such as: JICA, IFC, GIZ, HELVETAS, KOICA, EBRD, ADB etc.

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November 30, 2016

"History and Prospects of Kyrgyz - Japanese relations." For the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Kyrgyz Republic and Japan, an interview was conducted with Mr. Rysbek Moldogaziev, former Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic in Japan, and current President of the Kyrgyz-Japan Business Council, in which Mr. Moldogaziev highlighted the relations between the Kyrgyz Republic and Japan since his independence in 1991.

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January 31, 2016

"Day of Mochi (Japanese Rice Cake) was held at the Kyrgyz-Japan Center for Human Development in Bishkek". On this special day, everyone not only tasted delicious mochi, but also learned the process of how it is made. Traditionally in Japan on the New Year's Eve, boiled short-grained rice is beaten with heavy wooden mallets until it turns into sticky and glutinous dough. This is dough is grilled, boiled, or steamed and made into deliciously sweet cake called, "mochi". Mochi is traditionally eaten to celebrate the New Year.

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December 20, 2016

CALENDAR*

FEBRUARY

12 Rugby mission

*dates may be changed

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Protocol signed on Survey Results Conducted by JICA Consultants Regarding the Situation with Food Laboratories in the Kyrgyz Republic



During the signing ceremony

On December 9th, JICA met with the representative from the Ministry of Economy, the State Inspectorate for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Safety under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Disease Prevention De-

partment of State Sanitary - Epidemiological Supervision of the Ministry of Health. Together JICA and the above representative signed a protocol to conduct additional survey regarding the situation with food laboratories in the Kyrgyz Republic. Improvement of quality control program at food inspection laboratories was prioritized based on the result and recommendations by the 2016 Japanese-Kyrgyz specialists concerning the master inspection plan for quality and safety of milk and dairy. On the request from the Kyrgyz Republic, JICA is also considering a possible cooperation to improving Kyrgyz food la-

boratories technical competency and readiness to conduct testing in accordance with the EAEU requirements. The best ways to achieve additional surveys (to Master Plan), improvements and cooperation for both the Kyrgyz Republic and Japan will now be researched and considered by specialists.●

Two seminars were held in December at Tokyo: JICA Expert Makes a Presentation about Investment Climate in Kyrgyz Republic



During the presentation

In December 2016, Mr. Ichiro Kumakiri, a JICA expert who works as an advisor for the Investment and Trade Promotion Agency under the Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic, visited Japan to participate in two big events: 1) JICA HQ investment seminar of eight emerging countries, and 2) Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (JCCI)

seminar on Kyrgyz Trade and Investment.

At the first seminar, in which more than 200 representatives of private companies participated, Mr. Kumakiri made a presentation about Kyrgyzstan, and provided consultation to the Japanese SMEs, who expressed their interest to Kyrgyzstan.

His Excellency Mr. Chingiz Aidarbekov, Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to Japan, conducted the second seminar, at which, in addition Mr. Kumakiri, representatives of Ryohin Keikaku Co.,Ltd. (MUJI), Shonan Izawa K.K., and participated more than 70 representatives of Japanese SMEs members of JCCI were present. Mr. Kuma-

kumakiri presented at the second seminar the investment climate of the KR and introduced JICA's tourism projects, Seed project, the Joint Forest Management project, and the One Village One Product project and Kyrgyz Republic - Japan Center for Human Development Projects. Mr. Kumakiri also spoke to Japanese SMEs about Kyrgyz food companies, High-Tech Park, Call Centre and Japan Style Training Center (Recruitment center). In addition Ryohin Keikaku Co.,Ltd. (MUJI) shared the success it had in collaboration with JICA's One Village One Product Project, and presented how the targeted Kyrgyz product is selling in Japanese market.

The main purpose of the two seminars was to share first-hand experience of the presenters with Japanese SMEs.●

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Participants of the Training Course on the production and export of seeds and vegetables shares their impressions of Japan and Thailand Page 4



During the trainings

From November 15th to December 4th, 2016, 14 Kyrgyz farmers attended a three-week training course in Japan and Thailand. The training course was organized as a part of the capacity development activities of the Project for Promotion of Exportable Vegetable Seed Production, which aims to producing vegetable seed in Kyrgyzstan and export them to seed companies around the world. Prior to their training course, since April

2015, the 14 farmers participated in Training of Trainers (TOT) course of the Project on vegetable seed production techniques and business management skills for seed exportation. The three-week training course in Japan and Thailand allowed the participants to see for themselves the business of international seed exportation. They visited several seed companies in Japan, one of the possible export destinations of vegetable seed from Kyrgyzstan, such as Japan Seed Trade Association, National Seed and Seedling Center, Plant Quarantine Office, agricultural cooperatives and a seed processing equipment manufacturing company. In Thailand, they visited subcontracting farmers and the Asia Pacific Seed Association HQ. Overall, the training course focused on the importance of quality and trust

in Japanese and Thailand seed market, the rules and morals of international seed business, the high technical levels of seed production required and the efficient ways of managing seed exporting businesses. The 14 participants shared that “taking responsibility and getting trust” are the most important lessons they have learned from the training course. The participants further shared that he learning first-handedly about the international seed exporting business motivated them to do their best in producing quality vegetable seeds. It is highly hoped that the participants will fully utilize their newly gained the knowledge and experience to produce the best quality seed possible for the coming year. ●

News about Upcoming Training Course

1. Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction for Central Asia and Caucasus
(Course duration: 19-Jun-29-Jul, 2017. Deadline for application form submission is March 28, 2017);
2. Developed Market Oriented Export Promotion Strategy / Marketing Strategy (A)
(Course duration: 4-Jun-8-Jul, 2017. Deadline for application form submission is March 22, 2017);
3. Business management of agri-business for CIS and Mongolia
(Course duration: 14-May-27-May, 2017. Deadline for application form submission is 6 of March 2017);

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