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## General Director of the East and Central Asia and Caucuses Department **of JICA HQ** in the KR

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*Photos from Ministry of Transport and Communication of the KR*

On March 5, 6 2015 the newly appointed Director General of the Department of Eastern and Central Asia and the Caucuses for JICA HQ, Mr. Toshinobu KATO visited the Kyrgyz Republic for first time. This visit presented a great opportunity to meet with JICA's Kyrgyz Republic counterpart ministries, representatives of international organizations, and to visit JICA projects. During the meeting with Minister of Transport and Communication of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Sultanov K.I. expressed his deep gratitude to the Japanese Government and JICA for their support of transport projects in the country. Mr. Kato highlighted that the transport sector is one of the main priorities of JICA activities in the Kyrgyz Republic and that support to the sector is to be continued. Also, Mr. Kato pointed out the importance of the 'International Main Roads Improvement Project' which will be the 1st Yen Loan Project resumed after a 15 year hiatus.

In the Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic, Deputy Minister of Finance Mr. Baigonchokov, and Mr. Kato discussed the

current situation regarding the implementation of joint JICA projects in the country, in particular the road rehabilitation project "Osh – Batken – Isfana" and the importance of the Yen Loan resumption. In addition, both parties discussed the overall macro-economic situation of the country and further plans for cooperation.

Mr. Kato also visited some JICA project sites such as the Kyrgyz Republic Japan Center, the Project for Promotion of Exportable Vegetable Seed Production", and the "Community Empowerment Project through Small Business Promotion by One Village One Product Approach in Issyk-Kul region" shop.

During short visit, Mr. Kato also met with UNDP Resident Representative, Mr. Alexander Avanesov and WB Country Manager, Mr. Jean-Michel Happi, to discuss further collaboration in support of the Election process in the country in the 2015 and the transport sector development respectively. ●

To Support  
Kyrgyz Milk  
Production



*Important moment*

JDS program  
for 2015-2018



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## PROJECT NEWS

### To Support **Kyrgyz Milk Production**



Signing ceremony

On February 4th, 2015, minutes of discussion on the preparatory stage of a new Technical Cooperation Project to develop a Master Plan of Inspection of the Quality and Safety for Milk and Dairy Products was signed by Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Economics, Ms. Kurmanova and head of JICA mission, Mr. Kanameda. The master plan is composed of five components: 1) im-

provement of the dairy cattle identification system, 2) improvement of milking hygiene techniques, 3) improvement of the quality control program in food laboratories, 4) improvement of the food safety management system, and 5) information on foreign food regulations and certifications. All components are required for milk produc-

ty improvement in Kyrgyzstan.

Milk is the only agricultural product that can be self-sufficient in Kyrgyzstan. However, milk and processed products from many Russian, Kazakh, Belarus producers are often seen in the markets of Kyrgyzstan. The reason is that there is a problem with the stability and quality of the milk supply. The dairy sector is highly labor-intensive, hence it has an enormous potential for generating income for small scale farmers as well as for the landless. The sector has tremendous potential in meeting domestic requirements and expanding international competitiveness through increased value-added features and improved marketing. The project is planned to start in August of this year. We are looking forward to a positive outcome. ●

## JICA IN THE MEDIA

*"In Bishkek volunteers from Japan presented chairs for rehabilitation".*

*In National Center of Child and Maternity health care Japanese volunteer: Shina Mizutani and Shunichi Noguchi supporting children with disabilities by constructing carton chairs.*

[www.akipress.kg](http://www.akipress.kg)

February 11, 2015

*"A meeting between the Minister of Emergency Situations of KR and Ambassador of Japan was conducted in the Kyrgyz Republic".*

*Both sides discussed outputs of the UNDP project on disaster risk reduction, preparation of the Kyrgyz delegation for the Sendai Conference in March 2015 and the concept of a draft proposal for the second phase of the UNDP project for disaster risk reduction.*

[www.kabar.kg](http://www.kabar.kg)

February 11, 2015

*"The Ministry of Transport and Communication is getting more than 400 items of road equipment".*

*In 2015 MTC will get 355 items of equipment provided within the JICA grant.*

[www.tazabek.kg](http://www.tazabek.kg)

February 25, 2015

## JDS program for 2015-2018

In 2014 JICA conducted the preparatory survey on this program for next 4 years (2015-2018). As a result, the State Personnel Service and JICA reached an agreement on the Minutes of Discussions, which includes the Basic Plan for the Target Priority Area, which consist of two components.

1<sup>st</sup> component is "Strengthening policy making capacity for peace and stability" with sub-components:

1-1 Public Policy including international relations/peace building/local administration

1-2 Economic policy/business promotion policy

2<sup>nd</sup> component is "Strengthening policy making capacity for industrial development" with sub-components:

2-1 Transportation policy

2-2 Agricultural policy/ Rural development policy

Finally JICA would like to make further effort to enhance the outcome of this program and hope the all returners will make contribution to country's development. ●



CR of JICA, Mr. Oyama on left and head of SPS, Mr. Karashev on right signed Agreement

## CALENDAR\*

### APRIL

**4** Mission on road disaster prevention

**4** Eco campaign in Cholpon-Ata by Alumni Association

**Middle** Data collection mission on agriculture

### MAY

**2** International marathon "Run the sick road"

\*dates may be changed

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## “Barrier Free Life”



Sharing experience

**JOCVs active in the Kyrgyz Republic** to support those who are physically or mentally challenged, formed a “Team for the Challenged (persons with disabilities: PwD)” in December 2013.

JICA volunteers are organizing visits to five schools, before summer, to provide informative seminars about people with disabilities. The main aim of the seminar is:

“Anybody and everybody should be properly understood and given the same chances”. By such advocacy events, JICA volunteers hope to distribute real information about PwD. The spread of a true understanding and knowledge among the community should develop into good changes in many ways, including access and relationships within their usual daily lives. Their target is youths, for they are most responsible for a bright and peaceful future. JICA volunteer’s very 1st seminar was in the town of Kochkor on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Three JICA volunteers and Nazira, coordinator of the JICA volunteers, visited Public Ishenaly Arabaev Secondary School. Pupils seemed to have had a good chance to think about their own communities. The 2<sup>nd</sup> seminar was held in Pristan, close to Karakol,

and this was also a success. Rinat, a person with a disability in Karakol, who is actively promoting rights of PwD, visited Pristan 7th Secondary School and gave a lecture to the pupils. The 3<sup>rd</sup> seminar is planned for Kegeti, close to Tokmok on March 14<sup>th</sup>. JICA Volunteers will keep moving forward, and they hope to have more supporters and volunteers to join them in their further activities!



Participants of lecture

## Japan Day in Kochkor



Calligraphy lesson

**On 1st March 1st of this year, Japan Day** was held in Kochkor was held. More than 100 pupils participated on in this event., who They are learning the Japanese language in these rural areas: Kochkor village, Emgek Talaa village, Cholpon Ata city, Temir village, Kegety village, and Jeti Oguz village. Schoolchildren had prepared for this event for about two months and demonstrated Japanese cultural during the festival such with interesting performances, such as “taiko” Japanese drums, Japanese songs and Japanese Fairy Tales. After finishing of the concert,

organizers formulate formed several teams of pupils and pupils that competed in a quiz about Japan. This; it helped pupils from different schools to get to know each other better. JICA volunteers made some corners about life in Japan, where they presented calligraphy, origami, tea ceremonies, summer versions of kimono – “yukata”, Japanese traditional games, and games with Japanese chopsticks. During this event, pupils learned more about Japanese culture. All of these pupils are learning the Japanese language from JICA volunteers, who were dispatched to rural areas for their activities. ●



All participants of event

## Detailed survey mission of JICA experts and the signing Minutes of Meeting

**A JICA detailed planning survey mission** comprised of 5five members and headed by Mr. Hiroyuki HATORI, Senior Advisor, Global Environment Department, JICA visited Kyrgyzstan from the 3rd of November to the 20th of November 2014 to formulate the design of the proposed Project for the Development of the Rural Business with Forest Products.

The purpose of the mission was to for JICA and the Kyrgyz side to discuss between JICA and Kyrgyz side about the framework and basic concept of the above project requested by State Agency on Environmental Protection and Forestry of the Kyrgyz Republic (SAEPF) in 2013. The main content of the project is to pro-

mote business models with forest products through utilization of the JFM approach.

The planning survey mission was successful. As a result of the survey and a series of discussions between the JICA mission and concerned organizations involved in the project, such as SAEPP, Leskhozoes, SALGIR, other government and donor agencies, on 18th November 2014 a Minutes of Meeting was signed at the meeting room of SAEPP. ●



Signing of Minutes of the Meeting

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## Summary of 2014



Annual meeting

**The second half of 2014** through March 2015 was quite an active and fruitful period for the Association, as a lot work in all activity directions, matched to the goals and objectives of the Association, was done. Some of the main activities are mentioned below: 1. Activities supporting JICA's projects

a) Making a video about the JDS program. The video inviting public and municipal servants to apply for the scholarship program

was broadcast throughout the country during the month.

2. Strengthening the network between members in Kyrgyzstan and foreign countries.

a) A forum, "Innovative technology development" was held in the capital of Azerbaijan-Baku on the 13th of March 2015. Mr. Kasmamytov Nureldik and Mr. Mamytov Ulukman took a part in the forum as representatives of Kyrgyzstan. The result of this forum was the signing of a memorandum of cooperation between the Associations in ICT sector.

b) At the annual meeting, held on February 27, 2015, six people were assigned as new members of the Executive Board of the Association. In the next two years, they will work to improve the work of the Association and make decisions on the implementation of project proposals received from members of the Association.

Activity contributing to the socioeconomic development of Kyrgyzstan

a) Project assisting in the publication of the book "Archaeological sites in the Kyrgyzstan territory of the Great Silk Road" and distributing it to libraries, is aimed at teaching the younger generation about the cultural heritage off the country and its preservation.

b) Charity festival "Kyrgyzstan-the country of mountain ski and winter leisure 2015" was held on ski resort ZIL in February 2015. It was aimed at assisting organizations which need some help (for instance orphanages, boarding schools, etc.). It is essential to mention that the Association got partner-organizations to take part in some projects and thanks to them projects were successfully implemented. This in turn confirms that the Association maturing and has taken the position of a stable and reliable partner. ●

## Press tour to Naryn

**From February 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the JICA Kyrgyz Republic office** conducted a Press Club Meeting where 6 journalists from TV companies, newspapers, and Internet resources were invited. During the Press tour journalists have opportunity to see the activities of JICA volunteers who work in Naryn oblast. First, press tour team visited Children Education Center where Ms. Maeda teaching Japanese to schoolchildren. The class was full with interested girls and even boys who were involved in the learning process. Next day journalist visited volunteer, Mr. Ishida who works in Emgek-Talaa village as a teacher. Journalists were interested to see how volunteer is working in the Kyrgyz school and how he used to leave in Kyrgyz family. Afternoon we visited jaamat "Saori" where JICA volunteer, Mr. Nakamura is working. He supports jaamat with new ideas for design of the textile product which are produced by women. All volunteers gave interview for press. On February 14, 2015 Journalists participated in the lecture about people with disabilities' life which was conducted in the Secondary school in Kochkor. The information about this event we can find in the page# 3 of this newsletter issue. Mass media representatives expressed interest in further volunteer's activities and their willingness to cooperate with JICA in future. ●



At Naryn Japan center



Emgek-Taala school students

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