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President of the Kyrgyz Republic took part in opening ceremony of Kok-Art Bridge



Important moment

On July 8, 2015 the President of the KR Mr. Almazbek Atambaev, the extraordinary and plenipotentiary Ambassador of Japan to the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Takayuki Koike, the Chief representative of JICA in the KR, Mr. Takayuki Oyama, the plenipotentiary representative of the government of the Jalal-Abad Region, Ms. J. Egemberdieva and the Minister of Transportation and communication of the KR, Mr. Kalykbek Sultanov, took part in the opening ceremony of the bridge over the Kok-Art Bridge at the 564 km mark on the Bishkek-Osh Highway.

President Atambaev noted the important significance of this bridge, which connects not only the southern and northern regions of the country, but also brings people together and strengthens the unity of the people. On behalf of the people of Kyrgyzstan, the President expressed sincere gratitude to the Japanese government the friendly people of Japan, the leadership of JICA.

Implementation of "The Project for Reconstruction of the Kok-Art River Bridge

on the Bishkek-Osh road" became possible with the 1 billion 196 million Japanese yen (about 11.96 million USD) grant aid of the Japanese government.

Reconstruction of the bridge had begun on May 16, 2014 and this project is important from the view of technology transfer since this is the great experience of joint work by the Japanese and Kyrgyz contractors under supervision of the MoTC of the KR. This means that technologies of construction and supervision used in Japan has been transferred to the Kyrgyz counterparts in the process of preparation and construction works.

The project aimed at the economic and social development of the Kyrgyz Republic through the reconstruction of the bridge over the river Kok-Art on the 564th km of the Bishkek - Osh highway to ensure safe and smooth traffic on the strategic Bishkek - Osh highway - the important national and international corridors. ●

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Signing Ceremony of **JDS** program



Speech of Mr. Oyama

The Exchange Notes` and Grant Agreement`s signing ceremony for the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Recourse Development Scholarship Project (JDS) was held on July 28, 2015 and was attended by Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Takayuki Koike, Minister of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic, Adylbek Kasymaliev, and JICA Chief Representative Takayuki Oyama. The budget for the project is 2.13 million Japanese yen (approximately 1.7 million

USD). During the signing ceremony, the Japanese participants expressed their desire that henceforth the JDS fellows will be involved in the work of socio-economic development in Kyrgyzstan. Also, Kyrgyz participants announced that 131 students were sent to Japan and 99 of them successfully completed their studies and returned to work in Kyrgyzstan. In addition, 15 public servants are going to Japan this year. At the end of the ceremony, the minister expressed his gratitude to the government of Japan for supporting human resource development in the country. ●

JICA IN THE MEDIA

“The Ambassador of Japan assures First Prime Minister, Sarpashev that equipment for parliament elections will be delivered by the first of August.”
 On June 9, 2015 Mr. Sarpashev met with the Ambassador of Japan to the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Koike, where they discussed further cooperation regarding the handover of equipment for the 2015 elections in the Kyrgyz Republic.

www.akipress.kg
 June 9, 2015

“In Kara-Tai Village in Osh Oblast, a new asphalt plant was constructed.”

According to the JICA project Improvement of Equipment for Road Maintenance in Osh, Jalal-Abad and Talas Oblasts, 355 special pieces of equipment will be provided to the Kyrgyz Republic.

www.tazabek.kg
 July 15, 2015

“A Tanabata Festival will be conducted in Bishkek.”

On July 11, 2015, the Kyrgyz – Japan Center for Human Development will organize the festival of Tanabata. Many interesting things will be presented to guests such as an origami corner, the history of the Tanabata Festival, and a Japanese film.

www.limon.kg
 July 7, 2015

Upcoming Training Courses

1. **Community-Based Health Operation and Management Course** (November 23-December 10, 2015)

2. **Small and Medium Enterprises Development and Promotion Course** (November 24-December 11, 2015) ●

Field Visit to **UNODC**

On June 4, 2015, UNODC Real Project XAC/K22, financed by the government of Japan, conducted the opening ceremony for the Border Liaison Office at the border crossings Bor-Dobo on the Kyrgyz border and Kyzyl-Art on the Tajik border. Officials from both sides participated in the event including 1st Deputy of State for the Agency of Drug Control, Deputy Head of State for Border Service, Deputy Head of Custom Service, and a representative from MOFA. In addition, the Ambassador of Japan to the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Koike, Second Secretary of EOJ, Mr. Sato, and Mr. Oyama also participated in the event. According to the UNODC Project, the next equipment to be provided will be a generator, solar battery, office equipment, x-ray machine, special scanner, and video system. ●



In Japan



On Tajik border

CALENDAR*

AUGUST

10-21 Mission for final evaluation of JICA project

SEPTEMBER

14-20 Mission on design of new phase of KRJC

END Official handover ceremony of road maintenance equipment

*dates may be changed

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Closing of UNDP Project on Disaster Risk Reduction



Closing Ceremony of UNDP project

Two and half years have passed since the project Strengthening Disaster Response and Risk Assessment Capacities in the Kyrgyz Republic and Facilitating a Regional Dialogue for Cooperation first started. The project was funded by the government of Japan and focused on four main areas: (i) enhancing the technical preparedness of crisis management centers in the areas of risk assessment and monitoring, disaster prevention, and recovery; (ii) strengthening national early warning capacities, rapid risk analysis, and dissemination of information; (iii) upgrading the infrastructure of emergency rescue facilities and (iv) supporting regional cooperation for disaster risk reduction. One of the main achievements of the cooperation of MES with the government of Japan and UNDP within the project

was the establishment of the Common Information-Management System, which includes a crisis management center, a state comprehensive warning system, and a unified control point (one call service -112) as well as procurement of special equipment for the above mentioned institutions. According to the project, nine vehicles with rescue equipment were transferred to the ministry. In addition, 126 staff members of the State Agency of Fire-Rescue Service received two weeks of training in areas such as medical, fire, mountain rescue, physiological, and special skills. As for regional cooperation, the project organized several events and took the leading role in the Central Asian region on disaster risk reduction. Active participation from related ministries of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Tajik Republic were also found at these events. At the Sendai Conference in March 2015, the Kyrgyz Republic delegation presented a joint Statement of Disaster Risk Reduction on behalf of Central Asian countries. On July 23, 2015 the Ministry of Emergency Situations conducted the closing ceremony of the joint project with the participation of the Minister of MES, Mr. Boronov, Ambassador of

Japan, Mr. Koike, Chief Representative of JICA, Mr. Oyama, Representative of UNDP, Mr. Pradip Sharma, and others. In his speech, Minister Boronov expressed gratitude to the government of Japan for its invaluable contribution to disaster risk reduction on a global level and support for the practical implementation of measures in the field. After the closing ceremony, all the participants visited the call center (112) to see how the system works. Afterwards, all participants then moved to the Uzgen region to see the fruits of the project and participate in a simulation at the Ministry of Emergency Situations on car accident case. ●



Simulation in Uzgen

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JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) is the world's largest bilateral aid agency providing various forms of assistance in over 150 countries around the world.

New JOCV

In the beginning of July, six new volunteers arrived in Kyrgyzstan. Now they are taking Kyrgyz and Russian language courses. In August, after their courses, they will be sent out to various locations where they will complete their volunteer work. The first volunteer will work at the Kyrgyz Alpine Club in Bishkek where he will help organize mountain tours as well as share his knowledge and techniques that can be used in the industry. The second volunteer will work at the 2nd school in Kemin teaching English to students. The third volunteer will work at the Educational Department in Cholpon Ata City where he will teach environmental enlightenment. The fourth volunteer will work at Jaamaat Bugu Ene in Tasma Village making soaps and helping support the organization. The fifth volunteer will work with One Village One Product in Jeti Oguz. He will work on product development and help the organization increase its income. As for the sixth volunteer, she will work at the Department for Forest Ecosystem Development. She will be involved in tree planting and forest preservation. Four of them will be living in villages where they will be experience Kyrgyz traditions and village life. We wish them luck! ●

