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Prime Minister of Japan visited the Kyrgyz Republic on an official visit



Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Abe, Vice President of JICA, Ms. Yanagisawa and President of KR, Mr. Atambaev

26 October 2015. Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Sinzo Abe, visited the Kyrgyz Republic on an official visit. During the visit Mr. Abe met with the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Atambaev, and other Kyrgyz officials.

“Today`s visit from the Prime Minister of Japan is a significant sign for future faithful cooperation between the two countries. Construction of roads, bridges, and the reconstruction of the Manas airport are just examples of significant support from the Government of Japan to the Kyrgyz Republic. So now we are very glad to announce the resumption of yen loans for the reconstruction of the Osh – Batken – Isfana road” said the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Almazbek Atambaev. Additionally the President of the Kyrgyz Republic expressed gratitude for JICA’s active participation in the development of the Kyrgyz Republic through the implementation of important projects in the country through JICA ODA. Especially in the field of capacity development of Kyrgyz citizens through JDS program and

Kyrgyz Japan Center for human development, support democracy in the country by providing special equipment for the Central Election Committee and strengthening the mutual cultural and humanitarian relationship through dispatching Japanese volunteers.

The Prime Minister of Japan in his turn mentioned that Japan is paying a great deal of attention to cooperation with Kyrgyz Republic. There are 3 directions for further cooperation: transport infrastructure, human resource development, and cultural exchange and regional cooperation within the framework of the “Central Asia + Japan” dialogue.

The Vice-President of JICA, Ms. Yanagisawa was a member of the official delegation of the Prime Minister of Japan and during her visit signed 2 important documents for cooperation: Grant Agreement for a project for the improvement of equipment of the “Manas” International airport and yen loan agreement for International Main Roads improvement project. ●

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Ms. Abe in the OVOP shop

On October 26, first JICA project "Communities of Japan and Kyrgyzstan, Mrs. Akie Abe and Mrs. Raisa Atambaeva together with the ambassador of Japan in Kyrgyzstan Mrs. Koike Tsukiko visited the shop "Issyk-Kul Brand" of the One Village One Product (OVOP) Association, the activities of which are supported by

JICA project "Community Empowerment through Small Business Promotion by the OVOP Approach in Issyk-Kul Region". Producers in the OVOP Association and representatives of the JICA OVOP Project presented and explained about both felt and food products made by members of the OVOP

Association and shared with guests about activities and achievements of the Association. Thus, the guests of the shop could see that all felt products of OVOP Association are all the handmade, nicely decorated and produced out of 100% local fine wool.

The assortment of food products, which first ladies could sample, included various types of jam, exclusive honey, natural salt with some spicy herbs added, cookie from talkan, beef jerky, and many other remarkable products. At the end, the first ladies purchased felt products from naturally dyed wool, such as clutches, cosmetics bags and other souvenir products. The first ladies expressed gratitude and wished further success and prosperity. ●

JICA provided Road Maintenance Equipment for roads in Osh, Jalal-Abad and Talas Oblasts

The hand-Over Ceremony under the JICA's Grant Aid Project "Improvement of Road Maintenance Equipment in Osh, Jalal-Abad, and Talas oblasts" took place on October 31, 2015 with the participation of the Prime-Minister Mr. Sariev. The project's purpose is to improve the park fleet of the road maintenance machineries and equipment under the Ministry of Transport and Communication (MOTC) for ensuring better operation and maintenance work on the roads in the three target oblasts. In total 355 units of machineries and equipment (such as graders, excavators, loaders, dump trucks, snow removal machines, trucks with cranes, and others) was provided to the MOTC with a total cost of 2 billion 491 million JPY. (or about 25 million USD). Under the project 4 asphalt plants and 4 aggregate plants

were also installed, which will allow PLUADs and DEPs to carry out its annual work on asphalt pavement and pothole repair work in a more efficient way. The aforementioned plants were installed in Karatai and Kara-Kulja villages (Osh Oblast), Jergetal village (Jalal-Abad Oblast) and Aksai village (Talas Oblast). Earlier similar equipment was provided for Naryn (2007), Chui and Issyk-Kul oblasts (2011). ●



Handover Ceremony of Equipment

JICA IN THE MEDIA

"Head of President Administration, Mr. Djumakadyrov congratulate JDS Fellows who would study in Japanese Universities" On August 14, 2015 Mr. Djumakadyrov met with 9th group of JDS and expressed hope that JDS Fellows will contribute for significant development of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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August 17, 2015

"In Bishkek Bon festival was conducted for seven's time" Festival was opened by the Ambassador of Japan in the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Koike. Bon festival is colorful event and most important is dancing process. Many citizens of Bishkek city were able to join festival and enjoyed dancing.

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"Study in Japan - 2015" fair would be conducted in Bishkek" Kyrgyz - Japan center for human development informed that in on November 3-4 Kyrgyz National University named after Balasagyn "Study in Japan - 2015" Fair would be conducted. The Tsukuba University, International University of Japan, Asia-Pacific Ritsumeikan University and Osaka Pedagogical University would be presented in the Fair.

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October 28, 2015

CALENDAR*

NOVEMBER

3-6 Mission on Data collection survey on Osh transport

DECEMBER

7-13 Mission on Data collection on Disaster risk reduction

14-17 Mission on terminal evaluation of Organic Farming project

*dates may be changed

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Fair and transparent election



Important moment

2015 was a significant year for Kyrgyzstan, as the first time in the history of the country; it was decided to hold elections with the introduction of an automated system of voter identification (AVID). And one of its parts became the project "Automating the process of identification in the electoral cycle 2015-2017", implemented jointly by the Government of Japan and the Unit-

ed Nations Development Program (UNDP). The budget of the project amounted to 740 million Japanese yen (about \$ 6 million).

In August 2015, a handover ceremony of modern equipment was held, in order to equip all polling stations. The ceremony was attended by First Deputy Prime Minister Tayirbek Sarpashev, CEC Chairman Tuigunaly Abdraimov, Chairman of SRS Alina Shaikova, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the KR Takayuki Koike, UNDP Resident Representative of KR Alexander Avanesov, Chief Representative of JICA in the KR Oyama Takayuki and representatives of the Kyrgyz Government and the media.

The Government of Kyrgyzstan (SRS and CEC) has received 5,000 laptops, 4,950 fingerprint scanners,

5000 thermal printers, 3000 uninterruptible power supplies 2500 wall monitors and one set of server and network equipment. In addition to providing equipment, the project has provided a component which strengthens the capacity of SRS staff through training improving the efficiency of the utilization of the equipment. ●



During Press conference

The Technique of Kaizen



Participants of Seminar

The seminar "Specifics of the Japanese Kaizen Management" held at the initiative of the members of the JICA Alumni Association of the Kyrgyz Republic on October 10, 2015 at the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic (APAPKR).

Kairat Itibaev - the Executive Board member of JICA Alumni Association in Kyrgyz Republic, the Chairman of the Association of foreign investors, consultant on business planning in KRJC and

faculty "Business Administration" at AUCA were the lecture.

The aim of the event was to raise awareness among the participants about Japanese management (like Kaizen and 5S), promoting sustainable development of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The lecture made the participants think of the phenomenal economic success of Japanese companies, which at one time made a fantastic breakthrough, the key of which was the principle of continuous improvement.

The seminar was attended by members of the Association, students and teachers APAPKR. Participants were inspired by the seminar and hoped to participate in similar workshops in the future. ●

Developing TLC

JICA keeps continues rendering assistance to establishing a system of agriculture logistics in KR.

In August of 2015 the main directions for trade-logistics centers' (TLC) development were approved by Kyrgyz Government. It was a logical consequence of work of a JICA expert and a working group. It is considered that the TLC system to be consists of three levels: international, regional, and local.

JICA conducted a study on the criteria and conditions of for establishment establishing of a TLC of the local type. Peculiarities of such a kind of TLC are that it is has a relatively small scaled, is located nearby production area, its main

stakeholders are farmers themselves, and so on. Its social function is to protect farmers' interests in terms of receiving rational income and being a marketing point for farmers is very important.

A few models of TLC of this type were suggested within the frame of the study. ●

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'Barrier Free Life!'



Morikawa-san's training participants

JICA volunteers (JOCVs) active in Kyrgyz Republic to support those who are physically or mentally Challenged, formed "Team for the Challenged (persons with disabilities: PwD)" in December 2013.

Many of us have participated in "Walkathon" – a walking marathon travelling around lake Issyk-kul, promoting understanding of disability and raising voices about the life of the Challenged, held every year from 2008 to 2014. We must keep going with such actions! Their influence is widespread, including other JOCVs and their communities. We visited 5 schools in different regions, and we organized a

mini-walkathon (parade) and seminar in Karakol city in June. Our final event was held on September 12th, in the capital city of Bishkek. The main aims of these events are to increase information and adequate knowledge about PwDs in Kyrgyzstan and enhance their inclusion in our society to promote understanding and consciousness towards PwDs in the communities with the hope of changing their circumstances. We believe these activities had some meaning in supporting PwDs and their families, and empowering them to have full participation in our society. The big day started off with an opening ceremony at the Shopping Centre BISHKEK PARK, which had a large number of participants and onlookers enjoying the atmosphere. A wonderful Flashmob danced with many brilliant youths with and without disabilities. Then we went off for the parade, guided by the local police, on Chui avenue heading to the Ala-too Square. It was definitely a memorable moment for some of the PwDs who had nev-

er experienced walking freely and joyfully in the middle of the city. At the venue of Kyrgyz State University of I. Arabaev, we held a seminar about situation of PwDs in Kyrgyzstan, and ended the day with a mini-concert. In the concert there were wonderful performances of TENDO (Japanese drum players) and Ms. Gulum the famous blind singer. There were a total of 315 registered participants, including international volunteers. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest gratitude to UNICEF for their full support, the Japan Embassy in KR for their understanding and support, and to all organizing members, partners, and performers for their contributions. The influence of these events and the many PwDs with strong wills and energy will definitely keep such activities alive, and we believe the empowerment and cooperation with them will lead us toward a happier society. ●

Rugby mission in the Kyrgyz Republic

Former Japanese national rugby team captain, Mr. Toshiyuki Hayashi, had come to Kyrgyz Republic and he had showed his passion and experience to students of the Kyrgyz State Academy of Physical Culture and Sport from the 1st to the 3rd of September.

He had visited the Kyrgyz State Academy of Physical Culture and Sport on the 1st Sep. The national team captain Aleksandr and JICA volunteer Hattori (Rugby coach) welcomed him. Aleksandr passionately asked Mr. Hayashi for details about the special training in Japan.

On the second and third day he had visited to Koshkol village in the Issyk Kul region where the sport academy's students had a training camp.

During his visit, Mr. Hayashi had told students about his rugby experience, mentality, and culture. He also had explained "One for all, All for one." (This phrase is especially used among Japanese rugby players.) This phrase means invokes attitude, discipline and respect. After that he conducted a rugby master class. Vice lector of the Sports academy Mr. Askaraly Naraliyev was very delighted to by his visit and said, "It is a historical day of for Kyrgyz Rugby!!!"



Mr. Toshiyuki



During the training

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