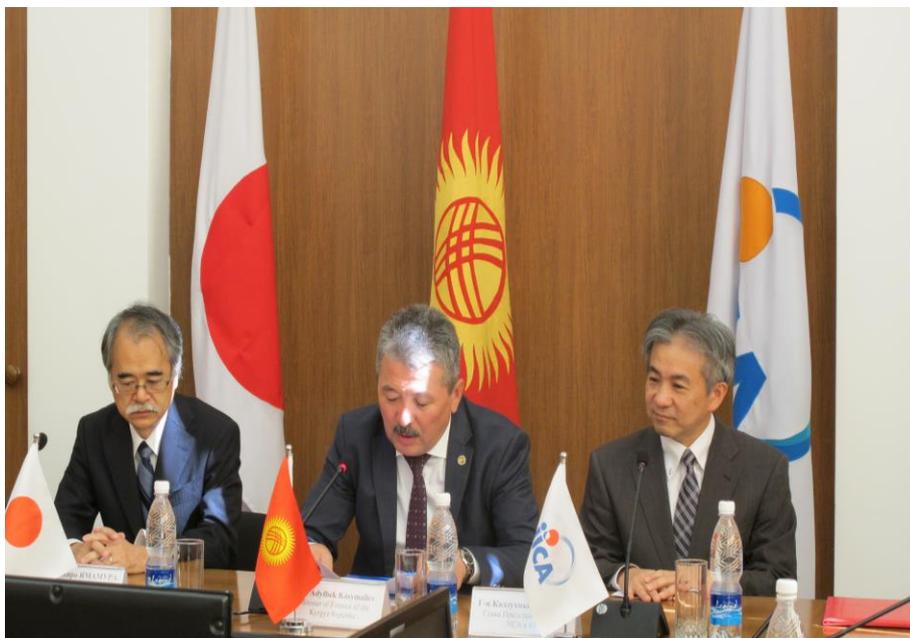


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Signing Ceremony for the JDS Program



Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Japan in KR Mr. Yoshihiro Yamamura, Minister of Finance of KR Mr. Adylbek Kasymaliev and Chief Representative of JICA, Mr. Kazuhiko Kikuchi

On August 1, 2016 at the Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic there was a signing ceremony for the Exchange Notes regarding the Japanese Grant Aid Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) between the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Japan in the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Yoshihiro Yamamura and the Minister of Finance of Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Adylbek Kasymaliev, and signing of the Grant Agreement between Chief Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Kazuhiko Kikuchi and the Minister of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Adylbek Kasymaliev. The aim of the Japanese Development Scholarship Program is to support the Kyrgyz Government in the Human Resources sphere and the development of bilateral relations between Japan and Kyrgyz Republic. The program is designed so that

young public and municipal employees can take a leading position in the system of government of the Kyrgyz Republic after training in Japan and contribute to the development of the Kyrgyz Republic in various fields.

Within the framework of Grant Aid, the Government of Japan has implemented the Program in the Kyrgyz Republic since 2006. To date, 146 fellows have studied in Japan; among them 116 fellows have already taken a master's degree. In the 2016 fiscal year 15 JDS Fellows go to Japan to take Master's degrees at leading Japanese universities. For the purpose of contributing to the implementation of the Program, the Government of Japan provides an assistance grant of up to 231 million Japanese Yen (approximately 2.2 million USD). ●

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OVOP project study tour



In the workshop for production of products made from felt

The study tour took place from July 27-29, 2016. The purpose of the tour was to learn about OVOP activities and to share the results of the further spread of the model in other regions. The participants of the trip were private entrepreneurs and government representatives. On the first day of the tour representatives from OVOP + 1

(an organization related to the OVOP Association) showed a presentation on the activities and the concept of OVOP. The next day, the tour participants had the opportunity to visit the workshops; first they visited one of the largest workshops in the Shor-Bulak village, where local women produce products for the Muji brand using needles tech-

nology while maintaining a strict control of the production of MUJI. Then they went to the Ak-Sai village where they visited the current and new workshops, where they can watch the production of products using wet technology. On the last day of the tour they visited the shop in Karakol, where they learned about store functions, how it carries out the study and promotion of products and also sells products from the Issyk-Kul brand. Additionally they visited the OVOP office, food, felt workshops, a workshop for cleaning and dyeing wool, and also reviewed the manual for food and felt sanitation. The participants were very pleased to take part in the tour and noted the high level of organization of the study tour and were amazed with the tour content. ●

JICA IN THE MEDIA

The stretch of road will be rehabilitated under the project "Rehabilitation of roads of international importance" (Osh-Batken-Isfana), which was founded by JICA. Construction work on the stretch of road Osh-Kadam-jay is planned to start in 2019, Ministry of Transport and Communication.

www.akipress.org

June 13, 2016

In Bishkek, a traditional Japanese Tanabata festival was held often called a festival of stars. The Tanabata Festival is considered one of the most popular in Japan. It attracts romance and centuries of history. Citi-zens who came to the feast learned how to make lanterns and stars made of paper, in Japan during the holidays these decorate the streets.

www.vb.kg

June 12, 2016

"The Kyrgyz Ambassador to Japan Mr. Chingiz Aidarbekov met with the JICA President Shinchi Kitaoka". At the meeting, the ambassador noted that the JICA project "One Village - One Product" is implemented in the Issyk-Kul region, is an important step in the conquest of Kyrgyz products in Japanese markets and expressed the interest of the KR in expanding cooperation. Mr. Kitaoka said that the KR has successfully developed parliamentary democracy, and also will consider proposals for new directions to strengthen bilateral cooperation.

www.ca-news.org

June 30, 2016

New JOCV in Kyrgyzstan

In the beginning of July four new volunteers arrived in Kyrgyzstan. They are now taking one month of Kyrgyz and Russian language courses. At the middle of August, after their courses, they will be sent out to various locations where they will start their volunteer work. The first volunteer will work at a school in Emgek-Talaa village, Naryn oblast as a teacher of physical exercise. The volunteer's knowledge and experience will be very beneficial for students at a school. One more volunteer will work at school located in Kegety village, Yssyk-Ata region as a teacher of the English language. Children can continue learning language with the new volunteer. The next volunteer will work at the National Center of Maternity and Child Health Care located in Bishkek. She is an occupa-

tional therapist and will work with young children at the hospital. The fourth volunteer will stay in Bishkek and work at the Academy of Sport as a rugby coach. Kyrgyzstan has made a good impression as the volunteers mentioned the beautiful scenery and friendliness of the Kyrgyz people. We wish all of them good luck! ●



New volunteers

CALENDAR*

SEPTEMBER

11-29 Mission on design of the project for milking hygiene

*dates may be changed

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Development of Master plan completed



During the meeting

The Joint Coordination Committee under the "Project for Master Plan for Quality and Safety Inspections of Milk and Dairy Products in the Kyrgyz Republic" approved a final report, prepared

jointly by Japanese specialists and representatives of state and private sectors, and the academic society of the country. For nine months specialists have been working on the document, which serves to establish a system for the distribution of milk and dairy products within the territory of Eurasian Economic Union's countries. Such a comprehensive document is being worked out for the first time since Kyrgyz Republic became independent. In the document current problems are analyzed in details; and feasible plans for execution and priority projects from the short, medium and long-term (10 years) perspectives in 5 areas are proposed. These are a

dairy cattle registration plan; an improvement plan for milking hygiene techniques; an improvement plan for food safety management systems; an improvement plan for quality control programs for food inspection laboratories; and foreign food regulation/certification information plan. The Master Plan should be approved by the Government of the KR and become the main document in the implementation of any measure in this direction. JICA intends to continue cooperation on the development of the dairy sector by supporting implementation of some measures offered within the framework of the Master Plan. ●

Festival of culture and friendship "Satsuki"



Drummer's performance

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 ensem-

ble "Shat-tyk", drummer "Ooedo-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: origami; calligraphy; tea ceremony; Japanese games; Japanese language; checkers game "go"; sales corners with Japanese cuisine; as well as sports programs with demonstration performances of: aikido, judo, sumo, iaido, kendo and karate. ●



Tea ceremony

Message to Japanese friends



Children's message

On April 14, 2016 in Kumamoto city, one of the most destructive earthquakes in recent years has happened. That fact impressed children in the children village SOS, located in Cholpon-Ata city. Children wrote their own condolence and wishes on paper and with the support of a JICA volunteer, sent it to Japan, to the citizens of Kumamoto city. Many of them were living in schools after the earthquake and

were waiting for the reconstruction of their houses. The message from the Kyrgyz children was quite impressive with their cordial and warm words. They included wishes for the quick recovery of the city, good health and patience for all the citizens of city. In response, young citizens of Kumamoto city prepared paper with gratitude the warm words of support and wishes and wrote that the messages from Kyrgyz children inspired and supported them. ●

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Seminar on **FOODEX-2017** by JETRO



During the seminar

On July 13, 2016 the Tashkent Office of the Japanese External Trade Organization JETRO with the support of the Kyrgyz-Japan Center for Human Development conducted a seminar on the upcoming 42nd International Exhibition of food products and beverages (FOODEX JA-PAN 2017), which will be held on March 7-10 2017 in Chiba, Japan. JETRO representatives Ms. Asuka Nagatani, Assistant Director

Tashkent Office and Ms. Dilfuza Arifhodzhaeva, Regional Coordinator for Business Development, made a presentation on the activities and achievements of the organization and held a briefing for Kyrgyz businessmen on participation in the exhibition FOODEX JAPAN 2017. The exhibitors of the event will have a unique opportunity to present their products to the Japanese market and to establish contact with potential business partners. A successful story of participation in FOODEX JAPAN is the fruitful cooperation of one Kyrgyz Company "Dary Tien Shan LLC", which one participated exhibition in 2015 and could find a potential partner and successfully exported natural honey to Japan. The representative of "Dary Tien Shan LLC" also visited the seminar and shared their expe-

riences. The Japanese External Trade Organization JETRO - was established by the Government of Japan and is engaged in the promotion of mutual trade and investment between Japan and most countries of the world. The main activities of JETRO are to attract foreign direct investment in Japan, to assist Japanese companies abroad to export food products and services and to promote the development of international trade and global growth. In 2016, 3,000 exhibits from 78 countries and regions presented their products at the exhibition, and not count people meeting in the aisle. We hope that this workshop was fruitful and in the near future, we will see the dynamics of development cooperation between Japan and Kyrgyzstan. ●

News about Upcoming Training Course

1. Local Governance Course (Young Leaders Program) (Course duration: October 28-November 16, 2016. Deadline for application form submission is August 24, 2016);
2. Energy Efficiency and Conservation in Commercial and Residential Sector (B) (Course duration: January 15-March 3, 2017. Deadline for application form submission is October 31, 2016);

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