

## ADB annual meeting in Astana

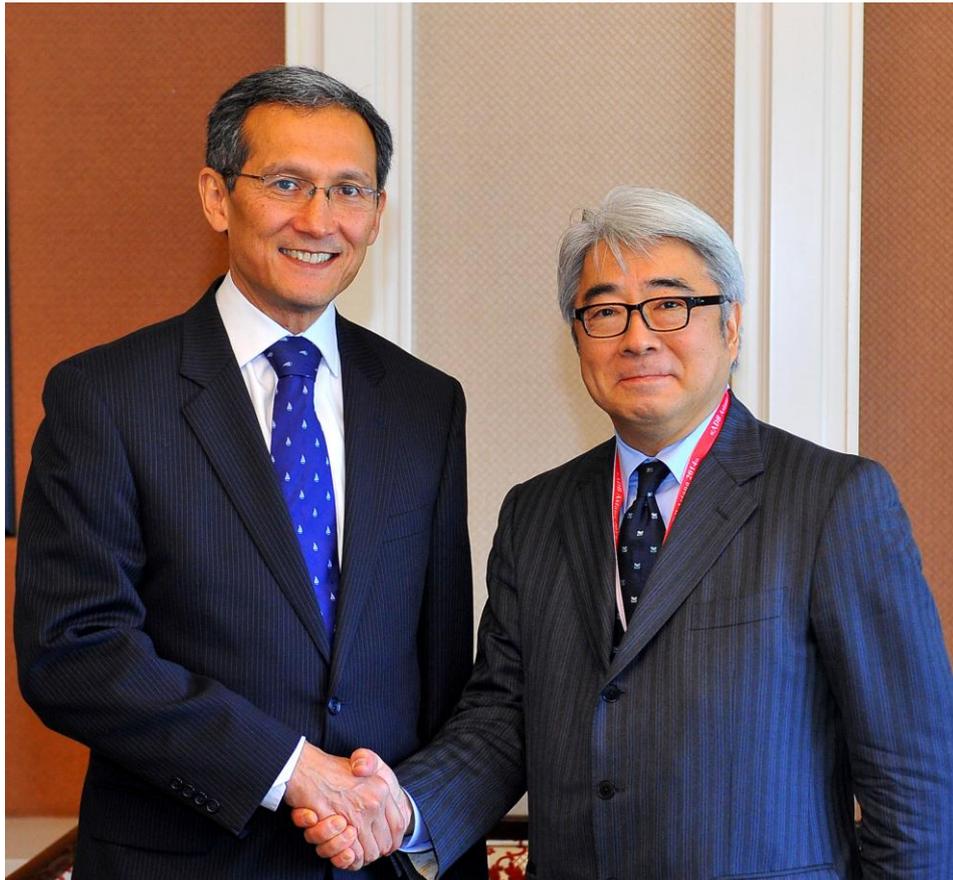


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At the 47th annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank, which took place from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Astana, the following topics were discussed: opportunities for further innovations and integration, as well as poverty reduction in the Asia-Pacific region.

Almost 3000 delegates from 67 countries joined in these sessions, including ADB members, government and central bank representatives, business and finance, media and representatives of civil society.

This meeting was a great opportunity for Mr. Djoomart Otorbaev, Prime Minister of KR and Mr. Kiyoshi Kodera, Vice President of JICA to discuss current project implementations and further cooperation between both counties.

Mr. Otorbaev gave high praise for JICA activity in the Kyrgyz Republic and its role in the

development of Kyrgyz – Japan bilateral relations. He expressed his gratitude for providing 11.96 million USD to aid the reconstruction of the Kok-Art River Bridge on the Bishkek-Osh Road and granting 25 million USD for the project Improvement of Equipment for Road Maintenance. Both sides also discussed the preparation for the implementation of the project on constricting avalanche galleries in six sites of Bishkek – Osh road, improving the tunnel ventilation system and the process of rehabilitating some sites of Osh – Batken – Isfana road. Mr. Kodera informed those in the meeting that JICA is presently involved in the preparation of 5 meetings of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs within the framework of Dialogue “Central Asia + Japan”, which will be held this summer under the chairmanship of the Kyrgyz Republic. ●

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### Kok-Art bridge reconstruction



Official Ceremony

On May 16, 2014, the extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassador of Japan in the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Takayuki Koike, the Resident representative of JICA in the Kyrgyz Republic, Takayuki Oyama, the Minister of Transport and communications of the Kyrgyz Republic, Kalykbek Sultanov, and the Pleni-

potentiary representative of the Government of KR in Jalal-Abad oblast, Jusupjan Jeenbekov, Deputies of Jogorku Kenesh of KR and local authorities participated in a ceremony for the beginning of the reconstruction of the bridge over the river Kok-Art on the 567 strategic road Bishkek-Osh in the Suzak region of

Jalal-Abad oblast.

The long-term usage of the bridge over the river Kok-Art, located on the important road connecting the capital, Bishkek, and the second-large city, Osh, transporting large volumes of cargo has lead to it being very worn-out and in deplorable condition. Reconstruction of the bridge is supposed to be finished in 2016. According to the project, it is 90 meters in length and 12 meters in width.

Realization of "The project for reconstruction of Kok-Art river bridge on the Bishkek-Osh road" became possible with the 1 billion Japanese yen (about 11.96 million USD) grant aid of the Japanese government.

The project is aimed at the economic and social development of the southern regions of KR and the rehabilitation of the strategic road Bishkek-Osh. ●

## JICA IN THE MEDIA

"Vice president of JICA, Kiyoshi Kodera informed "In May the Grant Agreement for Improvement of Equipment for road maintenance for 25 million USD would be signed" Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Otorbaev met with Vice President of JICA, Mr. Kodera to discuss further cooperation.

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

May 3, 2014

"In Bishkek will be conducted a Festival of culture and friendship "Bridges of cooperation between Kyrgyzstan and Japan" Kyrgyz-Japan Center and KNU are organizers of event.

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

May 24, 2014

"Japan will provide a Grant for more than 2 billion yen for road Equipment for 3 regions of Kyrgyzstan"

Parlament Committee approved Grant Aid project between Government of Kyrgyz Republic and JICA.

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

June 24, 2014

## Support the promotion of solar greenhouse technology

On June 2014, JICA started the Follow-up Cooperation Project for Endogenous Regional Economic Development Utilizing Local Resources. This project, initiated by a JICA ex-trainee and being implemented by the local consulting company "MSDSP KG", involves the construction of two Chinese demonstration-style solar greenhouses with drip irrigation systems in Jan-Bulak and Emgek-Talaa Ayil Aimaks, located in Naryn Raion. This project will also conduct practical trainings for 15 selected households under greenhouse construction and vegetable production methods. The project is expected to be completed in November 2014. Moreover,

the project will produce a manual that will provide comprehensive information about all of the aspects and processes of solar greenhouse construction and vegetable production. ●



Accessing candidate site for greenhouse construction in Jan-Bulak Ayil Okmotu, Naryn raion

## CALENDAR\*

### AUGUST

**Middle** Mission on OBI

**Middle** Mission on JDS

### SEPTEMBER

**Middle** Seminar on prevention of cardiovascular diseases

\*dates can be changed

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## Eco Campaign in Cholpon-Ata and Bishkek! <sup>Page 3</sup>



*In Cholpon-Ata*

On May 15, the “Environment Advertisement” contest was held at the junior high school of KIROF in Cholpon-Ata, Issyk-Kul. This contest was held during the summer to capture the attention of tourists who visit the Northern part of Issyk-Kul in hopes of raise awareness about protecting the beautiful, natural environments of Kyrgyzstan. In order to raise awareness, I thought advertisement on a local TV station would be able to impact many people as well as to be able to show students how they can make a difference and protect the natural environments. This is why I created the idea to begin the Environment Advertisement contest.

On the day we held this event, many students and teachers from the schools of Issyk-kyl prefecture

attended the event. Each school had to prepare a 30 second advertisement about protecting natural environments. Afterwards the judge gives them their scores. The best advertisement will be broadcasted by the local TV station during the summer. As a result of this contest, 4 schools tied and are now competing against each other in a final game. I hope this contest and advertisement influences people to protect the natural environment. (Hanawa-san, JICA volunteer).



*Eco action in Bishkek*

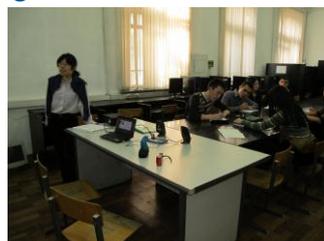
**My name is Yukie Saito.** I’m working in the tourism sphere in Bishkek as a volunteer. One year and 5 months have passed since I have come to Kyrgyzstan and I know Kyrgyzstan has a lot of potential to grow in its tourism realm. Kyrgyzstan’s nature is especially amazing. Foreign tourists can enjoy

walking in mountains, relaxing beside lakes, horse-back riding and so on. Moreover, Kyrgyz people are very hospitable. They always welcome foreign tourist warmly and with big smiles. I think there are many problems to solve like flight schedules from foreign countries, domestic transportation, and the progress of hygiene. However, at the same time Kyrgyz local people need to know the importance of environmental protection. On the 22nd of June I organized a seminar about the environment and all the participants picked up garbage around the Flag Hill and the Panorama south of Bishkek. At the seminar, JOCV had a presentation on Eco tourism and how Japanese people reduce garbage. Afterwards the participants and staff members of the administration picked up garbage for about 3 hours. Even though it was Sunday, 60 people joined this event. At the end, 2 trucks were filled with garbage. To make Kyrgyzstan better I think each local person needs to change their awareness about the environment. I hope that the participants of this event will be among the first to change themselves to create a better future. (Yukie Saito, JICA volunteer) ●

## My experience in Bishkek!

I’ve lived in Bishkek for 2 years and now I am leaving for Japan. I worked as a lecturer in the university. I tried teaching a computer programming class in the Kyrgyz language, however everyone around me said that it was impossible because many of the technical terms were too difficult to explain in Kyrgyz. Yes, it was difficult, but not impossible. I wanted my students to find that anything can be learned and taught in the Kyrgyz language. Unfortunately, I was not very successful. However, I was able to get some Kyrgyz friends

who are trying to improve the usability of the Kyrgyz language to help me. I wish them all the best in Japan and I hope I will be able come to this country again to see more university courses conducted in the Kyrgyz language. (Kitahashi, Masako, JICA Senior volunteer).



*During the lecture*

## 2 years in Kyrgyzstan

I worked with the local women of a soap making group in Tasma village. Tasma is a really beautiful village. The village life was tough for me at first because there was limited water, no bath, and only an outside toilet in the cold winter. However, I liked the village life because of the beautiful nature, the animals, and the local people. The local people helped me a lot these past 2 years and I respect them because they create and live their lives on their own. They feed sheep, grow potatoes and wheat

and make bread and noodles from them, and they even built a house by themselves. They make everything so life is very slow there. They have less money than most people but they have more time to spend with their family. I realized that is the secret of happy village life. I’ve learned many things from them during these past 2 years. (Sasaki Mai, JICA volunteer). ●



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## Opening ceremony of demonstration plot took place

On May 27, 2014, the official opening ceremony of the demonstration plot created under Project for Exportable Vegetable Seed Production in the Kyrgyz Republic was held at Agricultural Cooperative "KOSS" in Sokuluk raion where, from June to October 2014, a project with Tes-Center consulting company will be conducting training for trainers.

The event was attended by H.E. Dr. Aidaraliev, Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Aidaraliev T., H.E. Mr. Takayuki Koike, Ambassador of Japan in the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Takayuki Oyama, and Chief Representative of JICA Kyrgyz Republic Office who addressed the participants with welcoming words.

In his speech, Mr. Aidaraliev thanked Mr. Koike and Mr. Oyama for their continuous assistance in the development of the agricultural sector of the country. He thanked the project staff for the preparation of the demonstration site for the start of the training of trainers who will produce the vegetable seeds and, in the future, will extend the technology of seed cultivation

through the farmer field schools. At the end of his speech, he wished success to all selected candidates in mastering the advanced knowledge and skills of the cultivation of vegetable seeds.



Important moment

In his speech, Mr. Koike expressed the wish that a large part of the country should produce high-quality vegetable seeds and will be used through the project. He noted that the project will strengthen business relations between Japan and Kyrgyzstan.

Mr. Oyama Takayuki noted the importance of opening a demonstration site for training, which is one of the main activities of the project, and thanked the project

partners, namely the Ministry of Agriculture, Seed Association of Kyrgyzstan, and "KOSS" cooperative for their active collaboration in this project.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony followed the speeches to celebrate the opening of the site. After the ceremony the guests of the event went on a tour of the site where they were presented with demo field with planted vegetable crops, a solar greenhouse for growing seedlings, irrigation system of the demonstration field, and the compost making facility. At the end, the guests had a coffee break where they were able to share their views about what they saw during the tour and share experiences on the achievements of the project. ●



During a tour of the site

## Announcement of upcoming JICA

1. Strengthening Role and Function of Farmers' Organization in Central Asian Countries(B) (deadline for application submission - July 28, 2014);
2. Road Maintenance and Management (A) (deadline for application submission - August 11, 2014).

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