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Repair Equipment for Road Machinery



Besides repair equipment each target workshop will be provided with a fuel transporting vehicle.

On August 14th 2018, the handover ceremony in the framework of the “Improvement of workshops for road maintenance equipment” Project took place in Bishkek, with the participation of Vice Prime Minister of the KR, Mr. Zamirbek Askarov, the Minister of Transport and Roads of the KR, Mr. Jamshitbek Khalilov, and the Chief Representative of JICA in the KR, Mr. Kikuchi Kazuhiko.

Kyrgyzstan is facing some difficulties in the maintenance and repair of road equipment. “In summer and winter periods, during which the majority of road works happens, the occurrence of machinery failures is high. In this sense, the necessity for proper servicing has been made apparent. JICA has again given support to us”, - the Minister of Transport

and Roads underlined. The workshop equipment such as facilities and devices for fixing chassis, engines and brakes, providing electric and welding services will be distributed to the Chui, Issyk-Kul, Naryn, Talas, Jalal-Abad and Osh regions by the end of October. The Vice Prime Minister Mr. Zamirbek Askarov, has stressed the importance of the acquired equipment for the purpose of effective road maintenance in Kyrgyzstan. From 2006 JICA has provided more than five hundred units of Japanese road maintenance equipment (asphalt finishers, motor graders, snow removal facilities etc.) in the form of grant aid projects, for a total amount of 36.3 mil. USD. We, JICA, hope that the Workshops Improvement Project will also contribute to efficient maintenance of the road network in Kyrgyzstan. ●

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Start of JDS New Phase



Grant agreement signing for JDS New Phase

On the 23rd of August 2018, the signing ceremony for the Exchange of Notes and Grant Agreement in the framework of the “Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)” was held in the Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic. The sum of grant aid from the Government of Japan to Kyrgyzstan was up to 308 million Japanese yen (more than 2, 7 million USD). The Government of

Japan, and particularly JICA, pays big attention to human resource development and is certain that the role of Human Resources in a country’s development is enormous. Therefore JICA will keep on implementing and increasing cooperation in the Human Resources Development sphere in the Kyrgyz Republic. In this sense, the new phase of the new phase of the JDS project distinguishes itself by providing opportunities for obtaining not only a Master’s degree, but also a PhD degree. Additionally, one of the changes is an increased number of accepted finalists from 15 to 20 people (18 for Master’s degree and 2 for PhD). For reference: the JDS project in the Kyrgyz Republic started being implemented in 2006, and the current number of dispatched people to Japan has reached 191 people.●

JDS Fellows courtesy call



During the meeting

On the 17th of August 2018, Vice Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ms. Omurbekova Altyнай, met with 15 finalists of the JDS Project (12th Batch fellows) who will depart for Japan to obtain a Master’s degree in Japanese universities. The Vice Prime Minister, in her farewell words to the fellows, said that the young civil servants are the future

leaders of Kyrgyzstan, and instructed them to receive high-quality knowledge within two years, which in future will be used for the benefit of Kyrgyzstan.

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kyrgyz Republic, Yamamuro Yoshihiro, emphasized the importance of the JDS Project. He stressed that the basis of the development of any state is education. Thanks to citizens’ aspiring towards quality education and improving existing skills and knowledge it is possible to lay a solid foundation for the future of the country. In their turn, the 12th Batch Fellows expressed their gratitude towards the Japanese Government and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic for their strong support.●

JICA IN THE MEDIA

Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, Muhammadkalyi Abylgaziev, during the working visit to Issyk-Kul oblast visited the JICA Center in the Kyrgyz Republic and got acquainted with the results of the “One Village - One Product” project. JICA Chief Representative, Kikuchi Kazuhiko, told the Head of the Government about the activities of the center for business development in the region. The Head of the government got acquainted with the production process, talked with the female workers who are currently studying the manufacture of products. After training courses they can already independently take orders.

www.gov.kg
July 7, 2018

“The Second Meeting of the Joint Coordination Committee of the project “Improving the System of Human Resources Development of STS” was held. During the meeting, the Japanese side presented material on the project’s activities for the past period. The head of the fiscal body, T. Abzhaparov, noted the great importance of the joint project, which is aimed at developing the tax service staff and part of the STS Development Strategy.

www.sti.gov
July 27, 2018

“JICA will help train specialists in priority areas in the health sector of the Kyrgyz Republic”. At the meeting the parties discussed the prospects for cooperation in the field of healthcare as well as the opportunities for training medical specialists of various profiles in Japan. Kosmosbek Cholponbaev, the Minister of Health, said: “I am very happy that JICA decided to pay attention to the social sector, Japan is helping Kyrgyzstan a lot, and I hope that our cooperation will also be very useful, mutually beneficial, and interesting”.

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CALENDAR*

OCTOBER

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Remarkable progress of OVOP approach



The third Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting of the One Village One Product (OVOP) Project was held between the Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic and JICA. The main goal of the JCC is to monitor progress of the Project.

In January 2017, the 3rd phase of the OVOP project started. It is

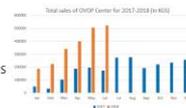
worth noting, that currently, that currently the OVOP Association in Issyk-Kul oblast includes more than 2300 members and the total sales volume of OVOP+1 for 2017 is more than 23 mln. soms. As for it's main achievements, OVOP developed 78 types of products (various types of jams, sweets, oils, dried fruits, etc.) for 1.5 years. Currently, OVOP products are sold at 43 sales points in Bishkek and other oblasts, 34 business contracts were also signed, with countries like Japan, Netherlands, the USA, Russia and others. The sales of the OVOP Center for the six months of 2018 have increased by 230% compared to 2017 over the same period and amounted to more than 2 179 000 soms. The

Kyrgyz Government included the OVOP approach into the structure for women's entrepreneurship support in the "Concept of the Regional Policy for 2018-2022." Besides that, Public-Private Partnership Platforms have been created in each oblast to promote OVOP activities in the regions. We hope that OVOP activities will contribute to promoting local industry and regional development through joint efforts. ●

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- ✓ Sales of OVOP Center
- 2017: 1,823,312 KGS
- Jan-Jun 2018: 2,179,889.55 KGS
- (230 % compared to 2017)



Forestry Enterprise Representatives learned how to properly dry medicinal herbs



Ms. Bermet Jurupova, project expert is delivering lecture on medicinal herbs and drying techniques

JICA Forestry Project conducted a training on drying medicinal herbs for employees of Karakol and Zheti-Oguz Forestry Enterprises (leshoze), providing the knowledge necessary to promote the business of dried herbs. The project collected information on domestic pharmaceutical companies, identified varieties of herbs, volumes and prices of medicinal herbs, and based training materials on people's needs. The training was conducted to study the properties and characteristics of medicinal herbs, safety measures and the proper timing of collection of medicinal herbs, types of equipment and methods of drying herbs, the requirements of HACCP standards, rules

for storage, transportation, labeling and packaging of finished products. The project distributed a manual on technological instructions for drying medicinal herbs to all participants so that they can use them in practice.

A participant of the training, a member of the Karakol forestry enterprise, expressed his gratitude to JICA and said: "Thanks to this training we learned how to properly harvest and dry herbs, and HACCP requirements. After all, the purpose of the leshoz is to attract local forest users to collect and dry medicinal herbs and wild berries for sale, which will be their additional income and improve their economic status." ●



Burdock – medicinal herbs, growing in the Kyrgyz Republic

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The First Training on Bridge Engineering In Japan



The method of lifting is used in the erection of the overpass near the city of Furano.

The first training on "Bridge Engineering" was held in Japan from July 22nd to August 11th, 2018, for employees of the Ministry of Transport and Roads (MOTR), the educational institution and the Design institute of the Kyrgyz Republic. To increase the design potential as well as to develop bridge engineering technologies, the participants listened to interesting lectures and visited various sites. The training was successfully completed, and the participants had a feedback meeting with all the

organizations. On August 16th at the MOTR, they shared their impressions of the visits and plans for the future trainings such as the creation of a working group for introducing the law on bridge inspections, the development of a plan for the implementation of courses for improving the qualifications of bridge engineers in the educational institution.

The acquired knowledge will be used to spread the information among the road organization employees, as well as to promote Japanese technologies in the design, construction and maintenance of bridges in the Kyrgyz Republic. ●



Surveying of the existing bridge by deploying special equipment.

Representatives from 5 regions got acquainted OVOP model



Representatives of Naryn region

The OVOP Project conducted model study tours in Issyk-Kul for all interested parties, including representatives of other partners such as UNDP, UNHCR, WFP.

In the framework of the project, three study tours were conducted, where more than 100 people from Naryn, Talas, Osh, Batken and Jalal-Abad regions took part.

"I am impressed by the study tour, how well the relationship between the OVOP and the producers is

established, which is based on mutual trust," said Dobutov Nurlanbek, Head of the Batken regional Department of Chemicalization and Plant Protection.

"The impressions of the trip are positive, with the support of this project women are provided with jobs that bring them a stable salary," said Rizashov Rahmanjan, representative of the Jalal-Abad Test, Standardization and Metrology Center under the MoE of the KR. ●



South regions representatives

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