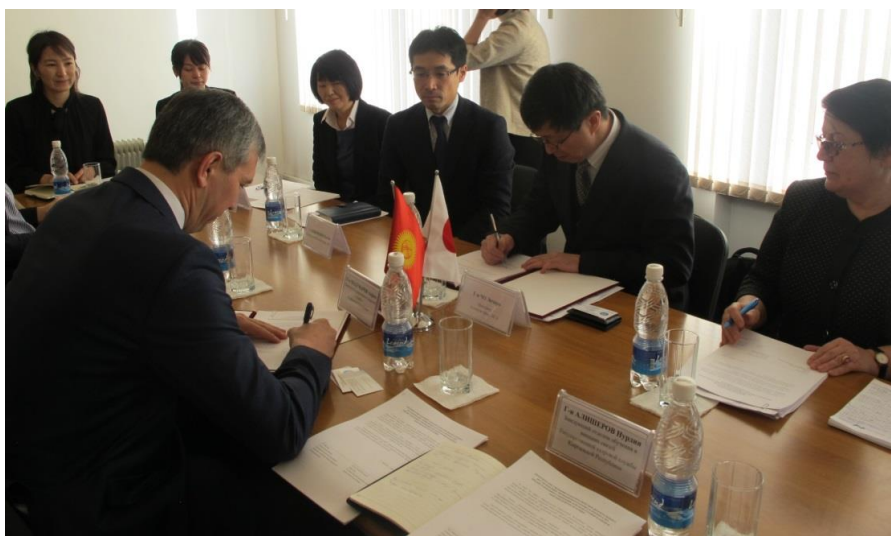


Scholarship for the Development of Human Resources (JDS)



Protocol signing between Director of the State Personnel Service (SPS) Mr. Madumarov Akram and the head of the preparatory survey mission Mr. Eiichiro Cho (Director General, Financial Cooperation Implementation Department, JICA HQ).

On February 2, 2018 the signing ceremony of the Minutes of the Discussion on the results of the preparatory survey was held within the framework of the grant project "Scholarship for the Development of Human Resources" (JDS).

An important agreement was to increase the number of quotas for scholarships to Japan to 20 seats. The total number of JDS program scholarship holders from the year 2019 Master's program will be 18 people and for the first time a doctoral program (PhD) for 2 people will be introduced.

To implement the project, the most promising and gifted young state and municipal employees will be identified and will be put work in the highest priority areas required by the country after training.

- Mr. Eiichiro Cho noted that out of all 13 countries taking part in the project, Kyrgyzstan is the most successful country. He noted that taking into account this circumstance, JICA increased the number of places in master's programs, and also introduced a doctoral program.

*The Government of Japan has been implementing the JDS Program in the framework of grant assistance in the Kyrgyz Republic since 2006. Currently, 176 state and municipal employees have been dispatched from Kyrgyzstan to Japan under the JDS Program.●

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Celebrating “Kyrgyzstan Day” in Japan



Japanese group Kiroro and Mr. Kikuchi CR of JICA KR Office.

On February 11th, 2018, at the JICA in Tokyo, “Kyrgyzstan Day” was celebrated, with more than 300 guests participating in the event. The event started with the opening remarks of H.E Mr. Ch. Aidarbekov, Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to Japan. The main part of the event was a talk session about Kyrgyzstan’s and JICA activities between Kiroro, a famous Japanese band who visited Kyrgyzstan both in 2004 and 2017, and the Chief Representative of JICA Kyrgyzstan Mr. Kikuchi. Besides that, guests also enjoyed a Komuz concert by JOCV alumni, the Kyrgyz movie “The Light Thief”, and a workshop of Kyrgyz embroidery on a felt porch conducted by OVOP project in Issyk-Kul region. As part of the event, JICA Restaurant staff provided Kyrgyz dishes such as Plov and Shashlyk. More than 260 guests savored Kyrgyz flavours in the capital of Japan. ●



JICA volunteers komuz concert.

JICA IN THE MEDIA

“Japanese experts presented a project on distance learning for STS employees.” The experts of the JICA project demonstrated the technical possibilities of distance learning by showing the video material with the training course on the tax legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic, which was compiled while taking into account the latest advances in information technology. The Chairman of the State Tax Service, Oktyabr Abdykaimov, stressed the special significance of the project for the tax system, as it will allow for the upgrading of the qualifications of the employees of territorial tax authorities using the remote method of training.

www.sti.gov.kg
February 8, 2018

“Japanese volunteers will be invited to Kyrgyzstan to train athletes.” Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) attracts instructors in physical culture and sports from Japan to Kyrgyzstan. The details of the cooperation were discussed by the Director of the State Agency for Youth, Physical Education and Sports, Kanat Amankulov, and the Coordinator of JICA volunteers, Ueda Miwa. Japan’s experience in the development of physical culture and sports is very important to us, Amankulov said.

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February 15, 2018

The Chief Representative of JICA KR visited Talas oblast



Mr. Kikuchi CR of JICA KR and Mr. Murataliev the Plenipotentiary Representative of the Government of the KR in Talas.

From 5 to 6 March, JICA representatives, led by Chief Representative Kikuchi Kazuhiko, visited Talas oblast. During the trip, the Chief Representative met with Mr. Murataliev, the Plenipotentiary Representative of the Government of the KR in Talas oblast, to discuss opportunities for cooperation in expanding the activities of JICA in

Talas oblast. Mr. Murataliev, in turn, expressed his readiness to cooperate with JICA in Talas oblast, especially in the business sector. Also, through a field visit to a farmer and exporter of kidney beans in Kara-Buura, district together with representatives of Kara-Buura district state administration and a discussion with JIA Talas, there are many possibilities for further cooperation in the development of Talas oblast. ●



Field visit in Talas.

“A meeting of the members of the JDS Steering Committee with professors of Japanese universities was held.” During the visit, consultative meetings of professors with representatives of human resource management departments of the target organization of the JDS project were also held. Based on the results of the events, a meeting of the professors of Japanese universities with the members of the JDS Project Management Committee took place, where they presented their assessments and recommendations on the candidates.

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OVOP Platform establishment in the regions



During the meeting in Osh.

In order to implement the “One Village One Product” (OVOP) approach in the regions of the country, on 9th and 14th of February 2018, a meeting of stakeholders regarding establishment of OVOP Platforms in the regions was held in the cities of Osh and Naryn. The stakeholders were representatives of the government authorities, business communities, various sectors and

the JICA OVOP Project. The mission of the OVOP Platform is strategic planning and the implementation of activities related to OVOP. At the same time, the Platform will combine the function of the Evaluation Committee and hold brand selection meetings regularly to award a trademark to local products. Members of the Platform evaluate prospective products in accordance with criteria, such as: made from local regional resources, environmentally friendly with no chemicals, uniqueness and originality of the product. The Platform participants will include representatives of various sectors and organizations, such as local authorities, sanitary and epidemiological centers, Gosstandart, business, touri

ism, academic sector, etc. Participants of the meeting expressed their readiness to cooperate in the development of the regions through utilizing the OVOP approach for local industry promotion.

*The third phase of the OVOP project was started in 2017, during which the OVOP Issyk-Kul model was planned to be disseminated to other regions of the country. ●



During the meeting in Naryn.

First Open Seminar on KAIZEN in Osh



KAIZEN lecturer Mr. Barykin Vitaliy.

Within the framework of a series of special seminars for SME representatives of the Osh region Kyrgyz-Japan Center (KRJC), an Open Seminar on Kaizen in Osh, in cooperation with the Secretariat for Business and Investment Development under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, was conducted for the first time.

The purpose of this seminar was to familiarize representatives of the local SME with modern methods of business process optimization based on the Japanese “Kaizen” business philosophy.

It is worth noting that in recent years this topic has been becoming more and more important and demanded. In 2017 in Bishkek, more than 300 people took part in Open seminars on Kaizen, held by KRJC. There was a great need and demand for the topic in Osh as well, thus more than 80 people took an active part in the seminar. The

seminar was conducted in both Russian and Kyrgyz. The seminar was mainly attended by representatives of the services and production fields. Many participants noted the importance of holding such seminars and, wishing to optimize the work processes in business, some of the participants invited the lecturers of KRJC to the aircraft catering Service Company for a guest visit to showcase the realities and problems of the PQM in their company.

We hope that the gained knowledge will be put into practice and will contribute to the development of SMEs in our republic.

*KRJC starts active work with all regions of the Kyrgyz Republic. Thus, we with all representatives of Karakol, Osh, Talas, Naryn and Jalal-Abad would like to have a fruitful cooperation and joint improvement of small and medium-sized businesses.



Seminar participants.

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Karaoke contest in Japanese language



Participants and jury members.

On February 17th 2018, KRJC conducted a Karaoke contest in Japanese. Students of Universities and schools in Bishkek interested in Japanese culture and language took part in the contest. Knowledge of Japanese was not mandatory, the only requirement being to sing a song in Japanese. Special guests of the contest included pupils of the Bilimkana-Kant-Luxemburg school and the secondary school named after I. Arabaev (Kochkor). The

contest winners were representatives of the Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University, Bilimkana - Bishkek, and the Bishkek Humanities University. They were awarded with certificates and prizes. All other participants of the contests received memorable prizes from KRJC.

Akylai (one of the contest winners): "I really wanted to participate in the Japanese Karaoke contest. I applied for participation and was selected. It was very exciting. The atmosphere during the contest was very friendly and comfortable. My sincere appreciation to the organizers of the event".



Special guests, Pupils from Arabaev secondary school (Kochkor).

JICA and UNDP will further cooperate in achieving (SDGs) in Kyrgyzstan



Ozonnia Ojiello, Resident Coordinator of UN System and Resident Representative of UNDP and Kikuchi Kazuhiko, JICA Chief Representative

On February 1st 2018, Kikuchi Kazuhiko, the JICA Chief Representative met with Ozonnia Ojiello, the newly appointed Resident Coordinator of UN System and Resident Representative of UNDP in Kyrgyzstan. Ozonnia Ojiello expressed his gratitude for the cooperation and noted that the partnership of JICA and UNDP resulted in the imple-

mentation of initiatives that brought innovative technologies to the electoral system, increasing the credibility of elections in Kyrgyzstan and served as a foundation for e-government development. The fruitful collaboration in disaster risk reduction efforts has also been noted. Ozonnia Ojiello was also briefed about the progress of Kyrgyzstan in achieving the SDGs.

Kikuchi Kazuhiko informed that JICA is revising its 5-year cooperation strategy with the KR and is happy to exchange information and further discuss possible areas for collaboration with UNDP, including human resources development, economic empowerment, export promotion and others.●

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