



in SERBIA



Through technical cooperation and ODA loan, JICA has been active in the areas of environmental protection and private sector development in Serbia. Volunteers are also sent and they are active in various fields.

FLUE GAS DESULPHURIZATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR THERMAL POWER PLANT NIKOLA TESLA

Scheme: **ODA loan**
L/A: **November 2011**
Counterpart organization: **Electric Power Industry of Serbia**

The project is expected to reduce air pollution (SO₂) at the largest thermal power plant in Serbia. It is the first ODA loan in Serbia and the construction is planned to be completed in 2021.

The FGD facility will enable TPP Nikola Tesla to fulfill the very strict EU environmental standard - less than 200 mg of Sulphur-dioxide concentration in flue gases per cubic meter. This will provide clean air and a healthy environment to all citizens of neighboring areas.



Inauguration ceremony in February 2019

THE PROJECT ON ESTABLISHMENT AND PROMOTION OF MENTORING SERVICE FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SMEs) IN THE WESTERN BALKANS (PHASE2)

Scheme: **Technical Cooperation**
Project period: **August 2008 to August 2011 (Phase 1)**
September 2017 to August 2020 (Phase 2)
Counterpart organization: **Development Agency of Serbia**

99% of the registered companies in Serbia are SMEs, and they play an important role in economic development and employment. The Project aims to establish a "Mentor Service System", in which the mentors provide practical advice to SMEs to grow their business. This system is based on the Japanese experience of the government-certified business advisers for SMEs. JICA started the first phase of the Project in Serbia in 2008; it expanded to Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia and Montenegro in Phase 2 of the Project.



Mentoring Award Ceremony

JICA VOLUNTEER (JAPAN OVERSEAS COOPERATION VOLUNTEER AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER)

Scheme: **Volunteer** Project Period: **February 2010~**

JICA Volunteer program launched in 1965, and over 50,000 volunteers have been sent to around 90 countries up to now. In Serbia, the first SV (senior volunteer) was sent in 2010 and the first JOCV (younger volunteer) was sent in 2019. As summarized by the phrase "together with the local community", JICA volunteers live and work together with the communities in the country in which they were sent, and carry out activities with an emphasis on raising self-reliant efforts while fostering mutual understanding. Serbia is currently the only country in Europe where JICA volunteers are sent. Over 18 volunteers have been sent to Serbia in the following areas:

Japanese language education, support for people with disabilities, disaster management, tourism, food processing, nursing, KENDO, business management.



Mr. Yuya Miyagi (2nd from right), the first JOCV to Serbia (support for the people with disabilities)

PROJECT FOR THE RESEARCH ON THE INTEGRATION SYSTEM OF SPATIAL ENVIRONMENT ANALYSIS AND ADVANCED METAL RECOVERY TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Scheme: **Technical Cooperation/SATREPS**
Project period: **April 2015 to March 2020**
Counterpart organizations: **Ministry of Mining and Energy, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Mining and Metallurgy Institute Bor and Technical Faculty Bor, University of Belgrade**

In and around the mining center of Bor in Serbia, mining and metallurgical activities have produced waste material that contains metals, leading to environmental pollution issues. This project aims to conduct fact-finding surveys of the pollution and develop technologies to recover metal from mining waste and wastewater, thereby establishing methods of resource development that are

environmentally-friendly. It is also working on ways of recycling the recovered metals, with the aim of ensuring that environmental measures become a sustainable system. Furthermore, the project builds capacity in the form of local researchers able to deal with environmental issues and represents a contribution to Serbia's economic development through mining.



Field survey - sampling of acidic mine drainage

ABOUT JICA

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) assists and supports developing countries as the executing agency of the Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA).

In accordance with its vision of "Leading the world with trust", JICA supports the resolution of issues of developing and transient countries by using the most suitable tools of various assistance methods and a combined regional-, country- and issue-oriented approach.

JICA is in charge of administering all ODA such as technical cooperation, finance and investment cooperation and grants in an integrated manner, except for contributions to international organizations. JICA, the world's largest bilateral aid agency, operates in over 150 countries and regions and has approximately 90 overseas offices.



Technical Cooperation

For the human resources development and the formulation of administrative systems of developing countries, technical cooperation involves the dispatch of experts, the provision of necessary equipment and the training of personnel from developing countries in Japan and other countries. The cooperation plans can be tailored to address a broad range of issues.



Project for the Research on the Integration System of Spatial Environment Analysis and Advanced Metal Recovery to Ensure Sustainable Resource Development



Training in Japan: Enhancement of solid waste management capacity

Finance and Investment Cooperation

ODA LOAN

The ODA loans support developing countries by providing low-interest, long-term and concessional funds. The ODA loans are used for large-scale infrastructure and other forms of development that require substantial funds.

PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT FINANCE

JICA supports the acceleration of developing countries' economic/social growth through the private sector, through debt and equity investment for the development projects of private companies.



Flue Gas Desulphurization Construction Project for the Thermal Power Plant Nikola Tesla

Grants

Grants are the provisions of funds to developing countries that have low income levels, without the obligation of repayment. Grants are used for the improvement of basic infrastructures such as schools, hospitals, water-supply facilities and roads, along with obtaining health and medical care, equipment and other requirements.



Yellow buses donated to the City of Belgrade

Disaster Relief

Research

Cooperation through Citizen Participation



Ms. Hirata, JICA Volunteer (Japanese language education)

ABOUT JICA BALKAN OFFICE

Established in 2006 in Belgrade, Serbia, JICA Balkan Office covers Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia. JICA Balkan Office provides assistance for growth and stability to the countries of the region, working mainly in the areas of environmental conservation, private sector development and consolidation of peace.

*The Government of Japan recognized Kosovo as an independent country on March 18th, 2008.

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