

**Press Release on
“JICA-NEPCO Training for Iraqi Power Network Engineers”**

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the National Electric Power Company (NEPCO) will carry out Power Network System Training for forty Engineers from Ministry of Electricity of Iraq (MOEI) under JICA's third country training programme.

The training will start from 4th May at Dispatch Center of NEPCO.

As part of its efforts to the reconstruction of Iraq, Japan has committed to rehabilitate National Dispatch Center of Iraq (NDCI) through UNDP as well as provide twenty seven mobile substations through bi-lateral grant aid.

This training will receive Iraqi engineers from dispatch control sector, mainly from NDCI, and provide them with up-to-date power operation and control system technology. It is expected to enhance efficiency of NDCI function by developing capacities of its staffs.

NEPCO has a close tie with MOEI and it has received other training request from MOEI such as welding and ISO standardization. They are now under consideration with JICA for implementation.

JICA is keen on carrying out capacity building programmes for Iraqi engineers since its major concern is to facilitate reconstruction of Iraq through technical cooperation as well as provision of equipment. Training programme on electricity is the threshold and other sectors will be followed accordingly.