

Press Release

TCTP Water Resources Management

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The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) will carry out the joint training programme from 25th August to 6th September, in the sector of Water Resources Management for 24 Iraqi Engineers from Ministry of Water Resources in Iraq.

Iraq, as a country situated in the Fertile Crescent, has the longest and proudest history of agriculture and irrigation in the region, and had very well developed irrigation system in 1980s. Unfortunately, over the past decades of devastating periods which Iraq had to go through, the sector of water resources now in Iraq is in a very difficult state. Also, amount of available water resources is said to be declining because of decreasing water inflow and improper irrigation system.

This training programme is organized under the agreement with the government of Japan and Jordan, and the course focuses on the water resources management which is of vital importance for industrial and agricultural development.

The course is designed to have participants understand the latest water resources management system with up-to-date technologies as well as effective water usage systems.

Jordan, as one of those countries with the scarcest water

resources, has very sophisticated water resources management system such as SCADA system, a water distributing system to farmers, a water recycling system to plantations and so forth.

Through the attendance at the course, field visits and exchanges with the Jordanian counterparts, the Iraqi participants are expected to learn these systems and experiences in Jordan.

JICA, as technical cooperation agency, has conducted capacity development programmes in various fields in cooperation with Jordan and other neighboring countries in line with Japanese Government's Iraq reconstruction programme.

So far, training programmes in health, electricity, statistics, for totaling 200 Iraqi participants have been successfully implemented this year. We plan to organize these training programmes in many other sectors as such as IT, cultural heritage, water supply and sewage in order to support reconstruction of Iraq. The total number to be trained within this Japanese fiscal year will be approximately 600.

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