

LANDSLIDE RISK REDUCTION PROJECT AT MELBROOK HEIGHTS CONT'D



Mr. Masami Shukunobe (centre) – Resident Representative of JICA Jamaica Office, addressing residents of Melbrook Heights at the ODPEM Community Briefing on June 20, 2012. The MoSSaC Project was the beneficiary of Japanese Government's funding.

Speaking at the Risk Reduction Briefing at Melbrook Heights, St Andrew, Mr. Masami Shukunobe, Resident Representative of JICA Jamaica's Office, noted JICA Jamaica Office's commitment to disaster management and mitigation in Jamaica by way of technical cooperation support, training and future dispatch of volunteers to ODPEM, local Parish Councils and other agencies that may be engaged in disaster management and risk reduction.



Mr. Ronald Jackson, Director General of ODPEM outlining aspects of the Landslide Risk Reduction Project at ODPEM.



Mr. Christopher Gayle – Research Analyst, ODPEM making a presentation of the proposed drainage plans for the Mossaic Project in Melbrook Heights on June 20, 2012. Mr. Gayle was also a beneficiary of JICA's Long-Term Training Programme in Japan from 2010 to 2012.



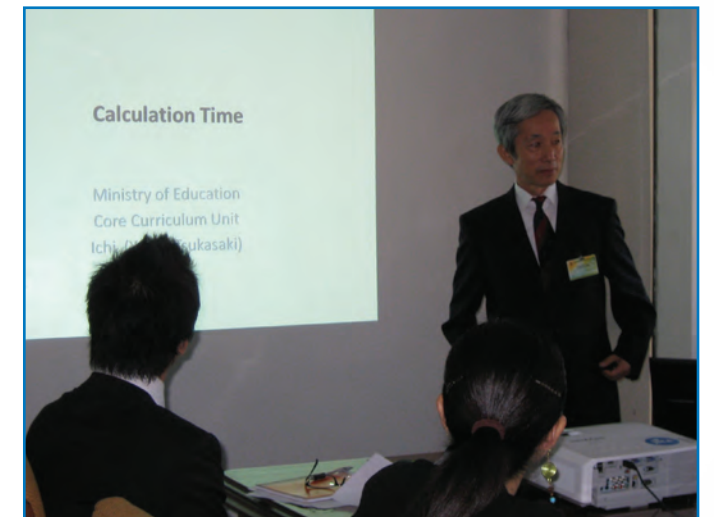
JICA VOLUNTEERS

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been conducting volunteer program, one of its most important of its activities in Jamaica since the first dispatch of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) in 1989. It is a system of dispatching Japanese volunteers overseas. JOCV is one of the programs of the JICA aimed at providing technical assistance in developing countries.

Together with counterparts in the local organization in which they are dispatched, Volunteers help to build the capacity of the host organization and support project and programs. They plan, collaborate and evaluate with the counterpart and local staff. The purpose of the JOCV is for the volunteer and the local staff to learn and work together.



IT Volunteer at Min. of Education Region 1 and Delano Neil- Counterpart conducting a workshop for MOE Staff.



Presentation of the pilot project "Calculation Time" at PIOJ by Senior Volunteer dispatched to the Min. of Education as an Advisor of Arithmetic & Mathematics in the Core Curriculum Unit.



Senior Volunteers in discussions with members of the Bilateral Unit at PIOJ



Senior Volunteer conducting training for crafters in craft making at the " CHUPSE Studio" - JAID Adult Centre Programme.



JICA VOLUNTEER CONT'D



Senior Volunteer dispatched to National Works Agency (NWA) presenting a copy of a Study on GeoTechnical Engineering Practices in Jamaica.



JOCV Member dispatched to the Hanover 4H Clubs conducting an Environmental Awareness session at a primary school.



P.E. Instructor conducting a class at the Llandilo School of Special Education.



JOCV Member - IT Technician dispatched to Ministry of Education, Region 2 conducting a workshop on computer maintenance.



JOCV Member dispatched to the Salvation Army School for the Blind, teaching swimming to blind pupils at the institution.



JOCV Gymnastics Instructor assigned to the Jamaica Amateur Gymnastics Association assisting with judging the schools' competition at the Girls Guide Association of Jamaica. 2012

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Communities across Jamaica regularly affected by the adverse impacts of severe weather events, have for decades experimented with and developed practices to cope with these risks. Regarding landslides specifically, many of these practices have been implemented without a proper understanding of the morphology and hydrology of the environment, which has often led to very costly and ineffective solutions. As a result, most communities still remain vulnerable to this type of hazard. The communities look to the Government for solutions, but limited resources are a major challenge to cover all the needs identified.

With a view to establish and promote new policies to mitigate against this type of disaster, a new low-cost, community-based approach to landslide risk reduction, MOSSAIC "Management of Slope Stability in Communities", was developed in 2003. This approach was founded on the vision that there is often sufficient capacity within Governments to address such landslide issues, without needing to incur significant additional costs by employing non-Government specialist staff. Such expenditure adds to debt and only sub optimally builds within-country capacity. The approach develops a multi sectorial management team, implements a community-based approach to landslide risk assessment, develops low-cost interventions through the social intervention fund and builds capacity through community knowledge transfer.

The successful pilot project undertaken in the Skate Town community, Castries, St. Lucia, West Indies, demonstrates the feasibility of such a low-cost approach to landslide risk reduction and offers a major step forward in establishing appropriate preventative measures for minimizing landslide risk in vulnerable communities.



Mr. Masami Shukunobe (right) Resident Representative of JICA Jamaica Office, discussing aspects of the MoSSaic Project with Mr. Ronald Jackson, Director General of ODPEM.

The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM), requested support for piloting this successful approach in Jamaica. The main objectives of the project are:

1. To reduce risks of vulnerable communities to natural disasters
2. To develop/provide evidence based toolkit for vulnerability reduction throughout the Caribbean.

The project is targeting five (5) communities in Jamaica, within a three (3) year period, funded by the Japan Social Development Fund to the amount US\$2.37 million and administered by the World Bank.

The MOSSAIC model was presented to the community members by the Disaster Mitigation team of ODPEM, and Malcolm Anderson, Professorial Research Fellow, University of Bristol. A draft of the alternative drainage plans were also presented to the community.

JICA HELPING TO IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY IN JAMAICA

Since 2009, the Jamaica Productivity Centre (JPC), the national organization responsible for promoting and facilitating productivity enhancement in Jamaica, has enjoyed a mutually beneficial working relationship with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The Technical Assistance Services Unit of the Centre was bolstered by the presence of Mr. Makoto Oyama, a JICA productivity expert who spent two years at the centre from January 2009 to January 2011. Mr. Oyama was succeeded by Mr. Akira Tonouchi, whose tenure at the Centre is from January 2011 to January 2013.



The productivity concepts of Kaizen and 5S are a part of JPC’s approach to improving workplace productivity; as such Mr. Tonouchi plays a leading role in teaching individuals and organizations to apply these concepts in a practical way on a daily basis. He believes this will help in improving productivity at the individual, enterprise and industry levels, thereby positively impacting sectoral and national productivity levels as well.

A key role of Mr. Tonouchi is that of transferring his knowledge and experience in productivity improvement, ensuring that when his tenure comes to an end, the Centre will still benefit from the wealth of knowledge he possesses. This transfer takes place through the Centre’s capacity building sessions, seminars and workshops delivered to employees and employers.

One participant at an Introduction to 5S workshop conducted by Mr. Tonouchi, remarked, “I like the clarity of the material presented on the importance of productivity in our workplace. This will do well for our company.”

The Productivity Expert has also conducted interventions with some small businesses, viewing factory and workspace and making recommendations for improvement. Over the years, there has been an increase in the number of organizations to which the JPC has provided productivity related assistance. The technical expertise and knowledge of the Senior Volunteers has helped the JPC to provide its clients with the highest quality of service, advice and training.



Ms. Tamar Nelson - Senior Productivity Specialist at Jamaica Productivity Centre conducting a workshop along with Senior volunteer in KAIZEN and 5S Concepts.



Senior Volunteer with Mrs. Tamar Nelson, his counterpart at the JPC, Mrs. Jackie Coke-Lloyd, Head of Make Your Mark Consultants, and Mrs. Tenneisha Nelson, JPC, at a workshop titled ‘Identifying Organizational Waste’

TYPES OF VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMES

Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs)

Recruitment campaigns target people between the ages of 20 and 39, with the areas of cooperation spanning diverse sectors and a range of about 120 sub- sectors, including agriculture, forestry and fisheries, fabrication,repair operations, civil engineering, sanitation, education and culture, sports as well as planning and administration.

** In addition to the regular volunteer dispatch period of two (2) years (long-term volunteers), short-term volunteers can be recruited and dispatched for periods of less than one year in response to local requests.*



	TERM	ORGANIZATION DISPATCHED	JOB TITLE
JOCV	2009- 2011	Min. of Education - Region 3	IT Technician
JOCV	2009- 2011	Jamaica Gymnastics Association	Gymnastics Instructor
JOCV	2009- 2011	JAID - Woodlawn School	Carpentry Instructor
JOCV	2009- 2011	JAID -Llandilo School	P.E. Instructor
JOCV	2009- 2011	JAID - Edgehill School	P.E. Instructor
JOCV	2009- 2011	Jamaica Gymnastics Association	Gymnastics Instructor
JOCV	2010- 2012	Min. of Education - Region 1	IT Technician
JOCV	2011- 2013	Salvation Army School of Blind	P.E. Instructor
JOCV	2011- 2013	Min. of Education - Region 2	IT Technician
JOCV	2011- 2013	Hanover 4-H Clubs	Environmental Education Instructor
JOCV	2011- 2013	JAID -Llandilo School	Handicraft Intructor
JOCV	2011- 2013	Min. of Education - Region 3	IT Technician
JOCV	2011- 2013	UWI	Japanese Language Instructor
JOCV	2011- 2013	Manchester 4-H Clubs	Environmental Education Instructor
JOCV	2011- 2013	Jamaica Gymnastics Association	Gymnastics Instructor
JOCV	2011- 2013	JAID -Llandilo School	P.E. Instructor
Short term	2012	Jamaica Gymnastics Association	Gymnastics Instructor
JOCV	2012- 2014	Portland 4-H Clubs	Environmental Education Instructor
Short term	2012	Jamaica Association on Intellectual Disabilities (JAID)	Handicraft Specialist



PE Instructor at Edgehill School of Special Education making a presentation on his activities at the PIOJ Final Report Session - Sept 2011

Senior Volunteers (SV)

Recruitment targets people between the ages of 40 to 69 who have a strong desire to participate in cooperative activities in developing countries utilizing their solid experiences, including specialized knowledge and technologies, cultivated over long years.



Senior Volunteer - conducting damage assessment in Jack's Hill, St. Andrew.



Senior Volunteer - presenting his Final Report to members of PIOJ and NWA - 2011

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SV	2009- 2011	Jamaica Productivity centre	Productivity Improvement Advisor
SV	2010- 2012	National Works Agency	Hydraulic Engineer
SV	2010- 2012	National works Agency	Geo-Technical Engineer
SV	2011- 2014	JAID	Special Education Instructor
SV	2011- 2013	Jamaica Productivity Centre	Productivity Specialist
SV	2011- 2013	Ministry of Education	Mathematics Advisor
SV	2012- 2014	National Works Agency	Hydraulic Engineer
SV	2012- 2014	National Env. Planning Agency	Environmental Management Advisor
Short Term	2012	National Works Agency	Geo- Technical Engineer



JOCV members participating in JCF Community Safety and Security Summer Camp 2011

JICA PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED IN JAMAICA

The partnership between JICA and the Jamaica Association on Intellectual Disabilities (JAID), begun in 1994 with the dispatch of the first JICA Volunteer. Over 20 volunteers have been dispatched to JAID in the areas of carpentry, woodcraft, handicraft, arts and craft, physical education and special education. This partnership has also allowed for capacity building and skills transfer to counterparts and JAID staff with the development of training manuals, best practices methods and technical expertise in the different areas of Special Education. In recent years, six (6) volunteers were dispatched to JAID in the areas of Special Education, P.E. and handicraft.

These Volunteers provide support and invigorate person with disability to make them productive members of society. The activities include building relations between the community and school and assisting to establish the adult program at JAID.

Other activities include workshops for teachers and instructors (assisted by Volunteers attached to Jamaica 4-H Clubs), undertaking a needs survey of outlets to sell goods produced at the JAID Adult Centre (Chupse Studio), a one year training/ apprenticeship programme for JAID students at the UCC Coffee Factory, Coffee beans accessory making and sales, Workshops of Art & Craft and gymnastic competitions



Short Term Volunteer working with participants at the JAID Adult Centre in the Chuspe Studio



JICA Senior Volunteer, (Special Education Advisor), JOCV Member - Handcraft Instructor, Environment Education Instructor at Jamaica 4-H Clubs at a training with JAID teachers following a workshop.

