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Remarks from Chief Representative

Welcome to the 1st edition of JICA Iran Office Newsletter !



It is my great pleasure to deliver this 1st edition of JICA Iran Office Newsletter to you. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), as an implementation agency of Official Development Assistance (ODA) of Japanese government, has been working to provide technical and financial cooperation to Iran since 1957, in order to support social and economic development which can enhance the lives of people of Iran. For that purpose, JICA has been working in extensive fields hand in hand with many counterpart organizations of Iran, such as Infrastructure Development, Enhancement of Job Creation, Disaster Risk Reduction, Water Resources Management, Conservation of Natural Environment, Environmental Pollution Control, and so on.

In this Newsletter, we would like to introduce you JICA's activities of "Now" in order to show "how effectively JICA contributes to people" in Iran. I hope it would be useful to understand JICA, and if you have any comments or inquiries about JICA or any articles, please do not hesitate to contact us. I hope you enjoy it !

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Iran and Japan,

Sharing the Knowledge of Earthquake

In Iran, earthquake occurs frequently, so as in Japan. Considering this issue, Japan as one of the most advanced countries in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) management has been cooperating with Tehran Disaster Mitigation and Management Organization (TDMMO) in several projects through JICA since 1998.

In the previous projects, potential damage in Tehran was estimated and based on the result DRR & Management Plan of Tehran was established.

TDMMO staff also visited Kesen'numa city in Japan, one of the cities that suffered the most damage from

the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011, and re-acknowledged the importance of disaster preparedness.

Inheriting those achievements, new Project "Capacity Building for Local DRR and Management Plan in Tehran to promote disaster resilience in the Islamic Republic of Iran" was launched in May, 2022. One of the purposes is to revise DRR & Management Plan of Tehran and make it available nationwide. Japanese Experts will bring the most advanced knowledge to enhance the capacity of DRR in Iran.



Kick off meeting for the Project in May



Visiting Kesen'numa city in Japan

Barrier-free Support Project in Karaj 2018-2022

I can go out on my own!



What is needed for disabled people to go out to city on their own? That is, Barrier-free, meaning that designed so that people with disabilities are not prevented from using something. Even just a few cm height of step prevents those people from going through the streets safely by their selves.

Karaj Municipality, in the project with "Mint Association for Supporting Persons with Disabilities in Iran" a NGO in Japan, worked on Barrier-free on the main street of Karaj city. They eliminated the steps on the sidewalks, covered the rainwater gutters etc.

"Thanks to this project, I am able to leave the house on my own. Barrier-free has changed my life." We received this full of happiness message from a woman who participated in the project.

Many Workshops were also held both in Iran and Japan. Some of them were at schools for children, to promote their understanding about disabilities by experiencing wheelchair etc. Some were for training Barrier-free experts in Karaj by Japanese experts, through making city maps with plots of modification-needed-spots in terms of Barrier-free.

4 countries together on-line

Training on Participatory Local Social Development Aug.22,2022

Iran, Japan, The Philippines and Tanzania. 4 countries gathered online under the training scheme of JICA, for workshop of "Participatory Local Social Development (PLSD)". The Philippines and Tanzania shared their experiences of PLSD with more than 45 Iranian participants from Municipalities and Rural Management Organization (MRMO).

PLSD is one of the strategic frameworks in which government officials promote the foundation for self-

reliant and sustainable development of the local community.

The Philippines shared how people in Taysan Resettlement site, in which the people came from 42 different villages, formulated the People's Organization and tackled problems in the site such as lack of water supplies by themselves.

Tanzania shared their project, in which Local Government Authority trained facilitators on PLSD and dispatched them to several villages, for villagers to work on road construction, communal forest management, school construction etc. by themselves.

MRMO is planning to apply this approach in Iran to provide a better public service with local participation; we hope they can also share their experiences with other countries in the near future.

