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OF INTEREST

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Health Sector

Municipal Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycle Let's Close the Loop!

A Japanese word “Mottainai”, which means “too good to waste”, shows the Japanese mind to cherish resources and things. Based on this mind, technologies of waste management including intermediate treatment and recycling have been established and elaborated in Japan.

From July 28 to August 10, 2023, a training program on “Capacity Building for Municipal Waste Reduction, Reuse and Recycle (3Rs) and Treatment Process” was successfully conducted in Japan so as to improve the capacity of Iranian local governments in policy making and planning for waste management.

Within this 2-weeks program, JICA hosted 9 Iranian officials from Municipality, Rural Management Organization (MRMO) and

Waste Management Organizations (WMO) of 7 Municipalities including: Isfahan, Qom, Rasht, Mashhad, Rasht, Shiraz, Tabriz and Tehran.

‘The reason for the high quality of these waste management in Japan is due to the culture of the people and the right policies. We see very few trash cans in Tokyo and Japanese people have very little leftover’

—Training Participant

This program consisted of a series of lectures by the Japanese experts addressing of waste

management in Japan, including guidelines for 3R introduction by local governments and example cases of several cities in Japan etc. The participants also visited different sites such as MUSASHINO Clean Center, a waste processing plant in Tokyo where combustible/non-combustible, bulky and hazardous waste are treated, and SHISHIBA Forest Eco Factory, a complex facility for recycling in Chiba prefecture with one of the highest capacities in Japan.

In the last phase of the Program, the participants discussed and worked on making 3R plans on their own. They will localize and apply the experiences/knowledge that they gained in the training program to their own organizations and cities back in Iran.



Site visit to SHISHIBA Forest Eco Factory



Workshops on making 3R plans on their own

Income Generation for Locals as Environmental Stewards

Since 2018, Technical Cooperation Project on “Capacity Development for Participatory Forest and Rangeland Management in Upper Karoon Basin” has been jointly conducted by the Natural Resources and Watershed Management Organization (NRWMO), its affiliated Offices (NRWGOs) of 6 provinces including Chahar Mahal va Bakhtiari, Lorestan, Khuzestan, Fars, Esfahan, Kohgiluyeh va Boyer-Ahmad and JICA, aiming at environmental conservation and rural economic development by promoting income generating activities of locals which contribute to alleviating over-use of natural resources.



Through the Project, village potentials were identified, and locals were empowered to cultivate profitable plants such as saffron, medicinal plants and rainfed crops with high retail value. Many training programs and workshops were also held to promote marketing skill of villagers for local products such as dried fruits, handcraft carpets and jewelries as well as beekeeping.

As for carpet weaving, women were encouraged to obtain the official certificates of carpet weaving

which allowed them to set contract and sell their products.

As a result, they have managed to successfully introduce and sell their products in different exhibitions and the different markets.

These activities have considerably contributed to reduce overgrazing, excessive firewood collection and water consumption. Furthermore, it will help in securing the natural resources for our future generations.

In early May 2023, JICA Chief Representative Mr. Tanaka, together with the Project's supplier, visited Imam Hossein and Arash Women Hospitals in Tehran. Under the grant aid “Project for Improvement of Medical Equipment in Tehran City” supported by JICA, these hospitals are

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going to receive total 12 pieces of sophisticated medical equipment such as MRI, CT, angiography, echocardiography, endo-sonography, digital X-ray, digital mammography units etc., to strengthen diagnostic services and treatment of cancer and cardiovascular diseases.



Hospitals, supplier and JICA discussing future operations

The purpose of the visit was to see the progress of the renovation of rooms where equipment would be installed, as it is one of the recipient country's obligations to make sure the renovation work is completed before the arrival of the equipment. Both hospitals are working hard to prepare the site, and all the parties involved such as the project's consultant and the supplier, Ministry of Health and Medical Education, Board of Trustees for Saving Currencies in the Treatment of Patients (Heyat-Omana-Arzi, HOA), and JICA are committed to fulfilling their responsibilities and communicating closely with each other to ensure the success of the Project.