

## SERBIA

### Mentoring Forum and Overall Coordinating Meeting (OCM) held in Belgrade

On November 27, Development Agency of Serbia (RAS) hosted Serbia's Mentoring Forum in Belgrade. This annual event provides Serbia's mentors with opportunities for the exchange of valuable experiences and showcases the best examples of co-operation between mentors and beneficiaries of the Standardized Mentoring Service. This year, partner organizations from the region attended the event so

the gathered mentors were able to learn about best practices from mentors and their beneficiary representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and North Macedonia. The goal of this gathering was to highlight the importance of mentoring as one of the most significant forms of non-financial support for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs).

On this occasion, Overall Coordinating Meeting (OCM) for this Project was also held and all the partners from implementing entities from Montenegro, North Macedonia, and both entities of Bosnia and Herzegovina were able to present the fruits of each of their labor and the challenges that are being faced by each of them in the Project's implementation.

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### Mentor Award Ceremony

On November 8, the Development Agency of Serbia organized the Mentor Award event in Belgrade, which is within the project "Strengthening and Expanding of SME Mentoring Services in Western Balkan Countries". The event was organized to present the best mentoring practices from a selection of regional centers after which the members of the jury and attendees voted and selected

the best mentor for the past year. The winner of the mentor award in the category of working with Start-Ups was Ms. Natasa Jovanović from the Regional Development Agency "Zlatibor" (Uzice), while in the category of working with Mature SMEs, the winner was Regional Development Agency Subotica's Ms. Lila Nadj Fodor.



*Ms. Lila Nadj Fodor and Ms. Natasa Jovanovic as the best mentors in 2024*

## NORTH MACEDONIA



*Mr. Nebi Jusufi as the most successful mentor in North Macedonia*

On November 21, The Agency for Support of Entrepreneurship hosted the annual Mentor Awards event, as part of its Standardized Mentoring Services Program. The event confirmed the vital role of mentors in boosting the effectiveness and competitiveness of Macedonian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and promoted the recognition of mentoring services as essential drivers of success and sustainability for Macedonian businesses.

The "Most Successful Mentor" award was presented to Nebi Jusufi from the Regional Center Tetovo, while the authorization for On-the-Job Training Instructor (OJTI) was granted to Evgenija Lisičova from the Regional Center Skopje. Authorizations for Classroom Training Trainers (CRTT) were awarded to Nikola Dimkovski from the Regional Center Bitola (Communication Skills) and Toni Cvetanovski from ESA - Regional Center Ohrid (Human Resources Management).

## European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR) hosted by the Government of Montenegro- Voice of the JICA Senior Adviser Mr. NAKATA Hiroshi



*Information corner of JICA's Project on NbS for DRR (Mr. NAKATA first from the left)*

Europe and Central Asia Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction is an inter-governmental platform for addressing regional disaster risk challenges in Europe and Central Asia, comprising 55 countries. The Regional Platform has established itself as a vehicle to address regional disaster risk challenges, gathering stakeholders across governments, including their senior leadership members, civil society, and the private sector, enabling knowledge-sharing and making commitments to reducing disaster risk tangible. It supports implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 30 and is held every three years.

In 2024, it was hosted by the Government of Montenegro from November 6-8, in collaboration with the United

Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, and with the support of UNDP, the European Commission and the Council of Europe. In addition to the conventional challenges of the Forum, an emphasis was also given to the synergy between disaster risk reduction and climate change. A political declaration was forwarded to UNFCCC-COP29 in the following week in Baku, Azerbaijan. JICA made various contributions. Among others, it contributed through a) an information corner of the Projects in the Western Balkans on national forest/landscape fire information systems/nature-based solutions for disaster risk management, b) organizing a field visit to the coastal forest in Ulcinj and c) a presentation at the Ignite Stage.

### WESTERN BALKAN

## Kick-off mission with Tourism Expert

During November and December 2024, Mr. Kakeru FURIHATA, newly assigned expert in tourism, conducted the Kick-off mission in the Western Balkan countries (WB). He has met with the representatives of all line Ministries and the National Tourism Organization and the overall framework of the JICA support has been confirmed with all counterparts. The site visits were organized to the impressive landmarks in all 6 countries that used this opportunity to introduce WB region in full tourism potential. With such insights, together with the knowledge and experience on sustainable tourism, it is agreed that Mr. Furihata will adjust the international standard and the guideline to the needs of the Western Balkan countries. Through the cooperation with all relevant institutions, both state and local level, the working groups for the assessment on country level will be established. As a commencement step, it is agreed that all counterparts will prepare the long list of potential project sites related to "sustainable tourism".



*Site visit of Matka Canyon in North Macedonia*

## Summary of the latest activities within the Environmental Improvement Project in Pancevo City

From November 18 to 22, a series of meetings and events were held in Serbia as part of an environmental improvement project supported by JICA. Key activities included:

- University of Belgrade: Confirmed project schedules, shared updates on PFAS-related research, and discussed future directions, such as bioremediation.
- JICA Balkan Office: Reviewed past achievements in technology transfer and human resource development for pollution control and discussed the need for air quality monitoring.
- Pancevo City Hall: Adjusted symposium content, confirmed progress in groundwater monitoring,

and explored continued cooperation with local authorities.

- Symposium: Shared results of contamination surveys and environmental education activities. Presentations highlighted Japan's experience in PCB treatment and waste management as a model for Serbia.
- Air Quality Monitoring: Conducted sampling of mercury levels for analysis in Japan.
- Working Group Meeting: Proposed installing Serbia's first septic tank system in Ponjavica Nature Park, advancing PFAS research, and strengthening Japan-Serbia collaboration.



*Field work by the professors*

The project has successfully achieved its goals in human resource development, environmental education, and sustainable environmental practices. Plans include continued support for waste management and pollution remediation in Ponjavica Nature Park, leveraging Japanese expertise and technology.

## ALBANIA

### “Project for Promotion of Financial Inclusion and Business Development in Response to Gender and Digital Technology in the Republic of Albania” officially commenced

On November 27, Ministry of Economy, Culture and Innovation (MEKI), Savings and Credit Association FEDinvest and JICA signed the Record of Discussions for implementing a Technical Cooperation Project titled: “Project for Promotion of Financial Inclusion and Business Development in Response to Gender and Digital Technology”.

The purpose of the Project is to enhance the sustainable development of ABA digital platform, as a key enabler for financial inclusion and business development of smallholders and MSMEs, particularly among youth and women. Through this Project the access to finance, as well as competitiveness of smallholders

and MSMEs in rural areas and agri-tourism, will improve their economic growth and livelihood. The Project will achieve its objective by bringing a particular focus on issues like gender, digital responsive financial inclusion, as well as business development services.

## KOSOVO

### Seminar on Tourism Marketing and Promotion

On December 5, former KCCP participant Ms. Etnike Dibrani held the seminar on Tourism Marketing and Promotion where she presented her Action Plan developed during her training course in Japan. She shared valuable lessons on tourism development and strategies for marketing and promotion, emphasizing how these could be adapted and implemented in Kosovo's tourism sector. President of JICA Alumni Association of Kosovo, Ms. Nezakete Hakaj, JICA Balkan Office Representatives Mr. Jun Hirashima and Ms. Hane Yurie, and members of NO-

MAD Kosova NGO enriched the discussion, and their collective engagement underscored the importance of cross-cultural collaboration and knowledge exchange in advancing Kosovo's tourism potential.

Ms. Dibrani's reflections not only highlighted the benefits of JICA's training programs but also set a foundation for actionable steps to enhance the visibility and appeal of Kosovo as a tourism destination. This seminar served as a platform for fostering innovative ideas and strengthening partnerships in the tourism sector.



*Ms. Dibrani's presentation of the action plan for her colleagues*



## JICA Alumni Association of Kosovo (JAAK) marked 15th Anniversary

On November 21, JICA Alumni Association of Kosovo celebrated 15th anniversary in Pristina. The event brought together around 50 former KCCP participants in Japan and other distinguished partners. The event started with the musical performance of the children's choir "Ocarina", conductor Ms. Elikona Hysaj-Shala, and continued with the speeches of, HE. Mr. Ejup Maqedonci Minister of Defense, former JICA trainee, Ms. Safet Merovci Professor of Prishtina University, former JICA trainee, HE, Mr. Sabri Kiçmari, Ambassador of Kosovo to Japan Mr. Keissuke Yamanaka Charge d'Affaires of Embassy of Japan in Prishtina, as well as Mr. Fukuda Hajime, JICA Balkan Office Chief Representative. More than 550 Kosovans participated in JICA training courses in Japan over the years. They brought back the expertise, that has enriched Kosovo's institutions and driven progress in fields such as public administration, education, healthcare, and infrastructure.



*Musical performance by the Kosovo Philharmonic Ensemble Concert master Mr. Visar Kuçi*

## Small Follow-up Project between Kosovo and Albania



*Attendees of the Seminar*

On December 9, JICA Alumni Associations from Albania and Kosovo organized a joint Seminar on "Application of Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) in Protected Areas: Sharing JICA Experience from Albania to Kosovo" in Prizren, Kosovo. Dr Sajmir Hoxha, comprehensively presented EBM approach for harmonization of the nature conservation with the sustainable use of the nature resources that was implemented through JICA Technical cooperation project in Albania "On Capacity Building for Improving Ecosystem-Based Management in Divjaka- Karavasta National Park" (2021-2024). A Booklet prepared as EBM manual was distributed to all participants coming from various institutions from both countries. A fruitful discussion secured a good basis for the further cooperation of all present parties.

## JICA Alumni Association of Montenegro reestablished and new president elected



*Meeting of the members of Alumni Montenegro*



*Ms. Marija Djurovic, new president of Alumni Montenegro*

On December 17, JICA Alumni Association of Montenegro organized a General Assembly to reestablish the Association and elect a new president and secretary.

Comment by the New President of JICA Alumni Montenegro

Hello, my name is Marija Djurović, law graduate. I am a great enthusiast of travel, theater, books and I enjoy exploring new cultures and experiences. One of my most significant experiences was during my time in Japan this year, which inspired me to take

on the role of President of the Alumni Network for Montenegro. Through this network, I aim to connect people from different cultures, exchange ideas, and support future participants in facing the challenges and opportunities that international programs offer. My goal is to contribute to a global community where we can learn, grow, and inspire each other.

## SERBIA

## Chief Representative of JICA Balkan Office held a lecture at the Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade

On November 25, Mr. FUKUDA Hajime, Chief Representative of JICA Balkan office, held a lecture in Japanese for about 40 students of 3rd and 4th year of Japanese studies at the Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade. Professor Trickovic and Assistant Kuraica interpreted and moderated the lecture while promoting the interaction among the students and Mr. Fukuda. The lecture covered two topics; one was related to JICA's projects in Serbia and Western Balkans, and the other was focused on the development of Japanese education and the dissemination of the Japanese experience to other parts of the world through JICA's projects. The lecture sparked interest of the students and led to a fruitful discussion on the advantages and challenges of the current education in Serbia.



*Lecture for the students of Japanese language and literature*



## Seminar on Professionalism of Journalists

On December 6, Dr. Keiichi Hashimoto, JICA's Senior Advisor, gave a lecture titled "What Undermines Professionalism of Journalists: Ethics and Changing Environment -Lessons Learnt from Japan-" to Serbian journalist who participated in a seminar organized by the Ministry of Information and Telecommunications in cooperation with the Embassy of Japan.

The lecture was followed by a panel discussion in which Dr. Hashimoto, Mr. Miloš Garić, the State Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Telecommunications, and participating journalists exchanged views and discussed issues related to the realization of freedom of expression.



*Mr. Hashimoto and Mr. Djuric at the panel discussion*

## ALBANIA

## Alumni General Assembly and Thematic Seminar held by JICA Alumni Association of Albania



*At the General Assembly and Thematic Seminar in Tirana*

On November 15, the JICA Alumni Association of Albania (JAAA) invited its members to the annual General Assembly combined with the Thematic Seminar related to the KCCP Training participants who followed a training in Japan during JFY2024. President of JICA Alumni Association of Albania, Dr. Sajmir Hoxha, welcomed the participants and presented the report of the activities of the JICA Alumni Association during 2024 and the objectives for 2025. In his speech, Dr. Hoxha emphasized the activities organized by the Association and he highlighted the contribution of Ja-

pan and JICA for Albania in the various fields of the country's social and economic development. The event continued with the thematic Seminar "On Experiences and Impressions from Japan" where 5 former KCCP participants, from several Government Organizations, recently trained by JICA in Japan, presented their experiences and impressions from the training in Japan.

## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

## Chamber of Engineers and JICA Alumni BiH held round table on prevention and response to natural disasters

On November 12, The Chamber of Engineers of the Federation of BiH together with the Association of former KCCP Participants of the JICA Alumni in BiH, organized a round table entitled "Multidisciplinary approach to prevention and response to natural disasters in Bosnia and Herzegovina, experiences from Jablanica, Konjic and Fojnica after the October floods in 2024".

During the round table, the members of the chamber of different engineer-

ing affiliations presented the situation on the ground. The aim of the round table was to exchange ideas and experiences on damaged traffic infrastructure, destroyed communication systems, landslides and damage to other buildings due to flood, torrent and landslide disaster that hit the country in October 2024.



*Engineering Chamber of FBiH*

## Japanese Culture Day and Visit to Sports Association in Mostar



*Judo club BORSA*

On December 13, Alumni BiH hosted cultural event "The day of Japanese culture in Bosnia and Herzegovina"

and the Alumni annual assembly at INTERA Technology Park in Mostar. Among other topics, all presenters, emphasized the importance of cultural exchange and continuation of cooperation between Japan and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The cultural event was also fulfilled with a musical performance of traditional Japanese music interpreted by Emanuel Musa and with demonstration of JUDO club BORSA from Mostar.

On this occasion, Mr. FUKUDA Hajime, Chief Representative of JICA Balkan Office, also visited the Sports Associ-

ation of the City of Mostar, which was the implementation agency of JICA's Technical Cooperation "The Project for Confidence Building through Physical Education" (2016-2020). After welcoming introduction on behalf of Sports Association of City of Mostar, Senior Sports Manager, Mr. Dzenan SUTA, explained that the JICA's Technical Cooperation had made a significant impact on sports activities in Mostar and the Association continued to implement sports events with the consideration of social inclusion, diversity and fairness.

### VOICES OF THE KCCP PARTICIPANTS IN 2024

#### SERBIA

## Ms. Teodora Subotic, Advisor for projects, Provincial Secretariat for Urban Planning and Environmental Protection

From November 11 to December 18, 2024, I participated in the JICA KCCP "Solid Waste Management in Partnership with the Private Sector and Civil Society (A)", organized by the Japan International Cooperation Agency. During the seminar, I had the opportunity to gain new knowledge and practical experience related to waste management, as well as to compare the system in Japan and the system of the country I come from. Delighted by the hospitality of the organizers and the organization of the training itself, I managed to get a broader picture of how waste recycling facilities in Japan function in a short time, and to get acquainted with the culture of life and tradition. In addition to all the facilities and lectures, I will especially remember the tours of Hiroshima and Miyajima Island, as well as the acquaintance with the mayor of Nishinomiya who hosted us in the municipal hall and with whom we had the opportunity to exchange experiences. In the end I would



*Ms. Subotic (4th from the left) with her fellow training participants at the Certificate award ceremony*

emphasize the importance to meet the other participants of the seminar and agreeing on cooperation in the future

so that the experience in Japan and the knowledge we have gained can be applied in our institutions.



## ALBANIA

### Mr. Igli PERÇUKE, Specialist of Development Programmes in Energy, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy of Albania

From October 14 to December 4, I participated in an incredible experience in Japan, attending the “Renewable Energy in Grid” training course focused on Photovoltaic (PV) systems. This hands-on course gave me a deep dive into the world of solar energy and grid integration. From learning the latest advancements in PV systems to understanding how to optimize energy storage and grid management, it was eye-opening to see how Japan is leading the charge in renewable energy innovation. One of the most valuable parts of this experience was the chance to connect with professionals from all over the world, exchanging ideas on how we can accelerate the global shift toward sustainable energy.



*Mr. Percuke (1<sup>st</sup> from the left) at certificate award ceremony*

## MONTENEGRO

### Mr. Boris Katnic, Firefighter and Rescuer, Protection and Rescue Service of Podgorica



*Mr. Katnic (3<sup>rd</sup> from the right)*

Participating in the JICA KCCP “Fire Management and Disaster Risk Reduction” has been a transformative journey. From September to November 2024, I attended the training in Kitakyushu, Japan, gaining invaluable firefighting, disaster prevention, and risk reduction skills. The program’s precision, discipline, and organization deeply impressed me. I had the honor of commanding the final drill, leading my colleagues and Kitakyushu’s firefighters before high-ranking officials. Beyond training, Japan enriched my personal life. Practicing kendo and kyūdō connected me to samurai traditions, while visiting historical and naval museums fueled my passion for history. I explored many cities—Sapporo remains on my list! This experience reshaped my worldview. I now embrace eco-conscious habits and return home committed to implementing the Phoenix Plan, strengthening Montenegro’s disaster resilience. Arigatou gozaimashita, Japan. Dewa mata!



## Ms. Selena Kulo, Expert Advisor for Hydrological Studies Federal Hydro Meteorological Institute



*Ms. Kulo (5th from the left) with fellow participants*

Through participation in the “Disaster Risk Reduction and Community Development” course, participants were expected

to understand Japan’s experiences and lessons learned from disasters, with a particular focus on the “Great East Japan

Earthquake” (2011, Tohoku region). This tragedy prompted significant changes in disaster management policies, increasing awareness of the risks of natural disasters. Japan has made nearly 100% progress in rebuilding and strengthening its infrastructure, creating a “resilient society” model that can be adapted globally, guided by the principle of “Build Back Better”. We must not overlook Japan’s commitment to human values in the collective struggle for a better tomorrow, reminding us that, despite our differences, we are all part of one mosaic. Japan is a window into a world of new possibilities – a wonderland that, despite great losses, has shown extraordinary resilience and determination to move forward. I will forever be grateful to JICA for the opportunity that has enriched my life in countless ways. Arigatou gozaimasu!

## KOSOVO

## Mr. Taulant Zeqiri, Manager of Maintenance Sector Municipal Public Enterprise “Trafiku Urban” JSC

In October 2024, I had a privilege of participating in the JICA-organized training program in Tokyo, centered on “Comprehensive Urban Transport Planning.” Facilitated by Almec Corporation, this program provided an unparalleled opportunity to explore transformative approaches to urban mobility, with a focus on integrating sustainability, efficiency, and inclusivity. One of the most compelling takeaways from this program was the emphasis on Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) as a catalyst for revitalizing rail systems. By aligning urban planning with efficient land use and seamless public transport connectivity, TOD presents a strategic avenue to enhance the accessibility and appeal of railway systems in Kosovo. This approach not only supports sustainable development but also fosters economic growth and community cohesion around transport hubs. The insights gained from Japan’s exemplary practices continue to guide my efforts in advancing Prishtina’s urban transport network, while also inspiring broader visions for Kosovo’s nationwide mobility strategy.



*Mr. Zeqiri in the field visit*

## Ms. KONAGAWA Reiko

Dobar dan ! My name is Reiko Konagawa. I am a new member of JICA volunteer team in Serbia. I am from Oita prefecture in the south of Japan, coming from a warm town and a popular tourist destination with many hot springs. I was a high school art teacher in Japan and will be teaching art at a special needs school in Kragujevac, the fourth largest city in Serbia. It was the capital

of Serbia in the 19th century and is a historic city that is still vibrant today. My work there hasn't started yet, but I'm enjoying strolling around the city. Serbian people are very kind and polite.

As probably the only Japanese person in this town, I would like the people of Serbia to know about Japan. I also hope to contribute to Serbia through my job in art education.

Children with developmental disabilities have a special talent. I would like to help them bring out their talents through the power of art. I have already found some art galleries. Art is where peace and culture flourish. I am glad that Serbia is a peaceful and cultural country where people love art. I also want to draw my own pictures under the influence of Serbian culture. Drago mi je !

## Mr. UENO Shinpei

My technical field is Welfare and Education for persons with disabilities and I was dispatched to Jagodina Special Support School. It requires to convey supporting methods and Japanese culture to the children with autism. Previously, I worked as an art teacher in Bhutan for 3 years, at a special support school for 3 years, and at an elementary school for 6 years in Tokyo. Before that, I was a loan officer of a finance company for 6 years.

My Japanese hometown is Yamaguchi city, which has rich nature and foods including Japanese Sake. I've heard that Jagodina is also a treasure chest of delicious ingredients including local wine. I will continue to explore new areas in search of delicious ingredients. My hobbies are football, golf, snowboarding and yoga. If I have a chance, I will play them with the students and teachers of our school. Additionally, I like to visit temples and

churches. I often went to old shrines and mountains which are called power spots in Japan, whereas there are lots of historic monasteries in Serbia. Therefore, I will visit them as many times as possible and learn about Serbian religion, culture, and history much more. Finally, as an educator who connects Serbia and Japan, I intend to fulfill my mission of contributing to a better future of the children with disabilities in the next 2 years.



Mr. Ueno and Ms. Konagawa



## Farewell message by Ms. NAKANO Shizuka, Project Formulation Advisor for Volunteer Program



*Ms. Nakano (in the center) enjoying the wine tour with JICA volunteers.*

I was assigned to JICA Balkan office as Project Formulation Advisor for Volunteer Program since February 2021. Four years have passed since then and I had great time and made a lot of wonderful memories in Serbia. I really enjoyed the cuisine, the drinks, and sightseeing in this country. And I was helped many times, especially by the hospitality and generosity of the people. Thank you very much for everything. I will miss Serbia, but I would like to visit Serbia again.

## Farewell message by Mr. HIRASHIMA Jun, Project Formulation Adviser for Albania and Kosovo

Dear partners, friends, and colleagues,  
At the end of 2024, I finalized my assignment in the JICA Balkan Office. Since November 2011, I had been assigned to the JICA Office and the JICA Technical Cooperation Project. During my stay, I had worked with Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania and Kosovo, which are all countries covered by the JICA Balkan Office. I really appreciated to have this unique opportunity. Concluding my 13-year journey in the Western Balkans, I made myself remember incredible experiences, meaningful collaborations, and deep friendships that have shaped my time in the Western Balkans. It is with a mixture of gratitude and nostalgia that I bid farewell to this region and to all who have given me support and friendship.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of working alongside dedicated professionals, leaders, and individuals who are committed to developing the region. These experiences have profoundly influenced me. The lessons I have learned and the memories I have gathered will stay with me as I move on to my next assignment. Though I have left from this assignment, my connection to the Western Balkans will remain strong. I am confident that the progress we have made together will continue, and I look forward to seeing the region thrive in the years ahead. Wishing you all continued success, happiness, and prosperity!  
HIRASHIMA Jun (Former Project Formulation Advisor, JICA Balkan Office)



*Mr. HIRASHIMA Jun*

## Introduction of New staff Mr. TAKAHASHI Shinya

Dobar dan. My name is Shinya TAKAHASHI, and I was assigned to JICA Balkan Office as a volunteer coordinator of JOCV (Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers) in January 2025 and I am very pleased to work for people of Serbia for the next two years or more. This has been my first experience of long term stay in a European country. Before coming to Serbia, I had worked in four African countries (Malawi, Ghana, Zambia and Mozambique) and a Southeast country (Cambodia). Since I arrived in Serbia, I found a lot of difference between these countries and Serbia, and I was excited to learn about culture, customs, history, trends, and way of people's interactions. I look forward to learning a lot about Serbia while working together with Japanese volunteers and Serbian people.



Mr. TAKAHASHI Shinya

## Ms. HANE Yurie



Ms. HANE Yurie

Hello everyone. My name is HANE Yurie. I am assigned as a Project Formulation Advisor for Albania and Kosovo in JICA Balkan office. I arrived in Belgrade last November, and already visited Albania and Kosovo for some meetings. I'm very impressed with the positive energy of the local partners I met and am happy to discuss how the situation can be improved through the JICA projects. I started my JICA career

in JICA Kyrgyz Republic office, but most recently, prior to my current assignment, I worked for an environmental consulting firm in Japan to promote waste recycling with local municipalities. I am very much looking forward to visiting not only the countries in which I work, but also the beautiful regions of other Western Balkan countries. See you all soon!

We are pleased to announce that JICA Balkan Office Facebook page has reached more than 1,000 followers. Please check the latest JICA project activities in the region on [www.facebook.com/jicabalkanoffice](https://www.facebook.com/jicabalkanoffice)



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