Dear valued readers,

It is a pleasure for us to present to you our 2nd issue of the “JICA Indonesia Newsletter.”

In conjunction with the commemoration of the 1st year after the tragic earthquake disaster in some areas of Yogyakarta and Central Java, we would like to introduce to you some of the highlights from JICA’s rehabilitation & reconstruction support program, focusing on our short-mid-long term activities in cooperation with various institutions and individuals.

Please make sure to check out the information on JICA’s booth at the Yogya Earthquake Disaster Management Technology Exhibition on page 4.

We hope you will enjoy our publication! For suggestions & queries, please contact pr@jica.or.id. Thank you!

Editor

JICA Indonesia Welcomes New Resident Representative

This month, our office here in Jakarta welcomes our new Resident Representative (RR), Mr. SAKAMOTO Takashi, who replaces the outgoing RR, Mr. KATO Keiichi. The former JICA Director General for Asia Region 2’s next big agenda here will be the enhancement of JICA’s program-based approach and the institutions’ integration with ODA’s portfolio of JBIC next October.
A Seamless JICA Assistance from Emergency Relief to Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Support for Yogya

JICA Supports Recovery of Basic Human Needs Facilities

Bantul Regency, which was the worst hit area in Yogya, lost many of its health and education facilities, thus jeopardizing the people’s basic needs. Many children were forced to study under tents and the vulnerable risk their health due to lack of medical service.

Based on this condition, the Japanese Government has been granting the reconstruction of 2 elementary schools, 7 junior high schools, and 5 community health centers (Puskesmas) in the Regency.

The buildings’ designs are based on Indonesian and Japanese building standards that are quakeproof so that they could be utilized as evacuation centers in the future.

The constructions started in November 2006 and planned to be completed within the Japan Fiscal Year 2007.

Building Safer Houses through POSYANIS

The POSYANIS (technical support unit) was developed by Gajah Mada University (UGM) experts on architecture, civil engineering, geodetic, and geology through the JICA-CEP (Community Empowerment Program) scheme to bolster house reconstruction by helping victims select alternative house construction design, acquire free-charge building permits and giving supervision on quakeproof construction.

The Bantul administration has actualized this program by expanding POSYANIS in its 17 sub-districts.

Through the implementation of the POSYANIS program, Bantul sub district officials received training on Building Permit (IMB) processing and safer houses construction guideline. Meanwhile, head of community groups became familiar with the process of IMB application and awareness on quakeproof building construction as basis for dissemination to all community members.

Health centers and school buildings are designed quakeproof so they could be utilized as evacuation centers in the future.
Reviving Local Communities through Health Care Support

Aiming to revive the local people’s lives in the village level, JICA formed partnership with local universities and NGOs through the JICA-CEP scheme. Some of the projects especially focused on health-medical care of the victims.

One project in Yogya involved the provision of health examination and aftercare treatment for injured victims, disseminating information on health and nutrition to local communities, as well as training health cadres, teachers, and youth volunteers on basic health service.

Another project focused more on the health, nutritional, and psycho-social conditions of school children in Klaten, Central Java so that they can continue their studies due to reduced worm infection, and increase in nutrition.

Meanwhile, another project focused more to the trauma care of the children through establishing 10 trauma healing centers that provide fun yet educating activities for the children.

Securing the Gunung Kidul Water Supply

The Gunung Kidul Regency in Yogya has been facing water shortage problem during dry season due to its topographic condition.

In order to create a new water supply system in the area, JICA is conducting the Basic Design Study for Japan’s Grant Aid Project. The project itself will comprise of construction work on intake facilities, purification plant, distribution tanks, and transmission and distribution pipes.

The whole construction will take approximately 25 months to complete. It is expected that through this project, the Gunung Kidul people, who were partly affected by the quake as well, will be able to have an increased life standard and good sanitation condition due to the availability of clean and safe water supply.

Disaster Management Planning through Network of Universities

As a promotion of human resource development in engineering in ASEAN, an autonomous sub-network of the ASEAN University Network (AUN), named, the Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network (SEED-Net) was established in April 2003 consisting of 19 leading S.E. Asian institutions with the support of 11 leading Japanese universities.

As part of this project, a joint research for Hazard Zoning & Mapping and workshops for people’s natural disaster awareness improvement were implemented by Indonesian, ASEAN, and Japanese engineering institutions.

Apart from that, JICA also supports a joint research between Gajah Mada University (UGM) & Kyushu University-Japan through the “Hi-Link Project” on anti-seismic & earthquake-proof construction and the dissemination to local engineers.
About JICA Indonesia

JICA is an official institution designated by the Government of Japan whose main function is to implement technical cooperation to developing countries in the form of grant assistance on the basis of Government-to-Government (G to G) agreements.

JICA Indonesia Office was initially established in 1969 as an overseas branch office for the Overseas Technical Cooperation Agency (OTCA), was re-named into JICA in 1974 and has restructured its organization since 2003. It is one of the oldest and largest (with about 70 staff) among about a hundred JICA overseas offices in the world.

Indonesia is one of the top recipients of Japan’s bilateral grant based on cumulative net disbursements up to 2005. As of 2005, a total of 33,570 Indonesians were trained in Japan, while 10,300 Japanese experts and 18,972 survey team members were dispatched to Indonesia as a form of JICA’s technical cooperation.

Earthquake Disaster Management Technology Exhibition:
JICA’s Booth at Yogya Expo Center

As part of commemorating the 1st year after the disaster in the Yogyakarta and Central Java provinces, the National Technical Team (TTN) for the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction plans to open an exhibition for the purpose of disseminating the technology or methods utilized in facing the disaster.

JICA received the invitation to join the big event, which plans to be participated by various government institutions, donor countries/organizations, local and international NGOs, private companies, etc.

The highlights of the JICA booth will include introduction on the PO-SYANIS (technical construction service post) concept, 1 of our Community Empowerment Program (CEP) projects, and Japanese Junior Experts activities.

Therefore, we would like to welcome you to visit our booth.

JICA Booth

Venue:
Yogya Expo Center,
Jl. Janti, Bantul
Yogyakarta
Date:
May 25—27, 2007
(Friday—Sunday)
Time:
09:30—19:30
Booth No: 15 —17

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