Africans Learn from Indonesians on Micro Finance

The technical cooperation between Asia-Africa has a long history of relations, which could be traced back to the Bandung Conference in 1955, and the Government of Indonesia (GOI) has been playing an active role in the relationships throughout these years. As for the Government of Japan (GOJ), it has also been active in facilitating the African people for learning from the Asian people through various frameworks, such as the TICAD (Tokyo International Conference for African Development) in 1993, 1998, and 2003.

One role of JICA in the activities implemented by GOI, as the Southeast Asia’s largest country, in the South-South Cooperation is to facilitate the utilization of the results from past technical cooperation activities between JICA and GOI in various fields, such as health/medical service, agriculture-forestry-fisheries, communication, higher education, for the benefit of other Asian and African countries. Within this Japanese fiscal year 2007, there are 12 TCTPs planned for implementation in addition to the implementation of Third Country Expert Program (TCEP), in which Indonesian agriculture experts are dispatched to Madagascar and Papua New Guinea to assist the agriculture development in the 2 countries with the funding and technical support from JICA.

This month, as part of its support for the Government of Indonesia (GOI)’s initiatives in the South-South Cooperation as well as for the development of micro finance institutions in Africa, JICA extends its support for “the Third Country Training Program on Micro Finance for African Region,” which will be implemented by the Non-Aligned Movement, Center for South-South Technical Cooperation (NAM-CSSTC). In this training, which will be held from November 5~20, 2007, as many as 11 people from 8 African countries are hoped to learn about the methods for the establishment of micro finance institutions.

As the South-South Cooperation focuses more on the deepening of cooperation between developing countries, it is more benefiting for African countries to learn and apply the technology of fellow developing countries that are more advanced, such as Indonesia, rather than the technology developed by countries such as Japan.

Overview on the Training Program

1. Date/Time
   Opening Ceremony: November 5, 2007 (Mon) 10:00 - 10:30
   Training Duration: November 5 ~ 20, 2007
2. **Venue**

NAM-CSSTC (Non-Aligned Movement, Center for South-South Technical Cooperation)
Jl. Landasan Barat, Kav. B-10, No. 6, Kemayoran, Jakarta 10610
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3. **Training Contents**

The participants are expected to learn about the methods for the establishment & management of micro finance institutions as well as methods for the formulation of business plans through lectures, field visits, and active participations in opinion exchange. They are then expected to formulize work plans upon returning to their respective countries.

4. **Program**

11 people in charge of micro finance issues in community development projects (from Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia)

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