Monthly Activity Report of JICA Malaysia Office
(The February 2013 issue)

【Main Activities in February】

<Promotion of Economic Partnership>
▼ Training on Tax Examination Methodology from 18th to 21st February
For tax auditors of Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM), Mr. Yukimasa Takeuchi, JICA expert to IRBM, will conduct a seminar on Japanese Tax Examination Methodology at Malaysian tax academy’s branch campus in Kuching. To maintain high level of tax compliance, the proper and fair tax examination is of critical importance. In the seminar the JICA expert will introduce the Japan’s know how on tax examination, using case studies and DVD training materials.

<Environment>
▼ Final Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting and Wrap Up Workshop of the Project for Model Development for E-Waste Collection, Segregation and Transportation from Households for Recycling on February 04 & 05, 2013
The technical cooperation project for ‘Model Development for E-Waste Collection, Segregation and Transportation from Households for Recycling’ was commissioned in September 2011 and will be completed in March 2013. Towards the completion of the project, the Department of Environment (DOE) and JICA held the final Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting on February 04, 2013 at DOE Putrajaya. The participants discussed the final outcome of the project, sustainable management plan for the pilot project in Penang and future development of e-waste collection system throughout Malaysia. On the following day, a ‘wrap up workshop’ was organized at Equatorial Hotel, Bangi. The experts reported the achievements of the e-waste pilot project in Penang as well as the way forward of the household e-waste recycling system. Also in the workshop, ‘Toshiba Voluntary E-Waste Takeback Program’ was officially launched in the presence of Datuk Dr. Che Ab Rahim bin Haji Nik, Deputy Secretary...
General (Environment), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. About 180 participants from the public and private entities, including the related government agencies, local authorities, manufacturers, consultants, recyclers, retailers and NGOs have shown their keen interest in e-waste management and actively attended the workshop. DOE will continue to consult and discuss with all the related stakeholders to formulate and disseminate the e-waste collection, recycling and disposal system that best suit the situation in Malaysia.

**<Social Welfare>**
**▼ Training of Job Coach for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) from February 4th to 8th in Ipoh and Shah Alam**
JICA and the Department of Social Welfare, Malaysia held five-day training programs in Ipoh and Shah Alam simultaneously from 4-8 February. In addition to the participants from Department of Social Welfare, those from Special Education Unit, Social Security Organization (SOCSO) and Department of Labour as well as NGOs joined the training. The ex-trainees of Training of Trainers of Job Coach in Japan acted as the facilitators. We believe it was a good opportunity to form a network on Job Coach and related matters among the relevant parties. Also, a short-term JICA expert is coming on 16-21 Feb. to follow up the training programs in Japan.

**【Main Activities in January】**

**<Promotion of Economic Partnership>**
**▼ Training on Transfer Pricing Taxation for basic level from 14th to 17th January**
For tax auditors of Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM), Mr. Yukimasa Takeuchi, JICA expert, conducted a seminar on the Transfer Pricing Taxation in Kuching from 14 to 17 January. Recently the issues regarding the transfer pricing taxation have been drawing substantial attention both in developing countries and developed countries. To reduce the risk to taxpayers who invest in Malaysia, the seminar provided IRBM’s tax auditors with the international principles and standards on transfer pricing taxation.
3rd Asia Pacific Regional Training of Trainers of Disability Equality Training from 8th to 18th January

JICA and the Department of Social Welfare, Malaysia held a Training of Trainers on Disability Equality Training (DET) from January 8th to 18th. Dr. Kenji KUNO, Senior Advisor of JICA, presided at the program as the resource person.

DET is an education for understanding Disability. To achieve the objective, trainers of DET are supposed to be Persons With Disabilities themselves. Therefore all the participants of this ‘training of trainers’ were also Persons With Disabilities. 22 participants from 11 countries, Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Vietnam and Malaysia participated in this program.

Job Coach Training in Johor 14-17 Jan.2013

JICA contributed to Job Coach Training organized by Johor Social Welfare Department at Johor Bahru on 14-17 January. 32 people including staff from Ministry of Health participated in the program. Currently Ministry of Health is in charge to support Persons with Mental Disabilities. We hope Social Welfare Department and MOH would work together closely on support of PWMDs.
**Education**

▼ Malaysia-Japan International Institute of Technology (MJIIT) Advisory Panel Meeting 2013  
Date: 31 January 2013 (Thu)  
Venue: Jumaah Hall, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) Kuala Lumpur Campus,

Advisory Panel Meeting is an event organized by MJIIT to update the status and progress of MJIIT development among the stakeholders of MJIIT project. This year, the meeting was chaired by Professor Dr. Rose Alinda Alias, UTM Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic & International) and attended by His Excellency Shigeru Nakamura, the Ambassador of Japan to Malaysia. The members of the panel include representatives from UTM Board of Directors, the Japanese Chamber of Trade and Industry, Malaysia (JACTIM), Malaysian industries, UTM academics and JICA.  

To support the development of MJIIT, JICA has provided ODA loan amounting to JPY6.7 billion (USD75 mil) and technical cooperation as well. MJIIT was officially launched in June 2012 and offers undergraduate and graduate programs in engineering fields.

▼ Third Country Training Programme (TCTP seminar) on Occupational Safety and Health Management for Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam  
Date: 14th to 25th January, 2013  
Department of Occupational Safety and Health, Malaysia and JICA jointly organized the training on Occupational Safety and Health Management. In the program, the participants from Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam exchanged their views and experiences on OSH issues such as legislation, enforcement, management systems and protection of OSH in construction sites with Malaysian participants.