Monthly Activity Report of JICA Malaysia Office (The September 2011 issue)

【Main activities in August】

★ Promotion of Economic Partnership

▼ Dispatch of Short Term Expert for the Project on Improvement of Vocational Training System to Keep Meeting with the Needs of Industries

Short Term Expert (Curriculum Improvement) from 2nd July to 26th August

The short term expert instructed the counterparts on the practice of company support and made a report on the manual of company support in CIAST(Centre for Instructor and Advanced Skills Training). The expert also recommended the 2 issues to the Ministry of Human Resources as follows.

1) Time is necessary to construct trustful relationship with companies and the vocational training institutes need to increase the number of those companies which cooperate with the institutes whenever necessary.

2) Instructors need to develop their skill on teaching method as well as technical aspect. JMTI(Japan Malaysia Technical Institute) or ADTEC(Advanced Technology Training Institute) should be in charge of those trainings for instructors.

▼ Dispatch of 2 JICA Experts for Smoother Implementation of MJIIT

Malaysia Japan International Institute of Technology, known as MJIIT, will start the first semester on 12th of September. To introduce Japanese style engineering education in Malaysia, Professor Kinoshita, emeritus professor of Kyushu University, was assigned as the Deputy Dean of MJIIT under the JICA expert framework from 24th of August. Another JICA expert, Ms. Terakado, was assigned to promote industrial linkage with MJIIT from 29th of August. On 6th of September, all the stakeholders of MJIIT, such as professors, lecturers and students gathered at MJIIT at the first time for the orientation and briefing.

★ South-South Cooperation

▼ Needs Survey Team to Laos for ‘Enhancing Capacity of Public Investment Program Management’ from 31st July to 6th August

JICA Malaysia Office dispatched the joint needs survey team to Laos between 31st July to 6th August. The survey team which comprises members from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, JICA Malaysia office and INTAN(name) conducted a survey on current status of public Investment and its needs for training. The Vice Minister of Ministry of Public Investment, Laos requested for the early materialization of the training course.
▼ Needs Survey Team to North and South Sudan for ‘Managing Diversity in Multicultural Nations’ from 15th to 26th August

JICA Malaysia Office dispatched a needs survey mission to Republic of Sudan and Republic of South Sudan between 15th-26th August. The team which comprises members from, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, JICA Malaysia office, International Institute of Public Policy and Management (INPUMA) of University of Malaya and Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) conducted a needs survey and followed up on the effects of the TCTP (Third country training program) through making the interviewing ex-participants in the relevant training courses.

★ Development Education

▼ Study Tour by Oguchi Town, Aichi Prefecture, from 15th to 17th August

Twelve students from junior high school, high school and university in Oguchi Town, Aichi prefecture conducted a study tour in Malaysia. The purpose of their visit was to deepen their understanding on international cooperation through visiting the Japanese volunteers who are engaged in the international cooperation activities in Malaysia. They visited the Kota Kinabalu Wetland Centre in Sabah that has 24ha mangrove forests where the JOCV is assigned to promote awareness of the role of mangrove and Malaysian biodiversity.

▼ Study Tour on Look Malaysia Programme from 16th August to 6th September

Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board conducted a study tour under Look Malaysia Program which is aimed to develop Japan’s global human resources. 10 university students visited Universiti Selangor and observed their classes in Japanese language as a program of JICA.

▼ Study Tour by Mukogawa Girls’ High School

Students from Mukogawa Girls’ High School visited Malaysia to learn about international cooperation. In this study tour, students received explanation about activity from anexpert of BBEC2 (Borneo biological diversity, ecosystem maintenance program phase 2), and JOCV (Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers) who has been working for promoting environmental conservation and awareness. And then they visited the Kota Kinabalu Wetland Centre.
★ Others

▼ ODA Map
As a part of JICA Malaysia Office Public Relations, an ODA Map was produced in order to create a perception and increase public awareness of JICA activities in Malaysia. This ODA Map is expected to serve as an easy reference of the Official Development Assistance (ODA) by showing major projects in each state. Two types of publication were reproduced, i.e. foldable maps which are available at JICA Malaysia Office and can be distributed to anyone interested for easy reference and also a poster which is currently being displayed at JICA Malaysia Office as well as the Embassy of Japan in Kuala Lumpur.

▼ JR-KTMB Blue Coach Project: Training Program for KTMB Staff in Hokkaido, Japan from 4th to 27th August
A group of 8 staff from Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) were dispatched to Hokkaido, Japan for participating JICA training program at JR Hokkaido from 4 to 27 August, 2011. This training is a part of the Blue Coach donation project carried out by Kyushu Railway Company (JR Kyushu) and West Japan Railway Company (JR-West). A total of 14 coaches arrived at Port Klang in December 2010 to mark the starting of a new journey for the Blue Train coaches on the East Coast railway of Peninsular Malaysia.

【Main activities in September】

<Promotion of Economic Partnership>
▼ Terminal Evaluation of the Project on Improvement of Vocational Training System to Keep Meeting with the Needs of Industries (late September)
▼ Lecture by JICA Long Term Expert on Transfer Pricing Issues on Intangibles from 13th to 15th September

<Social Welfare · Environment>
▼ Counterpart Training on Job Coach in Japan by PWD Project from 5th to 21st of September
▼ Soft Launch Event of Barrier Free Website on 14th of September

<South-South Cooperation>
▼ Third Country Training Course for Science and Mathematics Education for African Countries in RECSAM from 19th September to 7th October
▼ Capacity Development for Technical Vocational Education (TVET) for Cambodia from 12th September to 21st October

<JICA Partnership Programme>
▼ 2nd Dispatch of Experts on the Promote Efficient Waste Management System in Malaysia from 18th to 24th September
▼ Dispatch of Experts on the Promotion of Community-based Management of Coastal Fisheries in Malaysia from 21st September to 18th November

<Development Education>
▼ Study Tour by Hokkaido University of Education from 6th to 14th September.
▼ Study Tour by Yokohama City University from 11th to 20th September
▼ Development Education Study Tour for Teachers from 18th to 24th September