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## Follow up Workshop for JICA Group Training – Maintenance of Refrigeration

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In 2008, JICA group training course named “Maintenance of Refrigeration System” was held approximately 2.5 month in Japan. Four (4) participants were attended to this training from St. Lucia (1), St. Vincent and the Grenadines (2) and Grenada (1) respectively.

The course was designed for the refrigeration systems for fisheries to be maintained and managed properly especially for Oceanic and Caribbean countries.

In order to evaluate the outputs of the training course and follow up ex-trainees activities, three (3) day workshop was held in St. Lucia from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> 2011.



Presentation of country report by the participants



All participants and JICA expert in Choiseul

The workshop was comprised of two components; (1) in-door session such as presentation of country report, discussions and (2) outdoor activities like site lectures at machine side in various fisheries complex.

Two refrigeration technicians who conduct maintenance services of cold storage facilities in Castries, Vieux Fort and Dennery for the SLFMC (St. Lucia Fish Marketing Corporation) also joined the workshop as on site lecturers.

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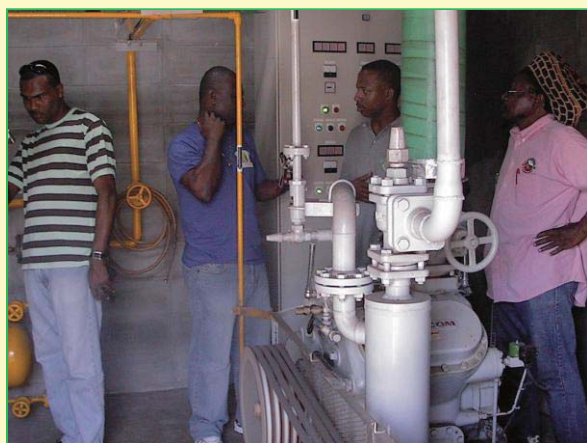
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The following results are anticipated:

- A better understanding of the various styles and equipment used in respective countries.
- Allow engineers/technicians to assist each other in giving technical assistance as and where necessary.
- Harmonize the smaller region states with a view of working with and helping each other in the times of need.
- Know the different technicians in each country for information sharing and capacity building.

At the end of the workshop during the wrap-up session, good comments were made by all participants that if JICA provided another training opportunity to one person from the group in the future, the trainee could organize technology transfer to the other technicians.

Although this workshop was relatively small in terms of number of participants and duration, the workshop was very successful.



Site lecture near compressor



Cold storage observation tour in Vieux Fort

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