

Counterpart Training in Japan

The Counterpart Training in Japan was implemented successfully for 4 personnel relevant to the Project for 2 weeks from December 6 to 19, 2009. The main subject of the training was "Sustainable Rural Development through Special Products", and the specific subjects were strawberry and blueberry production, tea harvest mechanization, agricultural marketing, and group activities. To learn these subjects, the Turkish engineers visited many places in the central part of Japan, including research institutes, university, cooperatives and various kinds of people's groups. At the end of the program, they prepared their "Action Plan" as an outcome of the training.

The participants to the training were;

- Mr. Hürriyet KEÇELİ (TÜGEM Agricultural Engineer),
- Mr. Sedat SARAL (Regional Coordinator),
- Mr. Zekai AYDIN (Expert on Women Support, Trabzon Provincial Coordinator), and
- Mr. Coşkun KUTUROĞLU (Expert on Marketing).



The training program consisted of;

- Courtesy Call at JICA Headquarters,
- Tree Seedling Producers' Cooperative in Tokyo (JA Tokyo Ueki),
- Nippon University (for Blueberry),
- Farmers' Group and Extension Center in Ibaraki,
- Women's Group and Farmers' Shop in Tochigi,
- Agricultural Research Institute in Shizuoka (for Strawberry),
- Tea Research Center in Shizuoka,
- Ochiai Cutlery Manufacturing Co.Ltd. (for Tea Harvest Machine),
- Strawberry Tourism Farm in Shizuoka,
- Groundwork Mishima (for Community Environment Management), and
- Preparation and Presentation of Action Plan.



Practice of Blueberry Seedling Preparation, Food Processing by Women Group, Tea Harvest Machine Manufacturer



Shizuoka Tea Research Center, Shizuoka Agricultural Research Institute, Strawberry Tourism Farm

They could see real samples on agricultural and rural development in Japan. They could discuss with Japanese researchers, experts, and producers vigorously. All things they saw and all people they met inspired them, although it was a short training program. Finally, they compiled their outcomes in Japan into the Action Plan, and presented it in JICA Tsukuba Center.



Visit to JICA Headquarters, Presentation of Action Plan