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Signing Scope of Work for the Study on Sewerage System Development

On March 15, 2006, the Minister of Housing and Construction Mr. Hamoud Al Hussein and the Resident Representative of JICA Syria Office, signed scope of work on the project for Sewerage System Development in Syria.

The study will review the existed planning of sewerage sector nationwide and formulate a Master Plan for sewerage system development in some priority governorates in order to prevent water pollution and improve health sanitation. It is also aiming at conducting a Feasibility Study for a project site which will be selected in Damascus Rural area as a pilot project for training purpose, and pursue technology transfer to the counterpart personnel in the course of implementation of the study.

JICA will submit the necessary reports of the study to the Syrian government such as: Inception report, progress report, interim report, draft final report, and the final report. While the Syrian government undertakes

to facilitate smooth implementation of the study.

The Ministry of Housing and Construction shall act as the counterpart agency to JICA Study team and also as a coordinating body in relation with other governmental and non-governmental organizations.



H.E. Minister of Housing and Mr. NAGASAWA Shake hands

Urban Planning for Sustainable Development

H.E. Minister of Local Administration and Environment has signed Scope of Work agreement with Mr. Nagasawa, JICA's Resident Representative, according to which, JICA will conduct a Development Study on Urban Planning for Sustainable Development of Damascus Metropolitan Area.

The signing ceremony that took place in March 20, 2006 has been attended by deputy minister for planning affairs, Rural Damascus Governor, and JICA's delegation that is visiting Syria for this purpose.

This delegation included Mr. Hideaki Hoshina; JICA's Expert, who has been to Syria in Sep 2004 for the same purpose as a member of preliminary study team, Mr. Toshiro NISHIDA; Representing Urban & Regional Development Team at JICA HQs as team coordinator, in addition of two Japanese consultants.

Study Team members left for Japan on March 29th, after finalizing the preparations for the main study team which is expected to be dispatched next July.



Minister of LAE and JICA Resident Representative Sign the Agreement



CBR Workshop in cooperation with Youth Revolution Union

On March 14, 2006, a central workshop on CBR was inaugurated in Damascus in cooperation between JICA and Youth Revolution Union.

The workshop aimed at promoting the CBR concept among the YRU branches to expand the project in order to cover different regions in Syria.

At the opening ceremony, the Head of Development and Environment Bureau Mrs. Abeer Al Shamali and the Deputy Resident Representative Mr. Shigeru Otake confirmed the importance of holding such workshop in order to introduce CBR to several concerned people all over Syria.

On the other hand, and at the end of the workshop, certificates were distributed to the participants by the President of YRU Dr. Adnan Arbash and JICA's Resident Representative Mr. Kazuhide Nagasawa where they exchanged speeches that assured the necessity of transferring the CBR concept and training the YRU staff on the necessary skills of CBR in order to secure good level of life to people with special needs and assure their inclusive to live together in one community with other people as effective as possible.

The workshop was attended by an expert from Pakistan Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani and members from JICA Egypt office in addition to other participants from the branches of YRU in the Syrian governorates including people with special needs.

Inauguration of JICA Alumni Association in Syria

Syrian Participants in JICA training courses celebrated on March 18, 2006 the inauguration of JICA Alumni Association in Syria (JAAS) at Carlton Hotel in Damascus.

The ceremony was held under the patronage of H.E. the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Dr. Diyala Haj Aref and was attended by the Minister's advisor Mrs. Linda Abudl Aziz, Counsellor at the Embassy of Japan Mr. Murase, JICA's Resident Representative Mr. Kazuhide Nagasawa, members from Leba-JICA in addition to other Japanese and Syrian guests from JICA Syria Office, Embassy of Japan and NGOs and ex-participants.

The program of the ceremony included presentations by the chairman of JAAS, JICA's Resident Representative, Japanese Counsellor and Minister of Social Affairs and Labour.



JAAS is aiming at consolidating the utmost benefit of the experiences gained in Japan, exchanging experiences between Syrian and Japanese people, contributing in supporting newly accepted trainees, supporting JICA's experts and volunteers, exchanging experiences with other JICA Alumni Associations and holding different scientific, cultural and social seminars and gatherings.

Workshop on "Infection Control" in Golan Hospital

A workshop on "Infection Control" was opened in Golan Hospital in Quneitra Governorate on Mar.19, 2006 in Cooperation with JICA Syria Office.

The workshop comes in the frame of the follow-up cooperation for the training course in the field of nursing management that took place in Japan in 2003 and head nurse from Golan Hospital Ms. Majeda Hassoun participated in.

The workshop was attended by doctors and nurses from Golan Hospital and other neighboring health centers in Quneitra Governorate.





JICA –UNRWA CUP 2006 Football Tournament

JICA Syria Office and UNRWA in cooperation with the General Sport Federation, Syrian Football Association and Adidas Company, held JICA UNRWA CUP 2006 that took place on March 3.4.2006, at Al Faiha Stadium.

Eight UNRWA schools teams came from different cities; Damascus, Aleppo, Lattakia, Homs , Hama and Daraa for participating in this event.

A delegation from Japan Football Association headed by Mr. Matsunaga , the General Manager of the International Relations Department and Mr. Kitazawa the well known national team player, also the bright player Mr. Reinaldo and other members from Japan Football Association came to attend this event and the handing over ceremony of 100 footballs donated from Japan Football Association to the Syrian Football Association as an expression of the strong friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

President of the General Sport Federation, Dr. Faisal Al Basri, General Secretary of the Syrian Football Association Mr. Tawfeek Sarhan were received by Mr. Kazuhide Nagasawa the Resident Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency in Syria and Mrs. Patricia McPhillips the Director of

UNRWA in Syria, Mr. Mahmoud Badran , UNRWA Education Chief Programme Officer , Mr. Mahmoud Amouri Deputy of Education Programme Officer other distinguished Guests.

Mr. Kitazawa expressed his appreciation and admiration for the playing level of the participant teams comparing to the last year and asked them to have more training in the future.

In his speech, Mr. Nagasawa emphasized on the importance of having such events and their positive impact upon the teachers and students who came from different cities and made a good communication and collaboration with each other.

It's worth saying that discipline as well as good organization contributed to the success of this event.

In addition, UNRWA teachers widen their experience in the field of organizing sport events through cooperating and coordinating together as one team.

At the end of games, JICA UNRWA CUP 2006 was handed over to Al Yarmouk team from Damascus who won the tournament

Also the members of the winner teams received medals and souvenir balls.



The Winning Team with the Organisers



Left to Right: Mr. Badran, Dr. Tawfik, Mr. Nagasawa, Ms. Patricia, Mr. Matsunaga, Mr. Kitazawa & Mr. Rinaldo



Captain of Yarmouk Teams Receives the Cup



Dr. Tawfik Received JICA gift



JOCV leaves Syria

Mr. Taguchi; JOCV Volunteer is soon leaving Syria back to Japan after 2 years of successful assignment at Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, where JICA is implementing a Technical Cooperation Project (TCP) on Capacity Development of Veterinary Medicine that is aiming at contributing to the development of livestock production in Syria.

At the farewell visit of JICA Syria Office delegation, Dr. Darem Tabba handed over the shield of the faculty to Mr. Taguchi in a sign of appreciation to his efforts exerted for improving the laboratory work for academic, and practical purposes. Afterwards he, and JICA delegation has been invited to a farewell lunch on Mr. Taguchi's honour.



Mr. Taguchi Receives the souvenir from Dr. Darem

DEITEX Steering Committee Assembles

The Steering Committee on Development of Efficient Irrigation techniques and Extension (DEITEX) assembled on Mar. 6, 2006. Dr. Majd Jamal, headed the committee, in the presence of Mr. NAGASAWA; JICA's Resident Representative, Directors of Extension, and ANRR.

The committee listened to the briefing on the progress of the project through its first year of implementation presented by the project team and his counterparts.

And also received the progress report of the field survey that has been just concluded, according to which, three model farms for extension practical training has been selected and a 81000\$ contract has been signed to equip these farms.

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to receive comments and criticism, which formed a valuable feedback to the project future plan.



The First Cinderella Concur

JICA Syria Office, and in cooperation with UNRWA held the first Cinderella Concur on March.10.2006 at Al Kindi Hall in Homs, where UNRWA students came from Damascus, Aleppo, Hama, Homs, Lattakia and Daraa to play music and to sing the beautiful folkloric Syrian, Palestinian and Japanese songs.

The concur started with the national anthem of Syria, Palestine and Japan and then there was a sketch for the UNRWA teachers who underwent a music training that was given by the music JOCV volunteers.

After that, the UNRWA musical groups that came from different cities sang, danced and played music and each group had a special and distinguished performance.

It's worth mentioning that this event came after a persistent training and long cooperation between UNRWA students and teachers on one hand and the music JOCV volunteers on the other.

The aim of this event was to evoke the love of music in the souls of children and to create new friendships among UNRWA teachers and students.

This event was attended by more than 600 persons and most of the audience expressed their appreciation to the Japanese

Expert Volunteers and to the local teachers who did great efforts to make this event succeed.

At the end of the concert, the judgment committee members; Mr. Nagasawa, Resident Representative of JICA Syria Office, Mr. Ahmad AL-Tawam, Education Program Officer, Mr. Mahmoud Badran, UNRWA Chief Education Officer, and Mr. Yonezu, Specialist in Music, announced the names of the best schools and handed them over certificates for their stunning performance. In Addition, the teachers who attended the teachers training received certificates as well.

