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## Training Course for Extensionists on Preparation of Extension Materials within DEITEX Project

The process of tackling saving irrigation water on the farm level is consisted of many steps. Therefore, Development of Efficient Irrigation Techniques and Extension (DEITEX) project is addressing each of these steps separately, but within one vision and using an integrated approach.

After the Successful implementation of two training courses on "Field Survey" and "Basic Information on Modern Irrigation System", the same group of Extensionists received training on "Preparation of Extension Materials"

The objective of this training course is to teach the extensionists how to explain water saving

practices and spread necessary awareness through preparation of printed materials such as brochures, and posters, to the simple farmers, who are not as experienced as extensionists and are interested to listen to complicated explanation or read technical documents.

During the course, the trainees learned how to isolate a problem, put the solution in simple words, and how to give instructions to the artist, who is supposed to produce the material.

It is worth motioning that, one last training course is planed for the second year of DEITEX on "Organising Field Days" which will target the same group of extensionists in the project area.



*Problem Analysis*



*Physical Illustrative Model on Installation of Fittings (bad Pactics- Good Practice)*



*Drawing Essentials*



*Sample Brochure*



## With JICA's Expert Volunteers Counterparts

JICA cooperated with General Directorate for Antiquities and Museums GDAM in starting up the core for Document Restoration Laboratory within Historical Documentation Center located in Damascus, al-Thwra Street near Sarwja souk. In 2004; Japanese Volunteer Mr. Yoshia Hayashi contributed in basing up the Laboratory. He surveyed the stored documents and submitted reports prioritizing the tasks according to importance of the documents. Then; JICA provided necessary materials for restoration works.



*Manuscript before restoration*

Currently; maintaining and restoring historical documents is taking place in the laboratory. Two Japanese volunteers are working for the laboratory: Ms. Rie Nitta and Ms. Mizuki Kojima and three employees from GDAM.

Ms. Fidaa Ulyian is the counterpart. Ms. Fidaa said: "through my work with JICA experts, I got a remarkable experience in terms of restoration and maintaining the documents"; she added that Historical Documentation Center is to share the gained experience with al-Assad National Library, considering possible cooperation ways to conserve the cultural heritage of Syria.

With regards to work development; Ms. Fidaa underlined "Our work has been

improved; starting from dry cleaning. Then; unclaspig manuscripts, washing, restoring, claspig and preparing boxes for filing them; in addition to; sterilizing and monitoring the storage conditions."



*Fidaa and Khlwod are working at the laboratory*

The number of working staff has been increased as well; as two staff have joined the work team. The recently employed staff Ms. Khlwod Nader said: "Japanese volunteers and Ms. Fidaa offered me on job training. I am very proud of my work in restoring the manuscripts; it is completely new experience in GDAM. Moreover; I am doing my best to gain know-how and benefit from their experience"



*Manuscript after restoration*



## Japanese Teachers Mission Visits Syria

JICA Syria Office annually receives Teachers Mission from various schools in Japan for observing the different programs of cooperation with the Syrian Organizations.

The Mission of Nine teachers visited Syria from July 31 to August 07, 2006 where they were accompanied by Staff from JICA Office for visiting many projects and cooperation programs in different assignment places of its Experts, Senior Volunteers and Volunteers. The mission visited the Water Resources Information Center where the team of the Japanese experts work with their local counterparts, also the schedule con-

sisted of visiting one of the Kindergartens of the Women Federation, Damascus University and the General Sport Federation in Damascus and Homs.

In Aleppo the Mission visited the General Organization of Seed Multiplication and Aleppo Museum; the assignment places of the Senior-Volunteers.



The team coordinator expressed their impression about the on going projects and about the positive coordination from the counterparts and from the persons in charge in the recipient organizations for getting benefits from the Japanese experience in various technical fields



## New Field Coordinator For UNRWA Expert Volunteers

On August 13, 2006 Mr. Shinji Taguchi arrived in Syria to be assigned as a Field Coordinator for the expert volunteers who are working at UNRWA's education department. The assignment will be in the Education Development Center with the local counterparts for implementing the on-going cooperation programs in the fields of; physical education, music, audio visual media, and computer science.

Mr. Taguchi who has acquired the Bachelor Degree in Science of Mechanical Engineering from Tsuyama National College of Technology in 1984, was a member of the JOCV and dispatched to Syria from 1990 to 1992 and assigned in Industrial Testing & Research Center (ITRC) in the field of Non-Destructive Tests, and again as a Senior JOCV

for the same organization from 1993 to 1996. Also Mr. Taguchi was a member of JICA senior volunteers program in JICA Jordan Office from 2004 to 2006 in the same technical field.







## UNRWA'S Music Teachers Training

Within the 'frame-work of cooperation between UNRWA & JICA, the second phase of Music Teachers Training was held at the UNRWA's Education Development Center, where the new group of teachers started two weeks ago, they were practicing rendition, composing, playing flute and also preparing for the coming Music contest.



Mr. Ibrahim Safieh, UNRWA Music Supervisor explained that he noticed a great improvement on the participants performance and he expressed UNRWA's gratitude to the

JOCV Volunteers for the continuous efforts, saying that they are doing their best to train the music teachers who are very eager to upgrade & improve their skills, and techniques, and to benefit from the experience and knowledge of the Japanese Volunteers. At the closing session; Mr. Shigeru Otake the Deputy Resident Representative of JICA Syria Office and Mr. Samir Abd Al Rahim the Deputy Director of EDC , distributed the certificates to the participating teachers



*Certificates to the Teachers*

## Web Site for the Reproductive Health Project

The project for Strengthening Reproductive Health in Manbej Area in Aleppo which is under implementation between JICA experts and Ministry of Health has got its web site through the JICA Head Office in Tokyo. The site is available in three languages: Arabic, English and Japanese.

You can visit:

[http://project.jica.go.jp/syria/4425009E0/ar\\_index.html](http://project.jica.go.jp/syria/4425009E0/ar_index.html)

in order to know all the necessary information and progress of the project's activities.

Your comments, ideas and participation are highly appreciated.



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