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JAAS First Activity

In cooperation with Syrian Scientific Association for Quality and JICA' senior volunteer Mr. Toru Matsuzaki who works in the field of Quality Assurance, JICA Alumni Association in Syria held a workshop on the (5S) technique.

The (5S) is considered one of the main methods used in Japan in order to improve the workplace. Based on Japanese words that begin with 'S'

The 5S Philosophy focuses on effective work place organization and standardized work procedures. 5S simplifies the work environment, reduces waste and non-value activity while improving quality efficiency and safety.

The workshop took place in Rida Saeed Conference room at Damascus University on Oct.04,2006 and was attended by JICA's Resident Representative and Mr. Walid Malas Board Member of Damascus Chamber of Industry as well as members from SPC, SSRC, MO Industry, and representatives of Public and Private sectors' companies.

Mr. Matsuzaki presented the Japanese experience in this field mentioning its positive impact on the productive establishments and companies. Dr. Mustafa Aghbar JAAS Chairman assisted Mr. Matsuzaki during his presentation and clarified the importance of adapting this method to be applied in Syrian companies to help improving the Syrian economy.

The workshop came as the first activity of JAAS that was established late 2005, and is currently preparing for launching new programs, seminars and workshops in cooperation with JICA and JICA's ex-participants that are considered the real partners in building the capacities of the



Mr. Matsuzaki Presenting 5S Concept



JICA – UNRWA Workshop 2006

Within the framework of cooperation between JICA & UNRWA the second workshop was held on Oct. 5th.2006 at Damascus Training Center, aiming at discussing and promoting the cooperation between the two Agencies.

The Senior Volunteers who are assigned at EDC and DTC in addition to the JOCV volunteers who work at UNRWA schools and their counterparts gave presentations about their on going activities and the achievements that they have made so far in the fields of Music, Physical Education, Vocational Training, Audio Visual & Computer Science.



The work shop was attended by Mr. Kazuhide Nagasawa , Resident Representative of JICA Syria Office and Mr. Panos Moutzis; Director of UNRWA Affairs in Syria in addition to all the concerned staff from the Education Departments in both organizations .

Mr. Nagasawa explained that he was satisfied to see the result of this fruitful cooperation that has started in 2000 and hoped that UNRWA would continue holding the activities that has already started in cooperation with JICA.

In his turn Mr. Panos expressed his deep gratitude and appreciation for the support of JICA Syria Office and for the great efforts that the JOCV have paid hand in hand with their local counterparts by introducing new skills and experiences to upgrade the performance level at UNRWA schools .

At the end of the work shop Mr. Kawada who works as a music teacher in the UNRWA school in Homs handed over some musical instruments that were sent as a gift from Japan to the UNRWA students as an expression of brotherhood & friendship.





Meeting Head of State Planning

On October 7th 2006, Mr. Abdullah Al-Dardary Received JICA Resident Representative, WRIC Senior Adviser, and Urban Planning Development Study Team Leader, at the presence of Deputy Ministers of Ir-

rigation and Local Administration and Environment, Director General of General Commission of Water Resources, Director of WRIC, and other counterparts and staff to discuss the progress of both projects.



After the presentation of JICA Experts and their counterparts, a fruitful discussion followed, Emphasising on projects' strategy, and the means of utilising its outcomes in order to achieve the development goals of technical cooperation between the Syrian, and Japanese Governments.

Towards Better National Industry

Mechatronic Department within Mechanical & Electrical Faculty was established in 2003 in cooperation between JICA and Tishreen University. Where JICA expert was dispatched and cooperated with a group of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Six months later Japanese Grant Aid was provided for establishing Mechatronic Laboratory One & Mechatronic Laboratory Two. Those laboratories considered very important facilities in Syrian Universities. The working team in the laboratories made PLC and Microcontroller working stations for training purposes.

After JICA expert finished his assignment in Mechatronic Department; JICA Senior Volunteer Mr. Ezaki Hiroshi was dispatched to support the staff working in

the laboratories and assist the professors in providing consultancy services. Mr. Yoshihiko Takase – JICA Senior Volunteer in PLC is joining this Department as well.

Now Mechatronic Department is able to support National Industry through providing training opportunities to enhance the capacity building of staff working in Public Sector & Private Sector as well





New SV Group arrived in Syria

A new group of senior volunteers arrived in Syria on Oct 3, 2006 to be assigned in the ministries and organizations mentioned hereunder:

Name	Receptient Organization	Speciality
Mr. Ken MORINO	Aleppo Chamber of Industry	Group Facilitator
Mr. Masauki HAYAKASHI	Aleppo Chamber of Industry	Textile
Mr. Kyoji UZUKA	Aleppo Chamber of Industry	Foundry and Metal Engineer
Mr. Ichiro SAHARA	Aleppo Chamber of Industry	Management Consultant
Mr. Yoshihiko TAKASE	Tishreen University	PLC Instructor



Mr. Ken MORINO



Mr. Masauki HAYAKASHI



Mr. Kyoji UZUKA



Mr. Ichiro SAHARA



Mr. Yoshihiko TAKASE

Terminal Evaluation for the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Project

This November a delegation consistent of 4 members visits Syria to conduct the final evaluation for the project of Capacity Building of Veterinary Medicine Faculty at Al-Baath University which was initiated in 2003. The delegation is going to meet Senior Government Officials at SPC, Ministries of Higher Education, and Agriculture, and will conduct site surveys to inspect the progress of the project and propose its recommendations for the Syrian government as a result.



Mr. IIO; Committee Member visiting Directorate of Animal Health, Mo Agriculture