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JICA's Donor Coordination Meeting

On October 2nd, JICA Syria Office held its Regular Annual Donor Coordination Meeting at State Planning Commission. JICA invited to this event all International Donor Organizations and concerned staff from SPC to ensure greater coordination and collaboration between JICA, other donors and the Syrian government.

During the meeting, opening remarks were delivered by Dr Ahmad al-Ashkar, Deputy Head of State Planning Commission, and JICA Resident Representative Mr. Kazuhide Nagasawa. Next, National Program Officers presented on-

going and up-coming programs in the four main sectors that JICA Syria Office is providing support in: Economic, Water Resources, Social Seervice and Environment.

Attendances came from different organizations. They were from United Nations Development Program, European Union Delegation of the European Commission, Royal Netherlands Embassy, German Technical Cooperation Agency, Aga Khan Development Network and Embassy of Spain. In addition to staff concerned from State Planning Commission and Embassy of Japan.

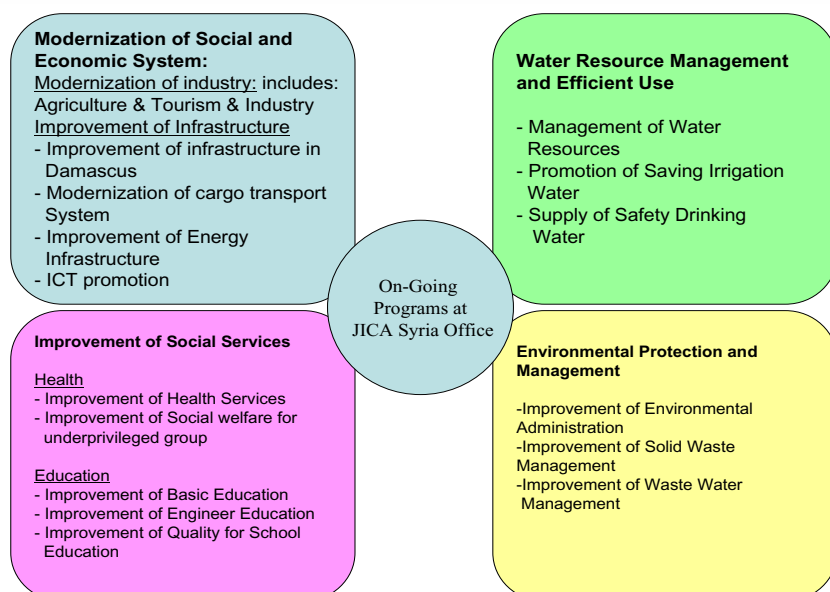


JICA Program Officers delivered presentations about JICA's sectors in Syria



JICA RR & Deputy Head of SPC delivered opening speeches

It is worth mentioning, JICA Syria Office is currently conducting eighteen programs in the aforementioned sectors.





Signing Records of Discussion on: The Project for Enhancing Reproductive Health in Syria

According to a request for Technical Cooperation Project submitted by the Primary Health Care Directorate-Ministry of Health to JICA Syria Office to execute a project for enhancing reproductive health in Syria in order to increase utilization of quality and satisfactory Maternal and Child Health & Reproductive Health services in Manbej, Aleppo.

Deputy Minister of Health Dr. Shaiesh al Yousef and JICA's Resident Representative Mr. Kazuhide Nagasawa signed Records of Discussions on the project in October 11, 2005

According to the Records of Discussions, JICA will take, at its own expense, the following measures according to the normal procedures under the Technical Cooperation Scheme:

1. DISPATCH OF THE EXPERTS
2. PROVISION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT
3. TRAINING OF SYRIAN PERSONNEL OVERSEAS

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic will take

necessary measures to ensure self-reliant operations of the Project during and after the period of Japanese technical cooperation, through full and active involvement in the Project by all related authorities, beneficiary groups and institutions.

The project period is 3 years starts in 2006 and ends in 2008.



Dr. Al Yousef and Mr. Nagasawa ... Signing R/D

Signing Minutes of Meeting on the Project of Sewerage System Development in Syria

In response to a request submitted by the Syrian Government, the Japanese government approved to implement a study on Sewage System Development in Syria.

At the beginning of October a preparatory study team began its visit to Syria in order to clarify the framework of this study.

The team carried out field surveys in the study area and held series of discussions with MOHC and other concerned ministries.

The objectives of the study are:

- 1- To review existing sewage

planning in Syria and to formulate a master plan for priority areas.

- 2- To conduct a feasibility study on the urgent projects which will be selected from the Master plan.
- 3- Technology transfer to the counterpart personnel.

In October 19, 2005 Minutes of Meeting on the project were signed by the Japanese Team Leader Mr. Ryosuko Kojima and Syrian Minister of Housing and Construction Mr. Mohammad Nehad Mushantat.



H.E. The minister and Mr. Kojim
Signing M/M



Japan and Syria ... mutual cooperation

UNRWA Music Teachers Training

Following the teachers' Training plan which started in last August with an advanced training for the music specialist teachers in UNRWA Schools, the first workshop for the first cycle teachers was held in Homs city on 21 & 22 September 2005.

The workshop was attended by 13 Teachers in addition to the two supporting specialist teachers, the schools supervisor of music and managed by the group of the Expert Volunteers assigned at UNRWA Schools who had the essential role of conveying the Japanese experience to the local teachers, and who will continue through the sustainable follow up and the daily teaching in the schools.

The objective of these courses is upgrading the capabilities of the local teachers in the field of music education and utilizing the special text book which was prepared previously by the same group.

Also there was a little time for sightseeing after finishing the first day of the training, where there was a visit for Al Hosn Citadel (Crac De Chevalier).



Music Teacher in Homs Workshop

For a better future for all of us...

Before around one year, the meaning of this motto was so general that I could not clue implications inferred within their words.

After I have joined JICA, worked as an officer at the Economic sector and explored other three sectors activities; Water, Environment and Social, I discovered the broad spectrum of JICA schemes not only in Syria but also in more than 60 countries around the world.

Now before I leave it to continue my academic study, I would like to mention that I have enjoyed being

a member in JICA Syria office and I would like to thank all those who supported me to team up with our work.

Syria is developing whereas; JICA is offering very important support in the aforementioned sectors. As a result, development goals will be reached through continuous cooperation between the Syrian ministries and JICA



Vartan Yaylalian



New Group of Experts (Senior Volunteers) arrives in Syria.

On October 13, 2005, a group of 5 Experts (Senior Volunteers) arrived in Syria to be assigned in the following organizations, where they work with the local counterparts to upgrade the level of the technical experience, each according to his or to her specialization:

Name	Recipient Organization	Speciality
Mr. Sadao Ueno	Ministry of Industry - Aleppo Chamber of Industry.	Industrial Waste Water Treatment.
Mr. Kenji Ozaki	Ministry of Industry – Damascus Intermediate Institute for Textiles Industry.	Spinning.
Mr. Hiroshi Takagi	Ministry of Culture- Directorate of Antiquities & Museums, Aleppo Museum	Museum Display.
Mr. Eiji Yasumoto	Ministry of Social Affairs & Labour - UNRWA Damascus Training Center. DTC	Refrigerator /Air conditioning / Central Heating System and Plumbing.
Ms. Sonoe Yamada	Ministry of Social Affairs & Labour - UNRWA Damascus Training Center. DTC	Group Coordinator.

The Senior Volunteers experts are the group which their ages are between 40 to 69 years and who have the wide experience in many socializations. The program objective is transferring the technical Experience to the local counterparts in addition to introducing some of these counterparts for attending an intensive training course in Japan

In the present time there are 23 Senior Volunteers Experts in the following programs:

Modernization of Agriculture,
Modernization of Industry,
Modernization of Tourism,
Improvement of Energy
Infrastructure, and Improvement of
Basic Education.



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