

Project Brief

Issue: Tourism Promotion

Scheme: JICA Partnership Program

Project Title: The plan for recovering Samarkand Paper, and the revitalization of handmade crafts in improving the life of Koni Ghil village in Samarkand



Duration: 2010 – 2012

Uzbek Counterpart: NGO Koni Ghil Meros (MEROS)
(Samarkand Handmade Craft Association).

Project Goal: Starting from supporting the recovery of the Samarkand Paper, and further into supporting other local crafts, MEROS, and crafts people. This is to aim at improving the local living quality.

Inputs from Japanese Side:

- ✓ Dispatching Japanese Experts
- ✓ Provision of Equipment
- ✓ Training of Uzbek personnel

Inputs from Uzbek Side:

- ✓ Counterpart personnel
- ✓ Necessary information
- ✓ Project site

Activities:

- ✓ Restoration of 8th century Samarkand Paper production process, including restoring the watermill.
- ✓ Transfer of technical skills of hand-made paper.
- ✓ Creation of a Handicrafts Map, regional resources map with local people

Results (Expected for on-going projects):

- ✓ Samarkand paper manufacturing process was restored
- ✓ Handicrafts Map, regional resources map was created.

Geographical Location: Samarkand province

