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Report from a former participant

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*****Introduction*****

I will introduce a report from one of the former participants in JICA/KITA training courses.



Mr. Kawai at work

Ms. Casco, who submitted the following report, is now working for the Philippines' Department of Trade and Industry. She is one of the senior consultants in the Board of Investments in charge of providing various kinds of materials needed by investors to promote investments. She joined Area Focused Training on 'Construction and Designing for Sound Material Society for Asian Countries' in FY2007 which was organized by JICA and implemented by KITA.

She has a profound knowledge of pollution problems and waste treatment. She said that she always keeps in mind what she learned in the training in Japan and makes use of it in her consulting work.

When I heard about her recent activities in her own country, I proudly realized that the training in Japan had been worthwhile.

I would hereby like to introduce her report as follows.

Michio Kawai

KITA Course leader

My warmest greetings to Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Kitakyushu International Techno-Cooperative Association (KITA).

It is indeed an honor for me to be given the opportunity to visit Japan on 2008 for the *Training on Construction and Designing for Sound Material Society for Asian Countries*.

The learning and experiences that I have gained from this training guided me in protecting the environment and promoting the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) in my areas of responsibility.

I will always bear in mind the history of industrial pollution in Japan. I quote that “in a sense, it is believed that it is useful for developing countries to know the facts about such trials and errors experienced by Japanese industries, so that we will be able to get some hint or indications on how to avoid repeating the same mistakes in our countries”. Quoting further that “we should keep in mind that prevention is cheaper than compensation”.

As to the Action Plan, my co-participants and I are conducting further consultations and coordination with matters regarding waste recycling facilities such as materials recovery facility and categorized sanitary landfill, information dissemination and most of all the advocacy of Best Practices. There is also a continuous collaboration in terms of the promotion and implementation of 3Rs.

Again and again thank you very much,

Helen SS. Casco
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Recently Ms Casco is very active in various kinds of seminars



Ms Casco on a field trip in Japan

***Maraming salamát to
JICA/KITA from the
bottom of my heart!***