



A Memorial Group Photo at the closing ceremony of JICA Training Course in FY 2012, "Operation and Maintenance of Sewerage System and Waste Water Treatment Technique (B)"

## 【Overseas Reports】

### A Report from a Former Participant

Course leader : Mr. Hajime SUETA

Former participant: Mr. Irfan Bahadir ONDER

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- Introducing Baha-san (his nickname), who is playing a major role in promoting and improving sewerage systems in his homeland (Turkey) after completing his JICA technical training course -

This issue of Overseas Reports covers the current situation of Mr. Irfan Bahadır ONDER (nickname Baha-san), a participant from Turkey. This is the second issue of Overseas Reports, following on from the one about Mark-san (Mr. Mark LEKGJONA), a participant from Albania who was on the same training course as Baha-san.



Mr. SUETA  
Course Leader



### **Baha-san from Turkey**

- He e-mailed Mr.SUETA on his current activities.



### **Mark-san from Albania**

- He e-mailed Mr.SUETA on his activities to in Oct.2012.



## **1. Profile of Mr. ONDER**

Mr. Onder works for Iller Bank in Turkey as a civil engineer. Iller Bank has a long history of supporting infrastructure improvement by financing local authorities including municipalities.

## **2. Recent Activities of Mr. ONDER**

- Jan., 2013 He participated in a JICA/KITA training course in Kitakyushu, Japan.



At Mt. Sarakura covered with snow



Storm simulation booth at Tokyo Life Safety Learning Center

- May, 2013 He reported to Mr. Taichi MINAMITANI of JICA Turkey Office and Mr. Rüya ARSLAN of Program Office on his training output after returning to his homeland, Turkey.

Please click here to  
read Mr. ONDER's  
Presentation



- Jan., 2014 He reunited in Turkey with his training course mate, Mr. LEKGJONAJ who enjoyed staying in Istanbul with his fiancée for five days.

Mr. ONDER(center)  
with Mr. LEKGJONAJ  
& his fiancée in Turkey



- Feb., 2014 He e-mailed Mr. SUETA on his activities related to sewerage in Turkey as below.

*Dear Sensei,*

*Sorry for the delay of the report I mentioned but due to some urgent works and lack of visual material, I postponed the preparation of the report. This is not exactly a formal briefing report, but a little bit more informative paper.*

*As we spoke, after I returned to Turkey, I prepared a short presentation to JICA Turkey Office Representative MINAMITANI Taichi and Programme Officer Rüya ARSLAN on May, 2013. It is generally based on a summary of technical training with visuals and teaching materials, social earnings from my point of view and Action Plan. You can find the presentation at the attachment of the e-mail. I would like to mention about my effort on the Action Plan, which was as you know more likely a social project rather than a technical application. As you remember, my main aim is to raise the awareness of society about the importance of clean environment, more specifically clean water. To have clean water sources, one should have treated the wastewater to preserve the sources of clean water that are basically outlet points of wastewater. decreased. (Normally it is a high visual quality animated video). That project was not conducted by me but I was in touch with them so I decided to share that with you. In the future, I am planning to advice and contribute to the municipalities (that I am responsible of the construction of WWTPs) to organize some educational materials about WWTP and trips to WWTP for school children from different ages. For now, this would be a good example for my ongoing Action Plan application.*

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*As for the daily works, In the International Relations Department, we are financing the construction of 6 WWTP and 5 sewerage-wastewater network in different municipalities with JICA loan. We have also more than 20 ongoing projects financed by different International organizations like World Bank, European Investment Bank and ongoing negotiations with more International Finance Organizations in different sectors like drinking water and solid waste management. Co-operation for Urban Transformation Projects, Educational Technical Programs for Local and Foreigner professionals are some more daily work subjects for me nowadays.*

*Other than those things I mentioned, we are still in touch with friends from our training, (thanks to Internet) but more than chatting on Internet, we actually met with Mark LEKGJONAJ from Albania. Mark and his fiancée visited İstanbul on January, 2014 for 5 days and they were my guests for those days which we visited historical places like Hagia Sophia Museum, Topkapı and Dolmabahçe Palaces, the famous Blue Mosque and more. We realized that our training course not only thought us well about WWTPs and Sewerage systems but also helped us to establish a great friendship with common grounds and similar way of living. Again, I want to thank you all JICA and KITA members who made our training fruitful technically and socially by helping and leading us for approximately 2 months.*

*I am looking forward to hear from you again Sueta-San, and I want to especially thank you and Joomi-San for taking care of us during our training.*

*İRFAN BAHADIR ÖNDER*



Please click here to view the animated video mentioned above.



Please click here to look through the booklet mentioned above.

### **3. Message from his course leader, Mr. SUETA**

*Looking at the job report he submitted before coming to Japan, I see that I had jotted down, "An engineer working at a bank. Coordinator for JICA-funded aid projects. The knowledge gained through the training will probably be of use to him in his own work, but the content of the training may be too on-site oriented for him."*

*However, Baha-san is convinced that the construction of wastewater treatment plants is essential in order to preserve a clean water environment, and that it is his job to assist that. He therefore absorbed all available information related to sewerage systems, no doubt with the strong belief that he must pass on that knowledge to local authorities. With that attitude, he actively soaked up the extensive content of the two-month course, from sewerage system planning concepts to actual operation and maintenance.*

*I was absolutely delighted when I got an email from Baha-san saying that he was publicizing the need for specific sewerage system maintenance to local authorities. It really is a great joy when the results of our training can be seen in a tangible form.*

*I hope that he will continue with his efforts to develop the sewerage system industry in Turkey.*

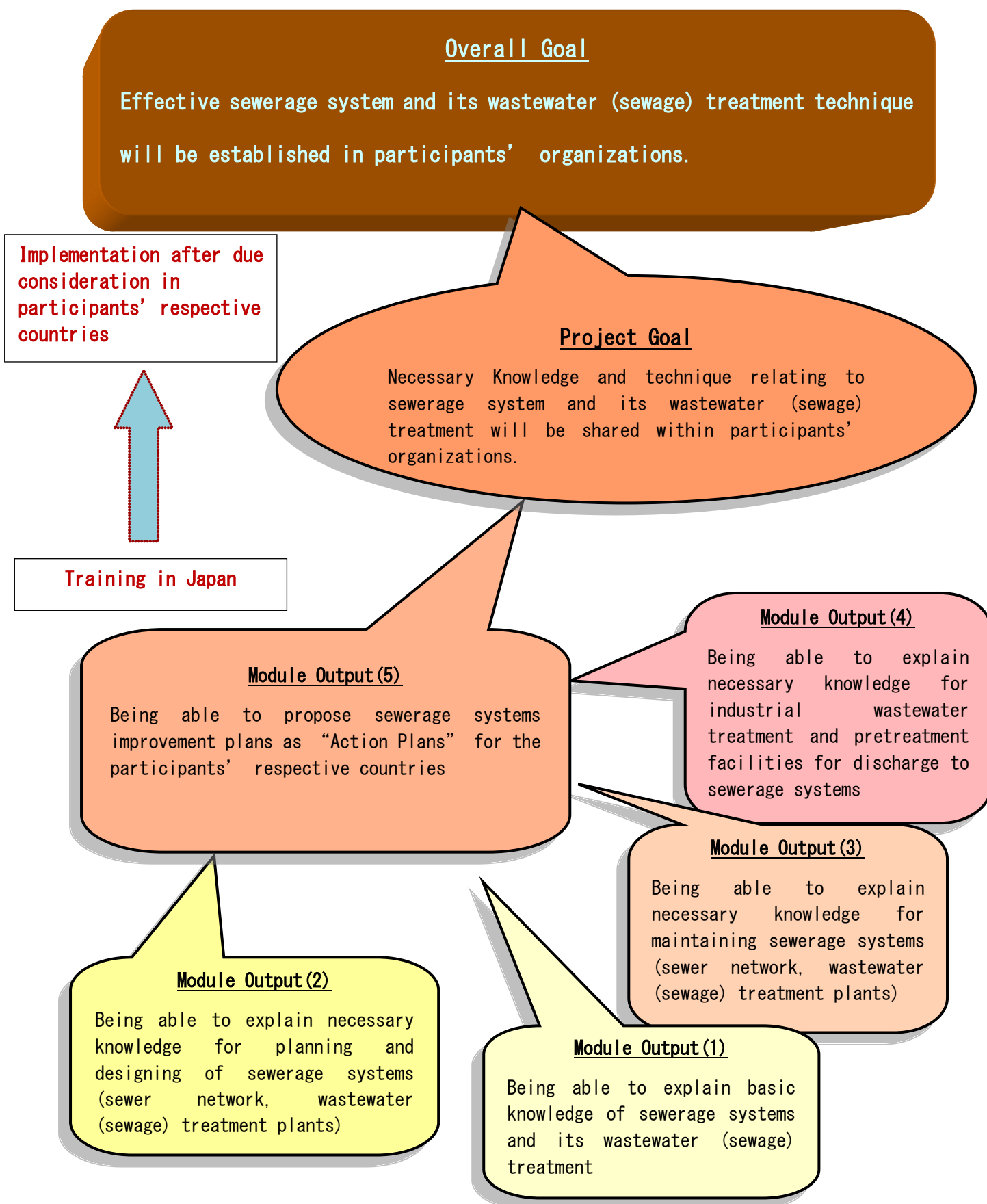
*Good luck, Baha-san!!*

### **4. Outline of the training course where he participated in Japan**

- (1) **Course Name** : Operation and Maintenance of Sewerage System and Waste Water Treatment Technique (B)
- (2) **Course Leader** : Hajime SUETA
- (3) **Training Period** : January 16, 2013 to March 8, 2013
- (4) **Participants** : 9 participants from 8 countries
  - a) Albania   b) Palestine   c) Turkey   d) Iraq   e) Mauritius
  - f) Angola   g) Colombia   h) Costa Rica (2 members)



## 5. Conceptual Framework of the Training Course where he participated in Japan



## 6. Photos from the JICA/KITA Training Course (January to March, 2013)

