

Overseas Reports

A Report from a Former Participant 【Current Activities of Former Participants】



Former participants held a workshop in Kosovo, their home country.



Ms MUJA, one of the eight former participants, is making a presentation on her action plan

- 1) Course Leader : Hajime SUETA
- 2) Former Participant: Mr. Vehbi DURAKU from Kosovo

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~We report on activities being run by former participants playing an active role
 in their homeland after completing their JICA/KITA training course~

This issue of Overseas Reports covers activities being run in their homeland by participants who attended the training course, “Capacity Development in Waste Water Treatment Sector”. Mr. SUETA, the course leader who managed the course, introduced us their activity situation.

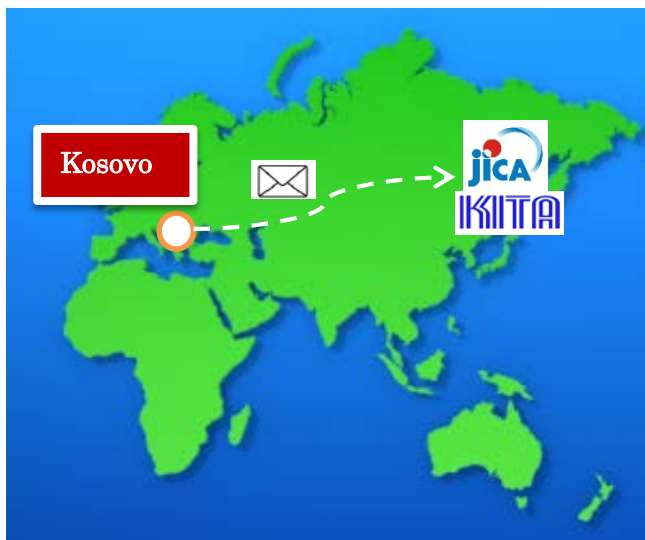
1. A message from Mr. SUETA, course leader



One day a question arrived via JICA coordinator, Ms YAMANE, from Vehbi-san, a former participant who had returned to his homeland. "I'm planning to run a workshop but there's something from my training course that I don't understand. Please could you explain it to me?" When answering his question, I also made this request, "Could you please let me know the content of the workshop after you have held it? I'd like to feature it in publications like KITA News." He gladly agreed to my request and, after exchanging several emails, I was able to

complete this overseas report. Rereading Vehbi-san's emails about the workshop I was greatly impressed by how wonderful a workshop it had been. I think that this workshop was the embodiment of the strong desire of all the participants to do something about the water environment in Kosovo, and in particular about sewerage system maintenance. There could be nothing more rewarding for a course leader. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who gave a presentation, and to Vehbi-san who acted as our contact person. I would also like to express my gratitude to the person in charge of support for the workshop in the JICA Balkan Office.

2. Introduction of a former participant who reported to us from Kosovo



Name	 Mr.Vehbi DURAKU (Nickname: Vehbi-san)
Country	Kosovo
Course Name	Capacity Development in Waste Water Treatment Sector
Training Period	2013/10/17 - 2013/11/1

3. Outline of the JICA/KITA training course Mr. DURAKU attended

- (1) Course Name : Capacity Development in Waste Water Treatment Sector
- (2) Training Category : Kosovo country-based training course
- (3) Course Leader : Hajime SUETA (Mr.)
- (4) Training Period : 2013/10/17-2013/11/1
- (5) Number of Participants : 8

4. A report from Mr. DURAKU

We received a report from Mr. DURAKU. According to his report, the eight former participants who participated in the above-mentioned JICA/KITA training course held a workshop after returning to Kosovo and made their presentations individually there.

Details about the Workshop

- (1) Title : A Workshop of Wastewater Treatment
- (2) Dates : March 4, 2014 13:00 - 16:00
- (3) Venue : Prishtina (Capital City of Kosovo)
- (4) Number of attendees : more than 60
- (5) Attendees were representatives of the following Organizations:
 - 7 Regional Water Companies
 - The Ministry of Economic Development
 - Water and Wastewater Regulatory Office
 - Water Task Force of the Kosovo Government
 - The Water Council of Kosovo
 - The Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
 - Environmental Protection Agency
 - National Institute of Public Health
 - Others
- (6) Contents of the presentations : Regarding the knowledge and experiences gained in Japan.

【Comments from Mr. DURAKU】

- We , the presenters, prepared for the workshop meticulously beforehand. In fact, we had preparation meetings more than five times.
- The workshop was successfully organized and the attendees were satisfied with the information that we have given to them through our presentations.
- Feedback from attendees were as follows.
 - 1) This is the best workshop that I have experienced in Kosovo.
 - 2) This is the first time that I have seen a presentation by a group of the people who attended a training in Japan. The presenters today gave us all the information that they learned in the training.
 - 3) Many people in Kosovo study in Europe, but none of them have made such presentations after returning home. Today's workshop was very good.
 - 4) I was impressed by the fact that the presenters are committed to this workshop so seriously as well as that most of them were young.

[A list of the presentations at the workshop]

No.	Name of Presenters	Title of Presentations	Terminology explanation
1	Ms. Shahe KUKAJ	Wastewater in Kosovo and Japan	The presentation was about the wastewater system, including here: sewage and Wastewater treatment plants (WWTP).
2	Ms. Myvedete MUJA	The History of Wastewater in Japan	Also in this presentation it was discussed for wastewater systems, altogether sewage and WWTP.
3	Ms. Dafina DEVA	Maintenance of wastewater system in Japan	This presentation was mainly focused on wastewater pipes maintenance.
4	Mr. Nezir GECAJ	WWTP in Skenderaj and those in Japan	This presentation was focused only in Wastewater treatment plants
5	Mr. Beqir VOJVODA	Analysis in the laboratory	-
6	Mr. Lumni SALLAHU	Wastewater treatment and sludge treatment in Japan	This presentation was focused on wastewater treatment plants and sludge treatment plants
7	Mr. Lulzim PACARIZI	Wastewater treatment in Prizren	This presentation was only for the WWTP in Prizren, Kosovo
8	Mr. Vehbi DURAKU	Wastewater tariffs in Japan and asset management in Japan	My presentation was about wastewater tariffs in Japan.
9	Mr. Lulzim PACARIZI	Sensibilization of citizens for wastewater	This presentation was about for sewage and WWTP.

[Pictures at the workshop]



The eight former participants at the workshop in Kosovo with Ms TERUI, JICA Expert





5. After the first Kosovo country-based training course “Capacity Development in Waste Water Treatment Sector”

After completing the first training course, Ms KUKAJ, the team leader of this training course, had a meeting with Ms TERUI, JICA Expert. They reported the results they obtained from the training as below.

◆ The Overall Goal and Expected Outcomes

【Overall Goal】

The building of technologies and skills pertaining to the regional water companies' wastewater treatment.

【Expected Outcomes】

- 1) Clarification of the current situation and issues with regard to wastewater treatment in Kosovo.
- 2) Deeper knowledge of maintenance, planning and design.
- 3) Acquisition of a basic knowledge of sludge treatment.
- 4) Definition of water treatment standards and the creation of a water treatment manual.



◆ Outcomes and Knowledge Gained from the First Training Course

With regard to outcomes 1) and 2), the participants were able to learn and come to a deeper understanding of Japanese case studies via a variety of lectures and facility tours.

In connection with 1) (Clarification of the current situation and issues with regard to wastewater treatment in Kosovo)

- a) Recognition of the need for river basin management (The idea was mooted of establishing a river basin management department in the Ministry of the Environment)
- b) Recognition of the need to improve the percentage of sewered population (The improved percentage in remote areas was recognized)
- c) Recognition that not enough efforts had been made to promote a better understanding in the citizenry (Initiatives were suggested to use PR to give residents a better understanding)
- d) Recognition of the shortage of government initiatives aimed at improving the percentage of sewered population (It was suggested that they aim for the establishment of a subsidy system in the Ministry of Economic Development)
- e) Recognition of the need for maintenance and the lack of competence (Understanding of such points as that capital investment related costs such as operation and maintenance costs can be kept down by boosting efficiency)
- f) Recognition of challenges with regard to asset management and setting charges

In connection with 2) (Deeper knowledge of maintenance, planning and design)

Recognition of the need to repair existing sewer pipes. Recognition of the need to formulate inspection plans for operation and maintenance from now on, and to establish and thoroughly enforce inspection methods