

Overseas Reports

【Current Activities of a Former Participant】



Greeting speech from Kanako Terui, prior the seminar of waste water treatment, organized in Prishtina.



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

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

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Training Division

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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, “Country Focused Training for Kosovo: Capacity Development in Waste Water Treatment Sector”. Mr. SUETA, the course leader who managed the course, introduced us their activity situation.

1. Introduction of the participant, who has given the report

Nickname	Photo	Name	Country
Vehbi-san		Mr. Vehbi DURAKU	Kosovo



Result of “Country Focused Training for Kosovo: Capacity Development in Waste Water Treatment Sector” Course 】

	Training term	Participants
1st	Oct. 15, 2013 – Nov. 02, 2013	8
2nd	Oct. 16, 2014 – Nov. 08, 2014	10
3rd	Aug. 13, 2015 – Sep. 04, 2015	9



Trainees in water quality inspection exercises
(Training course in FY2014)



Trainees to take a lecture at the JICA Kyushu
(Training course in FY2015)

2. Message from Mr. SUETA, Course Leader



The training course “Capacity Development in Wastewater Treatment Sector” for Kosovo started in 2013 as 3 yearly plan, has safely completed. After the first training was finished, I found that the same person was to participate in the training several times. For this reason, I accepted the request from the Kosovo side in designing training curriculum as much as possible after the training, and updated the contents each time.

Participants who have completed the each training held the workshop in Prishtina, the capital city of Kosovo, by way of presentation on training result. I received the report about the first and second workshop from Mr. Vehbi who participated in these trainings. I was worried that the third report might be cut off because Mr. Vehbi did not participate in the third training, but he again gave me the report.

Checking the contents, it seems that all the participants from previous training also gathered in the third workshop and gave a presentation. I guess it means that the third workshop took place as a generalization of three times training. I think it is meaningful that participant holds a workshop in order to let the people who are involved in wastewater of Kosovo know the training result, under a difficult situation to follow up training result like this kind of training program.

As he mentioned on his report, Kosovo seems to make an effort for improvement and conservation of water environment aiming at EU accession. I hope this kind of presentation on training result leads to improvement of water environment of Kosovo.

Thank you very much for your three times of report, Vehbi - san.

3. Letter from Vehbi-san



Dear Sueta San,
How are you and how have you been so far?
I do hope that this letter will find you and your family safe and sound!
Nowadays the weather here in Kosovo is quite warm and shiny after the soft winter that we have had this season. Being such, after I finish work altogether with my daughter I walk from the kindergarten to our apartment.

I would like to inform you that last month, with the help of JICA office from Prishtina we have organized the third seminar in a row, on sharing the experience gained in Japan for water and wastewater treatment.

I do found it reasonable to share those moments of the seminar with you, and we do hope that you will take this a sign of respect and gratitude that we all have in general for Japan, and especially for your commitment toward us.

A brief report of a seminar you can find it attached by this e-mail and I hope you can feel the atmosphere that we have had on that day.

Have a nice time and all the bests!





REPORT

Wastewater treatment seminar

Practices from Japan

Prepared by: Vehbi Duraku
Prishtina, February 2016



Acronyms

EU	European Union
WWTP	Wastewater Treatment Plant
SHUKOS	Water and wastewater association in Kosovo
J.S.C	Joined Stock Company
RWC	Regional Water Companies in Kosovo
IMWC	Inter - Ministerial Water Council (ex - Water Task Force)
MESP	Ministry of Environmental and Spatial Planning
MED	Ministry of Economic Development
YWP	Young Water Professionals Association
WWRO	Water and wastewater regulatory office

Preface

The Japan Government and the Government of Kosovo have cooperated for the third time on the training upon building the capacities for wastewater treatment, in the city of Kitakyushu of Japan. This training was organized due to the request from MED to build the human capacities of RWCs in the wastewater sector. JICA has estimated that the cooperation in this regard is of high importance, as this training will prepare the Kosovo representatives in the technical aspect of improving its capacity building.

Kosovo is on her journey towards EU integration and the institutions of Kosovo have a lot of effort to fulfil the EU standards in each and every sector. Japan experience in the context of functionality, maintenance and sophisticated technologies of wastewater treatment might be very useful to help Kosovo in this sector. This is why JICA has been thinking to contribute by helping Kosovo to develop the capacity building in the technical aspect of wastewater treatment.

Environmental protection is being a problem not only by scientific experts, but now is a part of very serious discussion from the political point of view in many countries of the world. In this regard, even Kosovo is trying to pay its proper attention to environmental protection.

Actual situation of wastewater sector in Kosovo it is not in the desirable level and it has a lot of work and investments to be done. Wastewaters are one of the biggest polluters of environment that is why they should be treated properly prior to its discharge to river, being such, Kosovo is trying through institutional cooperation with foreign donators to start the implementation of wastewater treatment.

A considerable contribution in the sector of water and wastewater till now has given the Government of the Republic of Kosovo as well as different donators which have invested a lot and they are continuing to help Kosovo for further development of this sector.

One of the most serious donators which have helped Kosovo in different sectors, and continue to do so, is the country of Japan who has given considerable contribution on training the Kosovo professional staff in the subject of wastewater treatment.

Seminar organisation and presentations

Kosovo has had the luck to train its professional staff for three years in a row upon the practices and advanced Japan technologies on wastewater treatment plants. In order to deliver the knowledge gained in Japan, the group of Kosovo professional staff who participated the training in Japan with the help of JICA, **on February the 16th** have organized the Seminar for wastewater treatment – Practices from Japan.

The seminar was held in Prishtina, Hotel Sirius, starting from 13:00 o'clock till 16:00.

The list of people who have made their presentations in this seminar is going to be presented on the table below.

Table 1. Presentations from the seminar of wastewater treatment

Nr	Speaker	Institution	The title of the presentation
1	Shahe Kukaj-Krasniqi	MED	Wastewater in Kosovo and wastewater in Japan
2	Dafina Deva	RWC "Radoniqi" j.s.c Gjakova	Maintenance and management of wastewater pipes in Japan
3	Beqir Vojvoda	ITUZ Skenderaj	Wastewater treatment for the villages Rezallë e re, Rakinicë and Tushile in WWTP of Skenderaj
4	Skender Ramadani	RWC "Hidromorava" j.s.c Gjilan	Wastewater treatment plant for the villages Zhegër, Lladov, Nasal, Partesh, Budrig, Pisjan E Partesh, Velekincë – Practices from Japan
5	Vehbi Duraku	WWRO	The assess of uniform wastewater tariffs on basin level
6	Lumni Sallahu	RWC "Hidroregjioni-Jugor" j.s.c Prizren	The possibilities of small wastewater treatment plants in rural areas.
7	Lulzim Paqarizi	RWC "Hidroregjioni-Jugor" j.s.c Prizren	Wastewater treatment with PTF method
8	Valdet Syla	RWC "Bifurkacioni" j.s.c Ferizaj	Wastewater treatment plant in the village Jezerc of Ferizaj city – Practices from Japan
9	Agron Dreshaj	RWC "Hidrodrini" j.s.c Pejë	The reformation of maintenance team and the importance of storm water discharge manhole
10	Ilir Abdullahu	RWC "Prishtina" j.s.c Prishtinë	The Cadastre points of wastewater discharge.

Participants who attended the seminar

In coordination with JICA office of Kosovo, the group of professionals trained in Japan have considered that the knowledge gained from Japan should be delivered with the stakeholders of Kosovo.

As such, it has been paid a considerable effort to be invited all the institutions and organisations by whom in one way or the other are interconnected with the wastewater sector

In this seminar have participated people of these institutions:

1. MED
2. MESP
3. WWRO
4. IMWC
5. RWC "Prishtina"
6. RWC "Hidroregjioni-Jugor"
7. RWC "Hidrodrini"
8. RWC "Mitrovica"
9. RWC "Radoniqi"
10. RWC "Bifurkacioni"
11. RWC "Hidromorava"
12. SHUKOS
13. YWP

In general, the interest of institutions to participate in this seminar was quite good, whereby there were 60 people attending on it.

Summary of moments during the seminar



Greeting speech from Kanako Terui, prior the seminar of waste water treatment, organized in Prishtina.



Introductory speech from Shahe Kukaj-Krasniqi, by which she thanked the participants for joining the wastewater treatment seminar.



Moments during the presentation of Shahe Kukaj Krasniqi, regarding the wastewater issues in Kosovo and Japan.



Moments during the presentation of Dafina Deva, whereby she elaborated Japanese practices on wastewater pipes maintenance



Beqir Vojvoda elaborating the action plan on enhancing the service area of wastewater treatment in WWTP.



Skender Ramadani during the presentation upon wastewater treatment challenges in RWC "Hidromorava".



Vehbi Duraku elaborating its paper work upon assessing uniform wastewater tariffs on basin level.



Lumni Sallahu during his presentation upon the possibilities of wastewater treatment in rural areas.



Luzim Paçarizi during his presentation elaborating the PTF method of wastewater treatment.



Valdet Sylja during his presentation about wastewater treatment in the Jezerc village of Ferizaj city.



Agron Dreshaj presenting his paper work upon the reformation of maintenance team and the importance of storm water discharge manhole.



Ilir Abdullahu during his presentation towards the Cadastre points of wastewater discharge.



Questioning and answering session moments whereby the participants in the seminar had the chance to discuss closely regarding the experience gained during the training in Japan, and there were made various discussions towards the challenges of water and wastewater in Kosovo.

Acknowledgment

The Republic of Kosovo, as always, with this report uses the chance to express its deepest gratitude towards Japan for the help given to the state of Kosovo on her journey of building sustainable institutions in general, and for the help given on capacity building for wastewater treatment in particular.

We do hope that this good collaboration between Japan and Kosovo will continue also in future, as Kosovo state considers that it can learn a lot from a developed country as it is Japan.