

# Overseas Reports

## 【Current Activities of a Former Participant】



Aubrey-san reported her current activities in Philippines.

1) Course Leader: Hajime SUETA

2) Former Participant: Ms. BUGTONG Anne Aubrey De Guzman

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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, “Operation and Maintenance of Sewerage System (B)”.

Hajime SUETA, the course leader who managed the course, introduced us their activity situation.



All the trainees dispatched from 6 countries (9 people) gathered in Kitakyushu city.

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

| Nickname     | Photo   | Name                              | Country     | Period of JICA Training Course |
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| Aubrey - san |  | Ms. BUGTONG Anne Aubrey De Guzman | Philippines | Jan. 11, 2016 ~ Mar. 05, 2016  |



Course leader  
H. SUETA

Aubrey - san



The memorial photo of participants with course leader  
H. SUETA after lecture

## 2. Message from Hajime SUETA, Course Leader



Ms. Aubrey works in Zamboanga City Water District, the Philippines which is in charge of water resource in the city. She is responsible for the assessment of environmental impact and the task for the construction of new sewage-treatment plant as an expert of water environment.

She was the only woman in the training course. Since she handled the preparation of sewage-treatment plant to be established in the city for the first time, she eagerly learned everything during the training. I remember she noted the explanation on the memo pad all the time wherever she went, even in the site visit.

She gave a speech in the closing ceremony, at the last day of the training, as a representative of all the trainees. And, her speech was selected to post on KITA`s home-page in Japan. She gave me an email with an agreement on this posting and also informed that the knowledge and information she gained from the training would be introduced on the magazine which is published quarterly by her corporation, for the exchange of information between Zamboanga city and the other public water corporations in the Philippines.

I asked her further information about the contents published on magazine and this time we could successfully introduce it on KITA news. In the report, she mentioned about action plan. The theme of the action plan that she formulated in Japan was checking the sewer pipe of Zamboanga city with television camera. I hope that she could give a presentation to her superior with advanced contents.

Even after returning home, she emailed me and asked “the design of the foundation pile for the construction of sewage- treatment plant does not go well. Is there any good method?” I think though it is not enough to solve the issues she faced only with the knowledge gained in the training, I hope she could deepen the knowledge and contribute for the improvement of water environment in the Philippines.

***Keep going, Ms. Aubrey !!***



### 3. Letter from Aubrey-san

#### *Latest Activities*



- ① **Participant:** Ms. BUGTONG Anne Aubrey De Guzman
- ② **Country:** Philippines
- ③ **Title of Report :** Briefing of JICA training experience to personnel of ZCWD technical service group

#### **BRIEFING OF JICA TRAINING EXPERIENCE TO PERSONNEL OF ZCWD TECHNICAL SERVICES GROUP**

The Technical Services Group of the Zamboanga City Water District is the unit responsible for the planning, designing and implementing of the different projects of the agency. Also, the unit is tasked at the watershed and water resources management and the environmental management of its projects.

TSG is presently in the procurement process for the design and construction of a 4,000 cubic meter capacity Sewage Treatment Plant which is expected to serve the central business district of the city. Through the initiative of the Assistant General Manager (AGM), the participant was asked to share her experience during the training to the other personnel of the group.

The participant highlighted on the different technologies that have been learned during the training course which the agency may adopt for the city. Of particular significance was the use oil separator for commercial food establishments. The sewerage system in the city is currently being maintained manually by its personnel generating a significant volume of coagulated oil. The idea of mandating food establishments connected to the sewerage system to install oil separator has been raised in order to protect the sewerage system.

Another topic of interest was the use of treated sludge as soil conditioner and organic fertilizers for the agricultural spaces. This experience supported their theoretical knowledge on the use of treated sludge for agricultural purposes and aspired that this will eventually become acceptable to the farming communities.

The AGM was particularly interested on the action plan that the participant will be making. He was informed that the choice of the action plan was based on its simplicity and actionability within a short period of time (1-2 years). He commented that the presentation to management should focus on the choice of choosing this action plan since the pipe camera system is not anymore a new idea to them. He wanted the participant to also emphasize what the training could contribute to the improvement of the services of the agency.



The participant briefing the personnel from the Technical Services Group of ZCWD during the morning assembly on the Operation and Maintenance of Sewerage Systems (B) training in Japan.



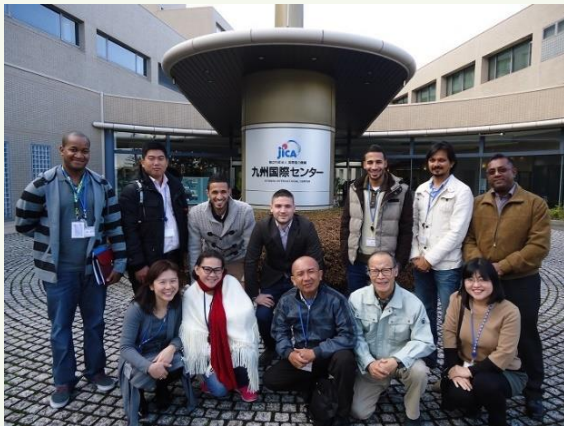
The participant from the Philippines sharing her experience on the 2-month Operation and Maintenance of Sewerage System (B) training course with colleagues at the Technical Services Group of the Zamboanga City Water District on March 28, 2016.



## Photo Album of the JICA/KITA Training Course



The closing ceremony of “Operation and Maintenance of Sewerage System (B)” course,



At the entrance of KIC



Aubrey-san giving greetings at the closing ceremony



At the Wakato-bridge after, field training



Sueta-CL and Aubrey-san at the Nagasaki “GLOVER HOUSE”