

Current status report by returned trainee from Mongolia

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We have received a message from Ms. Dorjgotov Sainjargal from Mongolia, who participated in the training course on "Food Safety Administration" held in September 2023, regarding her recent activity.

Dear JICA & KITA Food Safety Administration Team

Happy new year 2024. For me, the year 2023 has made me busy with various events such as laboratory accreditation, JICA training course, Master degree research, meetings with some organizations etc. I hope everything is well with all of you and your family.

In the first months of 2024, we are attempting to schedule meetings with food-related parties such as ministries, agencies, and the commercial sector to collaborate on the implementation of our food safety law and laboratory participation to their operation. Additionally, we actively seek to raise public awareness of food safety through TV broadcasts, our website, and our Facebook page, among other social media platforms.

Following my return from Japan, we, NRLFS (National Reference Laboratory for Food Safety) and JICA Alumni Association of Mongolia, have organized the hybrid seminar titled "Ensuring Food Safety" held by online (155 participants) on November 30th and onsite (64 participants) on December 1st, 2023.

General objective of this seminar is to strengthen networks of ministries (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Light Industry of Mongolia), local governments (inspectors of Health departments of provincials and capital city of Ulaanbaatar), food laboratories (local and private), food operators and importers, responsible for ensuring the safety of food products in order to improve the coordination of the activities of relevant government bodies, the implementation of laws and standards, measures, and control, as well as the strengthening of the interdisciplinary system.

<Basic contents of seminar>

- Food safety law, regulations and its implementation, inspection system and analysis
- Laboratory responsibility for food safety system
- The hygiene and safety indicators of food and food products, chemical criteria
- Procedure for sample receiving and guidance
- Proficiency testing program for laboratories
- Capacity of Microbiological laboratory analysis

- Ensuring the inspection and implementation of internal control of the food chain
- The hygiene and safety indicators of seed and plant quarantine, its analysis
- Nuclear technology application (radiation control) for ensuring food safety
- Measurement of uncertainty for analysis
- Microbiological method for conventional and equipment analysis
- Molecular biological analysis for food pathogen

<Target area of seminar>

This comprehensive training is intended for at all levels. Human resource development for managers, analysts, inspectors, hygienists who are in charge of management system and administration for food safety. Supporting the food safety information and advices about food and feed security to professional staffs, analysts, food imports, handlers and food-related facilities (especially school lunch producers, small food business etc.)

< Brief introduction of organizer team for seminar>

This seminar organized by NRLFS's analysts and other specialists who participated in JICA training program in the field of food safety system.

Organizer team member = 8

- Head of Microbiology laboratory, NRLFS
- Head of Chemical and Toxicology laboratory, NRLFS
- Two analysts of NRLFS (food, water)
- Two Specialists of Department of Strategy planning and risk assessment, Mongolian agency for standard and metrology.
- Senior inspector of Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Light industry of Mongolia
- Senior inspector of Ministry of Health of Mongolia.

<Training output of seminar>

It was an important training and discussions to improve the implementation of the Law on Ensuring Food Safety, the coordination of inter-sectoral systems, and control actions to assure the quality and safety of food products at all levels for protecting public health.

After conducting the onsite and online seminar, feedback was obtained from the participants and the results of the training were evaluated. 95% of all participants rated the seminar as Good.

They have submitted additional proposal indicating that they would like to attend this kind of training frequently due to its high demand.

Finally I sincerely appreciate KITA and JICA activities.



Seminar venue



Group photo after seminar



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