

Introduction of implementing JICA Hyogo's training and dialogue program
JICA Hyogo "Capacity Development of Policy Making in Climate Change Adaptation in
Water Sector"

JICA Hyogo's training and dialogue program "Capacity Development of Policy Making in Climate Change Adaptation in Water Sector" was held for eleven days starting from June 14, 2011, which Infrastructure Development Institute-Japan (IDI) supported its implementation. This program aims to strengthen the capacity of high ranked administrative officers of Vietnamese government for making policy on climate change adaptation. The Deputy Director General of Directorate of Water Resources, MARD of Vietnam and five policy makers at secretary and director general levels of disaster management and water resources management participated in this program.

To obtain the wide-ranging knowledge about climate change adaptation from theoretical and practical perspectives, this program consists of several types of curriculum; classroom lectures in which the latest research outputs and the adaptation measures for climate change were presented; and field lectures in which the practical adaptation measures such as flood forecasting, early warning and disaster prevention measures were introduced.

In the classroom lecture, Prof. Koike from Tokyo Univ. lectured about climate change and its related water issues, and Prof. Murosaki from Kwansei Gakuin Univ. lectured about the disaster management based on the experiences of massive flood disasters and the recently occurred Great East Japan Earthquake. The policy dialogue with experts from JICA and MLIT (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism) was also held. In the field trip, the trainees learned the practical approaches for flood prevention at Arakawa-Karyu River Office, Himeji River and Road Office, Edogawa city office and visited the river improvement project site at Sayo town of Hyogo prefecture where serious flood occurred in 2009. They also visited the erosion control work site of Mt. Rokko. These lectures helped the trainees to understand the importance of disaster management both of the structural measures and of the non-structural measures. During the field trip, they enthusiastically questioned how to communicate with community residents for strengthening disaster management capability and how to distribute warning messages in case that flood disasters are occurring.

The comments raised from the trainees includes, "we can learn not only the high technique in Japan but also the well-organized river and disaster management system based on the legislation", and according to the questionnaire survey for the trainees, this program was evaluated relatively higher and all of them seemed satisfied.

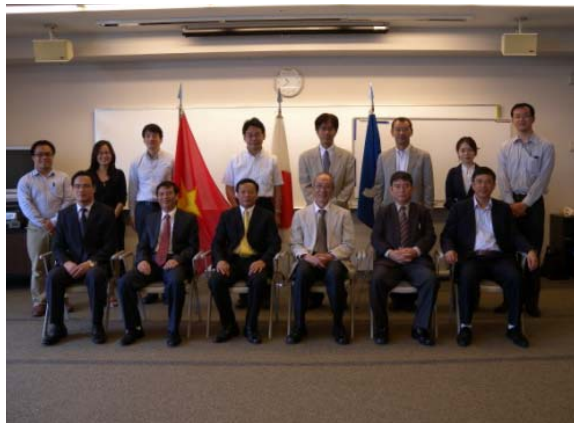
It is also expected that the implementation of program help to raise awareness on the importance of flood management and on the necessity to advance adaptation measures. Finally in this November, the same training and dialogue program is planed targeting for Asian countries, which will be reported later.



Courtesy call on director of River Bureau



Field trip to Super Levees site of Edogawa city



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