



2007 April

Contents

- 1 KITA project is rewarded in Surabaya City, Indonesia
- 2 Message from Vice President of KITA
- 3 Rewarding activities for overseas development Indonesia, Ghana
- 4 Close-up of four KITA training course
- 6 The latest news from the former participants Philippine, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Thailand, Egypt, Turkey, Colombia, Chile,
- 9 The delightful response to KITA from abroad Kuwait, Russia
- 10 The topics of KITA training course China, Egypt, Nepal
- 11 International friendship
- 12 Other news and information



KITA's waste reducing project was appreciated by Surabaya City, Indonesia Mr. Bambang DH.(left), Mayor of Surabaya handed a memorial token, showing their appreciation to Mr. Satoshi Nakazono (right), Deputy Executive Director of KITA/ECC at the presentation ceremony in Surabaya City, the Republic of Indonesia.

A Message from the Vice President of KITA

Become a Learning Organization through Continuous Improvement



The Kitakyushu International Techno-cooperative Association (KITA) is a non-profit organization that was established in 1980 to take part in international cooperation promoted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

North area of Kyushu, where KITA carries out its activities, is an area in which the prominent modern industries of Japan, including steel, chemical, automotive and electric power industries are congregated and the development and accumulation of technologies various industrial have heen implemented. We also have invaluable experience in overcoming industrial pollution in this region and recovering the beautiful sea and sky through cooperation between industry, academia, government offices, and citizens. Furthermore, the city of Kitakyushu has been a strong promoter of the Kitakyushu Eco-Town Project aiming to create a recycling-based society.

KITA has been putting to full use the most advanced technologies, knowledge and experience accumulated in this region, presenting over 30 types of diverse training courses annually, including manufacturing technology, plant maintenance, environmental conservation, recycling-based society promotion and vocational training, as well as dispatching technical consultants and transferring excellent Japanese technologies and management methods upon request from various countries.

As a result, 4,302 people from 120 different countries have received training at KITA by the time of December 2006 and are successfully achieving brilliant work after returning to their home countries.

The training project at KITA, utilizing our knowledge and experience to the fullest, aims to develop human resources in order to solve issues faced by participating organizations. The training starts with a presentation of a job report into which issues faced by each participant are incorporated and ends with a presentation of an action plan developed based on the instruction and knowledge acquired throughout the training and discussions. During this training period the participants learn various problem-solving methods and small group activities which are a particular forte of Japan, and acquire the basic skills needed to reform the organizations that the participants represent into learning organizations through relentless reflection (Hansei) and continuous improvement (Kaizen).

Keeping in mind the motto of JICA, "For a better tomorrow for all," and always determined to further encourage international cooperation actively in the future, we are eagerly awaiting the next generation of enthusiastic and willing participants.

> Kenzo Matsumoto Vice President



Mr. Matsumoto(left) at a surprised party for the participants of "computerized machine control" course leader : Mr. Taniguchi(right)

Rewarding activities for overseas development

KITA Recognized by the Mayor of Surabaya City

A waste reducing project in Surabaya City, Indonesia, which was started in June 2004, has now been bearing fruits of our three-years efforts. Four composting centers, which were built for treating garbage generated at big markets, while Takakura Home Method, a composting method for each household, has prevailed among 7,000 households in Surabaya by the end of 2006. A JBIC-sponsored seminar to report the outcomes of this project was held in December 2006, to which many people from all over the country were attracted. In the project, Native Microorganisms (NM), extracted from local fermented foods, are used for any types of composting, which is very important for its sustainability.

The project resulted in reduction of approximately 10,000 tons of waste, which contributes to extend the life of disposal sites in Surabaya City. On 20th December 2006, the Mayor of Surabaya City, Mr. Bambang, gave a memorial testimonial to KITA to express their appreciation for the result of this project. Now KITA's waste reducing project, known as KITA Method, will be widely spread and implemented in many cities in Indonesia and other Asian countries.

(FY 2004 to 2006, funded by Japan Fund for Global Environment)

Tetsuya Ishida KITA Environmental Cooperation Center

A Site Survey Report on Local Industry Vitalization in Ghana

This trip to Ghana was realized upon a request to the JICA Ghana office from the Government of Ghana. During a 10-day stay from September 21, we held workshops and implemented a site survey on local industry vitalization.

Our purpose was to spread a breakthrough thinking process for creative thought, which is one of the most popular concepts among the participants in our training course, and to introduce policies and cases carried out in Japan.

Our workshops were held in Accra (the capital) and Kumasi (the second largest local city), and a total of 90 people participated. Vice Minister of the Ministry of Trade and Industry also participated in the workshop held in Accra. In this workshop, 10 out of 30 participants were former participants in our programs in Japan. We were truly delighted at our reunion and listened to their experiences and activities afterwards. In Kumasi, the workshop was a great success, gathering 60 participants, aspect of which was even broadcast on TV.

For our site survey, we visited three companies with trial operation of the pilot project: a palm oil factory in Kumasi and two small-scale textile mills in Accra. The palm oil factory was trying to manufacture soaps for domestic market with newly introduced equipment.

On the last day in Ghana, we were invited by the Minister of Trade and Industry and we received words of gratitude for our visit to Ghana.

Yoshio Miki Course Leader



residents listening to composting method in Surabaya



Participants and Mr. Miki (second from left, first row)

Close-up of four KITA training course

The JICA Course "Industrial Wastewater Treatment Technique II"

In 2006, 8 participants from 7 different nations participated in the course. After the finish of 117-day program, all of the participants left Japan on November 25 in high spirits.

This course purposes to help the participants acquire knowledge of policies and technologies, which have successfully improved the water quality of Dokai bay, implemented by the City of Kitakyushu that are usable for the conditions of their native countries.

The contents of the course are as follows: History of Water Pollution and Environmental Administration,

Basic Theories of Wastewater Treatment, Basic Planning and Designing of Treatment Facilities and

Operation and Maintenance of Treatment Facilities. During 4 months course, visual aids and other instructional materials as well as practical exercises were applied. In addition, an exercise regarding the planning of a wastewater treatment facility was implemented by the divided three groups. The plans of each group was designed by using CAD and were presented by each group, for the review by the course lecturers. This actual training was highly praised by the participants.

I feel that the participants will be able to acquire the skills necessary to cope with modifying and newly designing facility of their companies for development of their countries after returning home. Furthermore, through the experience of taking the course with people from various countries with different cultures, they are playing a significant role in furthering international friendship and cooperation. I would like to thank many related persons for their active cooperation, and feel inspired to further extend our achievements in the future.

Course Leader Toshikazu Arakawa



model test using water treatment apparatus

"Administration for Food and Health" Course is newly open

This training course was carried out from Dec,11 to Jan, 26, 2007 at KITA receiving 10 participants from 9 different countries (Africa, Asia, South America), which have varied economic situation and cultural backgrounds. The course had a well-balanced group of 6 male and 4 female members, and was completed successfully in a harmonious atmosphere from beginning to end.

The curriculum of this course includes basic knowledge of food and health, food hygiene from production to consumption, and knowledge and skill required for food hygiene inspection instruction.

This particular course was based on a course which had been carried out by JICA Sapporo (commissioned by Sapporo city) for past 10 years. JICA Sapporo offered their full support in providing their experience and knowhow in executing this course. Officers from the public health center also devoted their time to help us in many ways, including developing the course contents, and the lecturers made every possible effort even though fact that this course was being offered for the first time. We are really grateful to them for helping us to complete the course successfully.

We will review the implementation results of this course, and we hope that we can offer more fruitful contents to satisfy participants next year.

Course Leader Hisomu Terasaki



hygienic management at food factory

Fukuoka International Environmental Management Program Asian Sustainable Society Development Course

Fukuoka Prefecture established a training course in 2006 in order to make contributions toward environmental improvement and establishing a recycling-based society, targeting central administrative officers who are responsible for it in their own country and aiming to reinforce cooperation with Asian nations in this field.

Along with their rapid economic growth, Asian regions face various serious environmental issues. On the other hand, the resource recycling trend has started to stream down to China and other Asian regions from Japan.

This training course was implemented with 7 participants for the "China course" in November and 8 participants for the "ASEAN/India course" in January. Each course, with a carefully considered curriculum taking into account the conditions of each target country, lasted 4 weeks.

In the China course, the most important issue facing each country was collection and reservation of resources. The participants showed strong interest in Eco-Town where various recycling related enterprises are concentrated.

In the ASEAN/India course, waste treatment was the major issue due to restricted conditions of disposal sites. The participants were greatly interested in waste

classification, landfill and composting technologies.

The participants were eager for applying what they learned in the course in a suitable way for their own countries.

> Course Leader Sumio Tajima KITA Training Division



separated collection system at Minamata-city

Development of A Sound Material-Cycle Society for China (JICA Country-focused training course)

In the last few years, the economy of China has been dramatically developing as the factory of the world. However, in reality, it is well known that the economic differential between the inland regions and the developed coastal region of China has been further magnified and the depletion of resources and environmental pollution are becoming major issues for the country.

This course was remodeled for targeting administrative officers and researchers who are involved in the environmental issues, waste-treatment measures, and promotion of a sound material-cycle economy in the central and regional areas, as well as the urban areas in China. This course was divided into 2 terms for its implementation.

In the spirit of friendship between Japan and China as neighboring countries, this course encouraged participants to consider and discuss a recycling-based society to solve the environmental problem in common.

Course Leader Tsutomu Sashiwa



discussion on recycling of based society with representatives of local community

The latest news from the former participants

As she explained in her action plan, she has been carrying out not only 5S activity but seminar on ecology in collaboration with 2nd batch alumni.

We are glad to know that the former participants are eagerly promoting Cleaner Production.



Country	Philippines
Name	Ms. Domingo Geronima Tersol
Place of work	Noah's Paper Mill, Inc.
Training Course	Promotion of Cleaner Production for Philippines (FY 2003)
Assignment	Technical Service Manager

Ms. Wijesekera, after returning to her home country, participated in the construction of a wastewater treatment facility for a soap manufacturing plant, which has been an issue for the plant for a long time. She took charge of designing this plant by using the skills acquired in the training course. The plant is an active sludge treatment facility with a 30 m/day capacity and is yielding good results by achieving 1/2 of the domestic standard for discharged water.

Country	Sri Lanka
Name	Ms. Lalani Wijesekera
Place of work	Industrial Technology Institute
Training Course	Industrial Wastewater Treatment Techniques (FY
	2002)
Assignment	Research of Wastewater Treatment and Design of Facility



After coming back to his country from Japan, he proposed that the gaskets of ammonia converter (135kg/ cm²,500) which was imported from Japan should be replaced by themselves, based on his confidence through the training. He challenged the task and successfully achieved.

The facility is now operating smoothly.

After he was promoted to another division in 2005, he has been contributing toward the higher productivity of the plants by applying TPM.

Country	Bangladesh
Name	Mr. Mohammad Sheikh Abdullah
Place of work	Polash Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd.
Training Course	Plant Maintenance Engineering (FY 1998)
Assignment	Deputy Chief Engineer engaged in TPM





AMMONIA CONVERTER

Ms. Jawang proposed and persuaded the concerned person to take advantages of utilizing non-destructive inspection. As a consequence, improvement of work quality by applying this technology was accepted. The largest issue for her was quality deterioration in reinforced concrete buildings. It was decided that 5 types of equipment should be purchased, and 4 months later they were in use. She will be making efforts to prepare enough number of equipments, and domestic testing standards from now.

the second		1
1- AV	R.A	

Country	Thailand
Name	Ms. Apinya Jawang
Place of work	Structural Engineering and System Bureau, Department of Public Works
	and Town & Country Planning, Ministry of Interior
Training Course	Non-destructive Inspection Techniques for Quality Management & Plant
	Asset Management (FY 2005)
Assignment	Professional Engineer

Mr. Mohammed, after returning to his home country, made his best efforts to introduce and apply CBM (Condition Based Maintenance) utilizing CDT (Condition Diagnosis Techniques), which he learned in the "Maintenance Management" course, to the facilities he took charge of. In addition, he introduced the "5S" for site management and revitalized the workplace.







Country Name Place of work Training Course Assignment

Egypt Mr. Moustafa Adel Fathi Mohammed Zafarana Wind Farm, New & Renewable Energy Authority (NREA) Plant Maintenance Management for Cleaner Production (FY 2005) Senior Engineer of Maintenance Department, Maintenance of wind power generator, Management of parts

Mr. Akkaya, after returning to his home country, persuaded the related person of the necessity to apply non-destructive inspection technology in the company's activities. As a result, the company purchased an ultrasonic test device for the quality control of steam boilers and pressure vessels manufacturing. In addition, he has acquired Level II certificates for radiographic test and ultrasonic test.

Photo (left) shows (UT-II) certificate he has acquired and right shows Mr. Akkaya introducing those technology.

Country	Turkey
Name	Mr. Ahmet Cevat Akkaya
Place of work	Production & Project Dept., Akkya Heating
	Instruments and Natural Gas Trade and
	Manufacturing Corporation
Training Course	Non-destructive Inspection Techniques for Quality
	Management & Plant Asset Management (FY 2004)
Assignment	Production and Project Manager



Mr. Guler, after returning to his home country, has been carrying out activities to spread knowledge of the latest automatic control technology at the technical high school where he works. He made several text books on automatic control devices and 25 types of sample programs for control devices last year. Additionally, he has also prepared 20 types of teaching materials. Clearly, he has contributed toward the improvement of technical education in Turkey based on what he learned in Japan.

Country	Turkey
Name	Mr. Telat Guler
Place of work	Industrial Technology Dept.,
	Mazhal Zorlu Anatolia Technical High School
Training Course	Computerized Machine Control (FY 2004)
Assignment	Teacher in the Industrial Technology Department

Mr. Nova organized a team of workers called "Nozomi" after returning to his home country. The team has detected time losses utilizing the "Seven Losses" point of view and succeeded in reducing more than 25% in the cycle time for the rear axle assembly line. The team also for the first time participated in the annual competition for parts supplier sponsored by the automobile company and won the second prize out of 37 participating companies.

Country	Columbia
Name	Mr. Jose Luis Vanegas Nova
Place of work	Dana Colombia S.A.
Training Course	Practical Production Management (FY 2003)
Assignment	Assembly Engineer & Coordinator of Dana Assembly Plant

Mr. Jara is currently responsible for planning of maintenance and inspection of newly installed facilities. This responsibility involves two types of activities. One is to implement diagnosis on the cause of a failure by the information acquired from the monitoring system and developing countermeasures; he has been achieving excellent results. The other is to develop maintenance plans including decision making for inspection method, determination of important devices and parts, and a review of operation conditions.

Country Name Place of work **Training Course** Assignment

Chile Mr. Horge Ivan Santander Jara Enap Refineries S. A Plant Maintenance Engineering for Cleaner Production (FY 2004) Planning of maintenance and inspection of new installations











The delightful response to KITA from abroad

Gaining an Appreciation for Natural Beauty in Kyushu

High-tech. Efficient. Organized. Industrious. These are the words that my students used to describe Japan before we left Kuwait for the Summer 2006 Program. I accompanied eight Kuwaiti students from the College of Engineering & Petroleum (Kuwait University) who spent the last 10 days of this 2-month long program in Kitakyushu. The main focus of the program at KITA was "Industrial Technology and Environmental Conservation."

In addition to the informative lectures and the valuable factory visits, the students had the opportunity to experience first-hand the beautiful natural environment of Kyushu area. We traveled by road to Nagasaki and Kumamoto. Along the way we saw the inspiration for Puccini's Madame Butterfly in the Glover Garden; we silently wandered into the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum and Peace Park; we rode the cable car up to the Inasa-yama Lookout at sunset; we stood by the buried houses in Unzen-Amakusa National Park and witnessed the outcome of nature's forces resulting from the crater's eruption; we breathed in the fresh air during our ferry crossing to Kumamoto; we learned to appreciate Japan's rich history by touring Kumamoto Castle; we ran through the prairies of Aso National Park; we dipped our feet in the cool Shirakawa Fountainhead.

All of these experiences with nature helped us gain an appreciation for the need to preserve Japan's environment and the importance of global environmental conservation. Now when you ask the students about Japan it is more likely that they will use these words to describe it: Beautiful nature. Environmental harmony. Rich history. Friendly people. Unforgettable.

By: Dr. Souhaila Almutawa, Professor of Kuwait University

After they returned home, they were invited to Japanese Embassy in Kuwait to have familiar talk with Ambassador and Japanese students in Kuwait over dinner, I heard later.

By: N. Tanaka, Course Leader



Volcano Museum at Mt. Aso

An Inspection Team from Chelyabinsk, Russia Visits Japan for Development of a Recycling-Based Society

There are huge amount of steel slag piles in the areas surrounding Chelyabinsk City. These slags contain metallic iron and are considered to be a possible source of significant value; therefore, discussion on business utilizing steel slags was initiated. Nippon Magnetic Dressing Co., Ltd. (NMD) was selected as the participating company for this business, and as a result of extended discussion an inspection team consisting of 6 members including administrative officers visited Japan for 4 days in October. The members observed 7 locations including slag processing factories and Eco-Town and then held a discussion.

Based on the inspection results, the President of Gipromez visited Japan again in December and concluded an agreement for a business partnership with NMD. Business cooperation between Russia and enterprises in Kitakyushu is expected to expand centering on environmental field in the future.

Kazuya Kudo

KITA Technological Cooperation Department (Consigned by the ROTOBO/Supported by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)



The team leader and the president of NMD signing the agreement



Russian inspection team visiting Kitakyushu City Hall

The topics of KITA training course

To Support Sewerage Projects in Hohhot, China

In China, sewerage construction is now booming especially in local urban areas. Among them, some are implemented by yen loan and include training programs in Japan.

As the first case of such a training course at KITA, we received participants from Hohhot late January 2007. They stayed at Kitakyushu, Kyoto, Tokyo and Hokkaido in Japan for twelve days and learned basic sewerage technology as well as state-of-the-art technology.

There will be two more training courses for Hohhot and eight for Kunming, China, which are also to be implemented as part of Japan's yen loan projects.

Akiko Terashi KITA Environmental Cooperation Center



Mr. Seiji Yasuda (the third from the right), the course leader, and Hohhot members

Former Participant from Egypt Becomes a KITA Course Lecturer!!

Mr. Khaled, who participated as a trainee from Egypt in 2003 in the "Domestic Wastewater Treatment Technique Course," was assigned to carry out as a lecturer in the same course in 2006.

He is a graduate of the Chemistry Department at Alexandria University and worked as a trainer at the Damanfiel Training Center of the National Water and Sewerage Office and then participated in this course and learned domestic wastewater treatment technology for about 3 months in 2003.

After completion of the course, he was hired by Johkaso (purifier tank) maintenance company in Wakamatsu in 2005 and made a devoted effort to acquire ISO certification for the company. After that, it took only one and half years for him to develop the ability to give a lecture regarding Johkaso maintenance in place of the president of the company. We were a little anxious about his lecture before presentation, but it turned out to be really excellent. All the participants also offered the highest praise for his excellent lecture.

KITA is waiting for the next Mr. Khaled to emerge from

among the current participants!

Masaru Yamaguchi KITA Training Division



Lecture using a model of Johkaso

Counter measures for Environmental Pollution in the Beautiful Country of Nepal

The five cities in the Katmandu basin are globally recognized tourist destinations with a number of World Heritage sites. However, in reality, they are also polluted with garbage.

A specialized team from JICA was formed in 2004 and started a survey task. The Nepal Government has come to consider the resident participation model waste management initiated by administrative officers to be an important policy. This waste management model includes activities such as the collection and classification of plastic and the composting of organic waste. Additionally, a newstyle final disposal site has been under operation for the past two years. Successful operation is anticipated.

Aiming for improvements in the management ability of administrative officers, JICA has invited them to training courses in Japan over the last 5 years. Coordination between citizen activities and administrative efforts, and the implementation of final disposal sites have brought concrete results for participants. In this the final year, 6 participants visited Japan and were very impressed with the conditions established in this country. With a clear image of the action plan in each of their minds, they left for home country to utilize.

I sincerely hope to spread the successful results achieved through this project to other beautiful countries around the globe.

Course Leader Toshiyasu Kaneko



participants from Nepal at front of KIC

International friendship promotion

Realizing "World is Broad" through Exchanges with Program Participants Host Family Members

Hiroshi Nakamura Akiko Nakamura

Since we welcomed the first participant to our home in 1989, we have met and gotten to know more than 50 people from various countries. The reason why we have been able to be a host family continuously over the years is that we have both stayed healthy and hosting participants has become a family event, but most importantly, we have come to realize how broad the world is by interacting with people from around the world.

Meeting a person from the unfamiliar country, and being exposed to the situations of the country are very stimulating and is our motivation to continue a host family.

Every time we watch the world news, we imagine our guests' smiles and we wonder, "How are they doing?", "Was studying in Japan helpful for them?", "Have their lifestyles changed after experiencing Japanese culture and life style?" We feel that our priority is to study Japanese culture and history more deeply so that we can introduce accurate information about Japan to our guests.

In the early years when we started hosting guests from overseas, our daughters were still students. Now they are both married and have become parents themselves. Recently our granddaughters have also been meeting and getting to know our guests. We hope that they, even at their young age, can learn that the world is vast and there are many different people who live on this planet. We would be really happy if our small efforts can make a contribution to our guests' countries in some way. Our great dream is to visit their countries and see them again someday if we can.

"Thanks" is a Magic Word

Host Family Member Kiyoharu Horinouchi

While I was in Brazil 21 years ago, I was invited to parties at private homes 11 times and received wonderful hospitality from the people I met. When I was wondering if there was any way I could return a favour to the foreigners in Japan, a colleague of mine recommended that my family and I could become a host family, and subsequently I registered in the host family program of KITA.

I always think that the most basic factor for a host to make a guest happy is to try to understand their personality and attend to them by acknowledging how they might feel. To do that, an openness to accept different cultures and the insight to reveal things that are not obvious are important. Furthermore, "hello" and "thanks" are indispensable words to communicate our feelings. I also taught these two words to our children, and they have grown up to become really friendly people and have acquired quite good language skills, thanks to the relationship with our guests.

The writer Tsuyoshi Itsukaichi wrote that he was once told by an elderly lady while he was traveling in Israel, "Your luck will grow if you chant' thanks 'when you confront difficulties, and' thanks 'again when a good thing happens" in his book called "The Magic Word that Brings Luck".

I always feel grateful to our guests who bring luck to our home. I now actively involve my two-year-old grandchild in activities with our guests. We will continue to cherish the word "thanks".



home party welcoming Maria-san, Argentine (front, left)



cheerful talk with KITA participants (left)

News and Information

Seminar for Engineers in Small and Medium(M&S)Industry of Korea in 2006

This seminar was organized its 13th anniversary this year. The following four training courses were held for 40 days from late July, accepting 30 participants. These courses were offered in Japanese. There were some issues such as the varying levels of language ability, different business styles and a wide age range among the participants. However, supported by the participants ' dedicated involvement, seriousness and high motivation, the seminar was able to achieve excellent results and was highly praised by the participants.

Training Courses

- Basic Management for Managers of S&M Industry
- Technologies to Improve Productivity for Engineers
- Metal Processing and Quality Improvement

• Technology for Efficient Utilization of Plant Equipment The achievements of this seminar were reported in Korea last November. A representative from each of these courses presented the results. In spite of such a short course time of only 2 and half months, we were able to confirm good progress.

contributed by Kentaro Kinoshita Technical Cooperation Div, of KITA



at Gyeongsan regional training institute

"THE PAN YELLOW SEA CJK ECONOMIC & TECHNOLOGY COMMUNICATION CONFERENCE" was held in China, September.

The sixth of this conference held in Rizhao, China on September 21st and 22nd. The purpose of this conference was the development of economy in promoting technical interchange of various countries facing the Yellow Sea in East Asia.

Exceeds 400 people from China, Korea and Japan participated in this conference and interchanged each other meaningfully. KITA offered the international environmental cooperation including training projects together with Kitakyushu City.

> Yuji Yasuda KITA Environmental Cooperation Center

Water Quality Monitoring Course for Sri Lanka (Grass Roots Project of JICA)

This training course was proposed by KITA to JICA to improve water environment in Kandy and Nuwara Eliya, both of which are famous tourism cities and have water pollution problems due to rapid urbanization in Sri Lanka.

Inviting three participants, one from Central Environment Authority (CEA), and the others from two cities, a three-week training course, including exercises on sampling and analyses as well as administrative lectures, was done in October 2006.

The participants made an action plan focusing on building a collaborative monitoring system among the parties, CEA and the cities, which we hope will be successfully implemented and helpful to know the actual situation of the environment, which is the first step to improve it. The project will continue for three years and KITA is to follow up the result.



with Mr.Imanaga (left) at Conference Hall

Environmental Education through Tree-planting Activities in Cebu, the Philippines

KITA has close relations with environmental NGOs in Cebu, namely Pollution Control Association in the Philippines Inc. (PCAPI) and Citizens' League for Ecological Awareness and Responsibility (CLEAR), and has implemented many projects with them since 1997. In September 2006, tree-planting was done, using a fund by AEON Environment Foundation Japan, around Sapandaku Barangay, a community located upper Guadarupe River in Cebu. The project aims not only to control water in the river but also to help residents' earnings by planting fruit trees. There were a lot of children participated in this treeplanting project. We hope they grow with those plants and find a better environment in the future. A seminar to encourage people to grow trees around rivers was also held.

KITA NEWS

All correspondence should be addressed to : Kitakyushu International Techno-cooperative Association(KITA) International Village Center, Kitakyushu 1-1-1 Hirano, Yahata-higashi-ku, Kitakyushu City, Japan 805-0062 Phone : +81-93-662-7174 FAX : +81-93-662-7177 E-mail : info@kita.or.jp Internet address : http://www.kita.or.jp

April 2007 No.4