



Overseas Reports

[Exchange with Former Participant]



Dear Sueta-san,
('18.4.28)
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appreciated all of you highly. I miss you and all of my friends too.


- 1) Course Leader: Hajime SUETA
- 2) Former Participant: Mr. KHOK Sovannarith

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This issue of Overseas Reports covers the exchange with former participant who attended the training course, “Operation and Maintenance of Sewerage System (B)” Mr. Hajime SUETA, the course leader, introduced us the mail exchange with him.

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

Nickname	Photo	Name	Country	Period of JICA Training Course
Khok-san		Mr. KHOK Sovannarith	Kingdom of Cambodia	Jan.08, 2017 to Feb.24, 2018



2. Profile of participants

Eight participants dispatched from all over the world gathered in Kitakyushu city (JICA Kyushu) and studied “Operation and Maintenance of Sewerage System (B)”



3. Message from Mr. SUETA, Course Leader



Eight participants joined the training this time and over half of them were the beginner on construction of sewerage system. Kohok-san also was one of the beginner. He is an engineer working in Sewerage Management and Construction Department, Ministry of Public Works and Transport in Cambodia.

According to him, sewerage treatment in Cambodia is a lagoon system and they have only two facilities in the tourist spot, not in the capital city Phnom Penh. For this reason, I think it was a new discovery for him to visit sewerage plants operating various sewerage treatment methods during the training.

The theme of his Action Plan formulated during the training was “introduction of characteristics on various treatment methods for construction of sewerage plant in Cambodia”. I think the background of this theme selection is that domestic water pollution is severe and the government is positive to improve sewerage system.

When he presented an Action Plan, he said that he wanted to explain his Action plan contents to his colleagues and officers in charge of sewerage system in each prefecture. And he sent me an email that he had implemented a presentation for them. I think he had a hard time to prepare the presentation, but it also gave him a good chance to reconfirm what he had learned in the training as well as share the knowledge with other people.

I guess that all his learning from the training was fresh for him, who had just started sewerage project. He asked a question repeatedly until he could fully understand, and kept this attitude throughout the training. Sometimes, his question caused a laugh from other participants but his character shared the laugh with each other and it led to soften the training and make a good teamwork. I expect he would contribute to promoting sewerage project in Cambodia keeping on with his hard work and approach to soften a team.



Participants at the JICA Kyushu Center Entrance.

4. Mail exchange between Kohku-san and Course leader

*The training course ended the closing ceremony on February 24, 2018, and the participants returned to their countries on February 25 the following day.
After Participants returned home, Mr. SUETA sent 1st e-mail to all participants.*



Mar. 29, 2018

Hello! Every body.

How are you doing now?

I think on your job table is piled up a lot of documents you have to deal with.

During you stayed in Kitakyushu-City, it was very cold and there were no beautiful flowers around us.

Now Japanese symbolic blossom SAKURA (Cherry blossoms) is full bloom here in Kitakyushu.

Every day on TV news show, announcers give us SAKURA reports or information like "In Kitakyushu-City the cherry blossoms are expected to bloom one week earlier than usual, or in Tokyo the cherry blossoms has already come out".

SAKURA blossoms start to bloom from southern part of Japan (Okinawa) to northern part (Hokkaido area). As the speed of cherry blossoms front is 20Km/day from south to north, we can have chances to see full bloom cherry blossoms many times.

Some maniac SAKURA person go to see the SAKURA in many places with the blossoms front from south to north.

Anyway these days when we meet friends our topic is about cherry blossoms, "next week will be a best to see the blossoms, isn't it, or did you go see the blossoms, where?,"

Japanese people loves the blossoms very much. I also am.

I attached some photos I took near JICA yesterday.

Although my photos are not so good, please enjoy the atmosphere.

DEWA MATA

Please get in touch with me.

SUETA, Hajime



Sakura trees in front of JICA Kyushu Center



A road lined with Sakura trees near JICA Kyushu



Apr. 28, 2018

I have not contacted you so far, how are you ?

I always talk about you, to my colleague. I showed the video that Sueta-san made to all of them and they appreciated all of you highly. I miss you and all of my friends too.

I already did my action plan, it was about "The 6 methods of water treatment 1. Johkasou, 2.od, 3.soil treatment (Dojo joka) 4. Activavated sludge, 5. FTP of Meta Water, 6. Advanced treatment (Pegasus).

My senior said it was a very good effort of me that he did not hope. In May I am going to make a Maquette of Activated Sludge in a small scale on about 4 m2 on a table for my Department.

It take about 2 months to complete. Oh, thanks for some pics from Sueta san about Cherry blossom, they are very nice. I do not hope to see it. In July there is a course of JICA but my friend will participate, I don't know if it will be at Kitakyushu or not. Today is a Happy New year of Cambodia. Bless you good luck and be healthy the whole year out.

See both you some day and some where.

Khok



After returning home, Khok-san had Action Plan presentation at his office



Dear Sueta San,

It is a half of year since I left Japan but seem recent.

How are you and also Mafumi--san?

I miss all of you very much and some night I even dreamed of Kitakyushu.

Anyway I saw on TV that Hiroshima met a heavy flood, I am Cambodian would like to share Japanese hardness. How about Kitakyushu? I hope this beautiful city would not suffer this. My friend missed a selection for a training course hold in July in Japan because of less experience, but me I had just finished my second

presentation (first one about 6 methods of wwt held in the Ministry in PhnomPeng) about Operation & Maintenance to 42 participants from 6 provinces which held from July 2 to 6, 2018 in Battambang city about 300km from Phnom Penh.

We made 6 presentations among 6 of us from our department. Next year maybe I will see Japan again my senior said.
 Otherwise thank you so much for you description of Sakura flower and some pictures. Anything new I will contact you again.

Warm regards,
 Khok San.



Action Plan presentation held in Battambang city



Dear Khok-san

Thank you very much for your sympathy to our disaster.

Yes, this disaster was awful especially in west part of Japan, Hiroshima, Kyoto are also included. In Kitakyushu-City there was a large landslide, two people were buried alive and Murasaki river in Kokura overflowed.

I attached two photos which I took on TV broadcasting. According to the broadcasting, 108 person dead and 87 person are missing.

Kyoto Pref. where we visit, also had dead person under this disaster.

Anyway although my residential area also had a lot of rain, fortunately there was no damage around my area.

According to your mail, you had a presentation about our course. I am very happy to hear that you are doing this kind of activities in your country. Please continue your work.

Will you have a chance to visit Japan again? I hope I want to meet you again.

If possible I want to visit your country.

See you. Please get in touch with me.

DEWA MATA
 Hajime SUETA,

Photo Album of the JICA / KITA Training Course



The memorial photo after lecture



Khok-san explained the sewer condition of his country during training course



Job Report Presentation of Khok-san



Discussion with group members during "Weekly Review Time" during training course

Study Tour



Participants moving on Shinkansen



They could see a wonderful Mt. Fuji from inside the car

Sightseeing



Khok-san on the back of the Kinkakuji



At Nijo Castle with group members



In torii gates of Fushimi Inari Shrine in Kyoto.

End of report