

INVITATION TRAINING FOR VSC

International Affairs Department

In June, ten Vietnamese visited Japan to attend the six days training program starting on June 6. The training aims to "learn *Japan Sewage Works Agency (JS)*."

Currently, in Vietnam, the "Vietnam Sewerage Center (VSC)" Project is going on with the support of the *Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)*. VSC will have the training, research and development (R&D), and project support, a Vietnamese version of JS. The preparation for the new Project will take the whole year of 2016.

Members who joined the training program were critical persons of the VSC project: Mrs. Mai Thi Lien Huong, Deputy General Director of Administration of Technical Infrastructure (ATI), Ministry of Construction (MOC); Mr. Lê Đông Thành, Deputy Director



A tour of Fukaya WWTP

of Planning and Finance Department, Ministry of Construction (MOC); Mrs. Nguyen Thi Nga, Deputy Director General of Personnel Department, Ministry of Construction; Mr. Trịnh Văn Dũng, Vice Rector of College of Urban Works Construction (CUWC), etc.

In the training program, we explained JS's background, business, and achievements. We hope this piece of information helps with the establishment of VSC.

JS took care of the following three classes: "JS' purpose and its role," "The current condition of contracted business in JS," and "JS training program and its R&D." Participants asked many questions and exchanged opinions lively in these classes. I was grateful that they genuinely understood JS' business through the program.

On June 9, we visited the Fukaya City of Saitama Prefecture, which has a long business relationship with JS. Fukaya City staff welcomed us and commented about JS as a business partner. Then, they took us to the municipal WWTP for a study tour. The WWTP has a solar power generation system, which was an excellent opportunity to show them an example of Japanese technology.

Recently, Fukaya City has raised its wastewater charges. They said it was unavoidable for robust wastewater management, and we have learned a lot from their story.

I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Kanai, Mr. Ishikawa, and Mr. Yoshioka from the Wastewater engineering division of the Environment water department of Fukaya City. I appreciate their contribution.



JS training center

On June 10, we had an informal meeting at Japan Sewage Works Association, including JICA staff. We enjoyed another lively discussion beyond our scheduled hours.

After they left Japan, primary members and the JICA Vietnam office discussed utilizing

their experience in preparing VSC as much as possible.

I am involved in the VSC project and visited Vietnam from June 19 to 29. During my visit, I met Mrs. Huong from ATI and Mr.Hoi from the Project Management Unit of Ho Chi Minh City, who visited Japan in early June. They commented on the progress of the VSC project, which was valuable.

I hope our training program will be some help for VSC to get off to a good start.