

## Report on Business Trip to Mongolia

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International Affairs Department

### 1. Staff on the trip

Kazuhiro Uchida from JS and five people from other than JS.

### 2. Purpose of the trip

This is the second trip to Mongolia to support Shizuoka prefecture for its JICA Grassroots Project, following the previous report (published in the newsletter on June 25). This trip aims to deliver presentations at the "Regional Workshop," a training session for Mongolian engineers planned as part of the support activities.

### 3. Trip Period

From September 16 to September 24, 2023 [9 days].

### 4. Visiting institutions (or districts)

- Dornogovi District Office
- Dornogovi Branch of the Ministry of Construction and Urban Planning
- Chandamanirchi Public Corporation
- Sainshand Wastewater Treatment Plant

### 5. Cross-jurisdictional Sewerage workshop

The workshop is the first nationwide workshop in the field of sewerage.

- Location: Sainshand, Dornogovi Province
- Participants: (120 participants at the venue and 100 participants online) 21 Municipalities or public service corporations, nine branches from the Ministry of Construction and Land Development
- Dates and Program

#### Day 1: September 20, 2023

10:00 Opening remarks: Governor of Dornogovi Province

10:10 Guest Speeches: Minister of Construction and Land Development and JICA Mongolia representative

10:20 JICA Project in Mongolia: JICA Mongolia expert

10:50 Sewerage project outline: Japan Sewage Works Agency

12:00 Break

14:00 Wastewater treatment facilities for small villages (Johkasou):  
FUSO Corporation, Shizuoka Prefecture

15:10 Project Effects and Current Status of Wastewater Treatment  
Plants: Chandaman Irchi Public Corporation

16:00 Q&A

16:30 Closing

### **Day 2: September 21, 2023**

10:00 Operation and Management of Wastewater Treatment Plants in Cold  
Regions: Database Corporation

11:10 Sewer Maintenance (Pipe Cleaning): Suyama Construction

12:00 Break

14:00 Sainshand No. 5 Elementary School (Environmental Education):  
Chandamanirchi Corporation

15:30 Tour of Sainshand WWTP: Chandaman Irchi Corporation

16:00 Closing

### **Day 3: September 22, 2023**

10:00 Wastewater Treatment Technology and Emerging Issues: Dr. Tsatsal  
(former university professor, current sewerage advisor)

11:00 Factory wastewater treatment: Dr. Elhenbayar (Professor,  
Mongolian University of Technology)

12:00 Break

14:00 Sewer Rehabilitation Technology: SEKISUI CHEMICAL CO., LTD.,  
Seiwa Kogyo (\*)

14:40 Japanese Toilet Paper: Marutomi Tissue Corporation

15:00 Review: Shizuoka Prefecture

15:10 Closing remarks: Chandaman Irchi Corporation

The Q&A session provided an opportunity for a lively exchange of opinions, with questions covering a wide range of topics, including how to deal with high concentrations of surfactants and phosphorus wastewater, measures for low temperatures at treatment facilities, and public relations for sewage systems in Japan (especially environmental education for children).

The workshop was completed successfully. Strong requests were made to continue hosting it in the future, and many local governments have shown a positive attitude toward inviting it to their cities.

## 6. Miscellaneous Thoughts

Many of you may have heard the Mongolian language in TV dramas this summer. I met a Japanese male actor on my flight back from a business trip in June, and from that moment on, I have been expecting a TV program set in Mongolia.

I was right; the actor was cast as a "white hacker. " The drama quickly became very popular as soon as it started airing. Of course, I was one of those who became so absorbed in the drama that I repeatedly watched it and recorded it.

The drama is set in a fictional country, the Republic of xxx, and the location of its capital is the familiar square in front of the parliament building in Ulaanbaatar and its surroundings. The scenery of Mongolia is quite different and varied from Ulaanbaatar, a large city with a population of over 1.5 million, and the surrounding area.

If you were fascinated by that TV drama, why not visit Mongolia? It takes about five hours from Narita Airport, and the vast nature awaits you.

Many Japanese people played the roles of the nationals in the Republic of xxx, but I did not feel any discomfort at all. As you can see, Mongolians and Japanese look alike. If you walk down the street, you will often meet people you think you know.



Dornogovi governor



Minister of Construction and Land Development



Seminar: Day 1



Presentation by JS



Wastewater facility staff of Chinggis Khaan International Airport

Dr. Tsatsal



Group Photo of participants