

# Executive Meeting in Kuwait

From January 7 to 9, 2013, Mr. Masataka Sase, Executive Director of JCCP, visited Kuwait to attend the JCCP/KPC Water and Waste Management Conference co-organized by KPC and JCCP, and to exchange views with important figures in Kuwait's oil industry. He was accompanied by Mitsuyoshi Saito, Executive Counselor, and Junichi Kasuya, General Manager of the Riyadh Office.

Details of the above-mentioned seminar are provided in "Environment Conference with KPC" (Tetsuo Arai, Training Dept.) in a later section of this newsletter.

## 1. Meeting with H.E. Mr. Toshihiro Tsujihara, Japanese Ambassador to Kuwait

On January 7, the JCCP delegation visited Ambassador Tsujihara, who had just arrived in Kuwait the past October to take up his post at the Japanese Embassy. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Yamamoto, First Secretary at the embassy in charge of economy.



*At the Embassy of Japan in Kuwait:  
H.E. Mr. Toshihiro Tsujihara, Ambassador (second from left)*

Mr. Sase first thanked the Ambassador for accepting JCCP's request for him to address the Environment Conference scheduled to be held the next day. Then, he gave an account of joint projects and activities JCCP is currently implementing in Kuwait and other Middle East countries, and asked for the embassy's continued support

of JCCP operations. Ambassador Tsujihara described the recent situation in Kuwait and his personal impressions of the country, and shared his views on various other topics of interest related to Kuwait.

## 2. Meeting at KPC: Mr. Farouk H. Al Zanki, CEO, and Mr. Abdullatif A. Al Houti, Managing Director – Planning

On January 8, the JCCP delegation visited Kuwait Petroleum Company (KPC) and met with Mr. Farouk H. Al Zanki, CEO, and Mr. Abdullatif A. Al Houti, Managing Director – Planning. Mr. Sase began the meeting by thanking KPC for co-organizing the Environment Conference, and proclaimed a new beginning to the friendly relationship between Kuwait and Japan.

Mr. Al Zanki also thanked JCCP in return for the assistance it has extended to Kuwait and KPC through the years, and expressed his hopes of further strengthening cooperation with JCCP in the future, to deal with the diverse problems and issues facing Kuwait today. He also requested the implementation of training programs within a longer-term framework.

Mr. Al Houti said he respects the efforts of the Japanese government and local communities to protect their environment, and shared his thoughts on a wide range of topics, from the world energy situation to Japan's elections.



At the KPC Head Office:  
Mr. Farouk H. Al Zanki, CEO (center) and  
Mr. Abdullatif A. Al Houti, Managing Director – Planning (left)



At the OAPEC Head Office: H.E. Mr. Al Naqi,  
Secretary General (right)

## 3. Meeting at OAPEC with H.E. Mr. Al Naqi, Secretary General

On January 9, the JCCP delegation visited H.E. Mr. Al Naqi, Secretary General of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC). Dr. Samir Kareish, Director of Technical Affairs Dept., also attended the meeting. Mr. Sase said he was extremely pleased to establish a friendly relationship with OAPEC and wished for the successful implementation of the OAPEC-JCCP conference scheduled to be held in February. In response, Mr. Al Naqi thanked JCCP for its cooperation and also expressed his hopes for the February conference, while Dr. Kareish explained the status of preparation for the conference and the situation in Cairo, where the conference will be held.

## 4. Summary

Year 2011 marked the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Kuwait and Japan. Taking the occasion of this milestone, Kuwait and Japan have spent the year before last and last year holding a variety of commemorative events, which have brought the two countries closer together than ever before. Although a year has passed since then, the heat of congratulatory excitement has not yet cooled down. As Kuwait exhibits considerable interest and resolve to address various environmental issues, its strong wish for the transfer of Japan's technologies and experience in the environment field was readily apparent. The JCCP delegation especially felt that KPC and OAPEC are pinning stronger expectations on JCCP's cooperation than ever before.

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