

# Executive Meeting in Uzbekistan

Mr. Masataka Sase, Executive Director of JCCP, visited Uzbekistan from October 14 to 18, 2012, to hold policy dialogues with the top management of state-run oil companies in the country as part of his mission to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation through personal exchanges in oil-producing countries.

## 1. Uzbekneftegaz National Holding Company

Uzbekneftegaz is a national holding company that controls oil and gas businesses in Uzbekistan through its six operating companies. JCCP received participants from Uzbekistan for the first time in 1998, and thereafter began receiving participants on a full scale from 2004. Approximately 80 participants from Uzbekistan have attended JCCP training programs to date.

On his recent visit to Uzbekistan, Mr. Sase paid a call on the Head Office of Uzbekneftegaz in Tashkent and met with Mr. Shokir N. Fayzullaev, Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Fayzullaev warmly welcomed Mr. Sase, mentioning the long relationship between Uzbekneftegaz and JCCP. He also expressed his appreciation of JCCP training, and explained that Uzbekneftegaz employees who have received training at JCCP are making the most of what they learned in their duties. Many employees have participated in JCCP training since 1998, and as

many as 10 have already completed their training at JCCP this year, while another 26 candidates are presently being selected for future training.

Mr. Sase also thanked Uzbekneftegaz for its cooperation in maintaining good relations with JCCP, and explained how he is taking the occasion of JCCP's 30th anniversary to visit various counterpart countries and ask for their continued cooperation, as well as expressed JCCP's intent to provide training that specifically responds to needs in Uzbekistan for customized programs. He also gave a general description of the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake and nuclear accident, and provided reassurance that JCCP is now operating without any repercussions from the disaster.

Mr. Fayzullaev, in return, offered words of condolence to the victims of the disaster, and stressed his belief that the Japanese people are a resilient people who can continue to move forward even after such devastation. He also lauded JCCP for its smooth implementation of training programs despite having suffered serious damage, and exchanged views with Mr. Sase regarding various topics, including a request for training in petrochemical fields that use natural gas, a resource Uzbekistan is rich in, and a request for photovoltaic technology, as Uzbekistan is blessed with many sunny days.

Before bringing the meeting to a close, Mr. Sase



*At Uzbekneftegaz: Mr. Shokir N. Fayzullaev,  
Chairman of the Board (center)*



*At Uzneftmahsulot: Mr. Radjabov Sharif Hamidovich, Deputy of Chairman (center)*

reiterated his wish to continue holding information exchanges with Uzbekneftegaz in the future so that JCCP can provide training that meets the needs of the company as much as possible.

## 2. Uzneftmahsulot Oil Refining Company

Uzneftmahsulot is a downstream operations company affiliated with Uzbekneftegaz, and operates two refineries (Fergana Refinery, Bukhara Refinery) and 23 oil terminals. Among the subsidiaries of Uzbekneftegaz, it is the most closely related to JCCP. Mr. Sase met with Mr. Radjabov Sharif Hamidovich, Deputy of Chairman of the company.

In the meeting, Mr. Sase thanked Uzneftmahsulot for continuously sending participants to JCCP training courses, and explained that he is taking the occasion of JCCP's 30th anniversary milestone to personally visit counterpart countries to exchange views and hear their needs.

Mr. Hamidovich also thanked JCCP for offering effective training to Uzneftmahsulot employees, and explained that those who have received JCCP training have brought back and are using the results of their training to their advantage, and that the company is currently selecting training candidates for 2013 from among personnel who have good command of English.

In response to the language issue, Mr. Sase explained that a Russian interpreter could be arranged in a Customized Program-Japan (CPJ), and Mr. Hamidovich responded positively, saying he would like a specific plan formulated as early as possible.

## 3. Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas, Tashkent Branch

In Uzbekistan, the Tashkent Branch of Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas is considered an educational institution affiliated with Uzbekneftegaz. Thus, with their arrangements, Mr. Sase had the opportunity to visit the university and meet with Dr. Saidahmedov I. M., Executive Director.

Dr. Saidahmedov explained that the Tashkent Branch was founded in 2007 as a university specializing in oil and gas engineering (upstream operations such as exploration and excavation) by the order of President Islam Karimov. It has about 600 students, with approximately 100 slated to graduate this year. Most graduates go to work for Uzbekneftegaz subsidiaries, Russian companies such as Gazprom, Rosneft and Lukoil, and other foreign oil companies such as Petronas. The university also offers employee training following employment.

The JCCP side gave an overview of JCCP activities and introduced case examples of cooperation with universities such as the King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals in Saudi Arabia. In response, the Tashkent side enquired about the possibility of JCCP cooperation in the form of lecturers for practical seminars held at the Tashkent Branch, for example, and the two sides agreed to examine the possibility in detail. Additionally, when the JCCP side mentioned that JCCP training courses receive participants from Lukoil and other Russian oil companies on a continuous basis, Dr. Saidahmedov also enquired about the possibility of



*At the Tashkent Branch of Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas: Dr. Saidahmedov I. M., Executive Director (front row center)*



*A lecture on excavation at the Tashkent Branch*

cooperation between the main branch of the university in Russia and JCCP, thus creating a generally positive atmosphere during the entire meeting.

## 4. Summary

The meeting was a first between executive officers of Uzbekneftegaz and JCCP, but Mr. Fayzullaev, Chairman of the Board, and other members under him all exhibited a good understanding of JCCP activities and the relationship established between Uzbekneftegaz and JCCP to date, and actively proposed new cooperation concepts, such as for the addition of customized programs and regular courses about the gas and petrochemical sectors. As a result of working-level discussions held mutually after the JCCP delegation's return to Japan, a Customized Program-Japan (CPJ) on instrumentation was agreed to be implemented in March 2013 as a concrete achievement of the visit. JCCP hopes to examine further areas of cooperation based on the recent exchange of information that was held with key executives in Uzbekistan.

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