

# KISR Receives JPI Award for Invaluable International Cooperation

Kuwait Institute for Science and Research (KISR), a long-standing partner of JCCP technical cooperation projects in Kuwait, has received the FY2013 Award for Invaluable International Cooperation from Japan Petroleum Institute (JPI), an international authority in the field. KISR was recognized for the following, as explained by JPI.

Among the activities implemented by Kuwait and Japan from the perspective of strengthening relations in the oil sector are the Kuwait-Japan Joint Symposium, which has been organized every year since 1993, and the invitation program for researchers from oil-producing countries, offered every year since 1995.

The former is a seminar on oil refining processes hosted jointly by KISR, JCCP and JPI. It contributes significantly to seeking solutions to technical issues in Kuwait's oil industry through presentations and discussions by researchers representing Kuwait and Japan.

The latter is a program in which researchers in oil-producing countries who are nominated by their own institution, dispatched to Japan over a period of a couple of months to pursue their field of study at a university and/or a corporate research institution in Japan. A couple of researchers from KISR participate in the program every year. In addition to the above, since 2007, KISR has invited Japanese researchers

on oil-refining process to Kuwait for research consultation.

Such achievements by KISR have received high commendation from the Kuwaiti government, and have also indirectly led to the Kuwaiti government's high appreciation of Japan. The fruits of technical and personal exchanges borne over many years in cooperation with KISR can be expected to bear even bigger fruits and further develop the two countries' friendly relationship into the future.

Consequently, KISR has played a central role in promoting technical and personnel exchanges between Kuwait and Japan over many years, and is recognized for its achievements as a deserving recipient of the International Cooperation Award.

Overseas recipients of the International Cooperation Award in the past include Dr. Khaled S. Al-Sultan, Rector of King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM) in Saudi Arabia, who received the Award for Invaluable International Cooperation in 2007, and UAE's national oil refining company TAKREER in Abu Dhabi, which received the Award for International Technical Cooperation as an organization in fiscal 2009.

H.E. Dr. Naji Al-Mutairi, Director General of KISR, attended the award ceremony held on May 27 and received the award in person. H.E. Mr. Abdul-Rahman Al-Otaibi, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Japan, also attended the ceremony as an eyewitness.



(From the left) Yutaka Yamada, (then) Chairman of JPI;  
Dr. Meena Marafi, Executive Director of the KISR Petroleum Research Centre (PRC);  
Dr. Naji Al-Mutairi, Director General of KISR; and  
H.E. Mr. Abdul-Rahman Al-Otaibi, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Japan

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