

Messages from JCCP Graduates

JCCP graduates have offered warm messages of congratulations on occasion of our 30th anniversary, as introduced below.



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Participant of a regular course on Marketing Management offered in 1988

A JCCP delegation visited my office in the Saudi Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources on November 15, 2011. They had sought me out on the occasion of JCCP's 30th anniversary upon learning that I work at the ministry, and brought with them the application form that I submitted prior to participating in the Marketing Management course (TR-7-88) in July 1988. When I saw the photo attached to the form, memories of that period 23 years ago came flooding back.

The delegation's visit was a pleasant surprise, not to mention being given the honor of writing a brief message for JCCP News. It is my pleasure to celebrate JCCP's 30th anniversary with this message.

The Marketing Management course was an extremely memorable experience. It made me want to study once more at JCCP, and prompted me to participate in another course on environmental management. Participation in the two courses increased my knowledge of both the technical and management aspects of the oil industry. The lectures and guidance provided by the Japanese experts were especially helpful to enriching my knowledge, and thereafter proved extremely beneficial to my career at the ministry.

I can still vividly recollect my experience in participating in a JCCP program. The Japanese people were all friendly, courteous and well educated, and Tokyo was a remarkable city, although I was surprised at how expensive everything was. I also appreciated the opportunity to visit the old capital of Kyoto and learn about Japan's long history of development.

Looking back, I realize the Japan that I saw back during that time has played a major role in shaping the future vision of Saudi Arabia, and also believe it helped Saudi Arabia strengthen fraternal relationships with other countries in the Middle East. On a personal level, I see now that the JCCP course was designed so that participants could gain mutual understanding of each other's customs and cultures and broaden their perspectives.

The recent reunion with JCCP members on the occasion of JCCP's 30th anniversary has once again stimulated my interest in visiting JCCP and exchanging views on requests for new programs toward formulating future plans in my country. I look forward to JCCP's continued cooperation in the development of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Al Zahrani passed away last December 18 while in London to attend a conference on behalf of the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, a mere two weeks after sending us the above message. We extend our deepest condolences and pray that he rests in peace.