

Seminar on “Refinery Maintenance Management” Held at Petrovietnam

1. Background

Last fiscal year, Petrovietnam and JCCP agreed to further promote mutual understanding and personnel exchanges between Vietnam and Japan in the future, on the occasion of a visit to the Petrovietnam Head Office by a JCCP mission headed by Mr. Masataka Sase, Executive Director of



At the Zung Quat Refinery

JCCP. As part of this agreement, JCCP implemented a maintenance management seminar for the refinery maintenance department at the Zung Quat Refinery in central Vietnam, the country’s first comprehensive refinery (commenced operations this February), as requested.

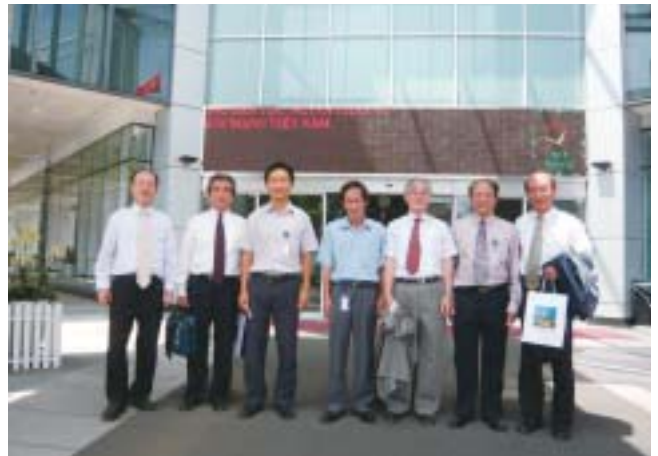
2. Seminar Overview

The seminar was held over a period of four days, from September 8 to 11, 2009, at the Zung Quat Refinery, located near Da Nang in central Vietnam.

Lectures were given by two lecturers from JCCP’s Training Department (S. Miyawaki and K. Nakazawa) and two external lecturers, Messrs. Katsutoshi Tanabe (JGC Corporation) and Takashi Suzuki (Suzuki Technical Consulting Ltd.), who were asked to speak on rotary equipment



Closing ceremony of the seminar



*At the Petrovietnam Head Office
(with members of the HRD Dept.)*

maintenance technologies and static equipment (water treatment), respectively.

3. Details of the Seminar

The seminar was organized as a Customized Program-Overseas (CPO) by request from Petrovietnam, and was divided into two themes, static equipment and rotary machinery. Lectures on the two themes were given simultaneously at two different venues.

First, the Japanese lecturers were shown around the Zung Quat Refinery site and given a description of its facilities by JCCP graduates Mr. Duy (participated in a static equipment course in 2008) and Mr. Quang (participated in a rotary machinery course in 2009).

The lectures on static and rotary equipment both elicited many questions from the participants. Active exchanges of views were held regarding the optimum method of adopting the maintenance and management practices of Japanese refineries and achieving stable operations and efficiency at Petrovietnam's refineries in the future. Discussions were also held regarding essential considerations that need to be given when applying those practices to Vietnam, based on the understanding that refineries in Vietnam greatly differ from each other in terms of their environments.

On the last day of the seminar, a closing ceremony

was held in the presence of Mr. Pham Van Chat, Deputy General Director (participant of a JCCP course in 2001). The agenda of the four-day seminar was completed as scheduled, with the presentation of a completion certificate to each participant. At the very end, Mr. Chat expressed his appreciation for the success of the CPO seminar and articulated his hopes of seeing further developments in the cooperative relationship between JCCP and Petrovietnam through Petrovietnam's continued participation in JCCP regular courses and other programs.

4. Summary

Evaluations by the participants at the end of the seminar showed that the majority wish to participate in a training program in Japan in the future, and indicated their high expectations of JCCP training programs.

In a wrap-up meeting held at the Petrovietnam Head Office, Mr. Tran Van Hoa, General Manager, Training & HRD Division, thanked JCCP for implementing the seminar, and said he hopes JCCP and Petrovietnam will continue to strengthen their cooperative relationship and further promote mutual exchanges into the future.

The lecturers of the seminar hope that Petrovietnam will take full advantage of the knowledge provided through this seminar to further develop its refineries.

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