



PR 2015-04 H.E. Abdulla Nasser Al Suwaidi, Director General of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), and Tsuyoshi Nakai, CEO of Japan Cooperation Center, Petroleum (JCCP), exchanged letters on the strengthening of future relationship in human resources development and technical cooperation in an occasion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> JCCP Alumni Meeting at Intercontinental Hotel in Abu Dhabi on Sunday, January 18, 2015 with presence of Japan's Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) H.E. Yoichi Miyazawa and the United Arab Emirates' Minister of State H.E. Dr. Maitha Al-Shamsi.

(Right:4th from left:H.E. Miyazawa, 5th from left:H.E.Dr.Maitha, 6th from left: H.E. Kamo, Ambassador of Japan, 7th from left:H.E. Suwaidi, 8th from left: Mr.Nakai)  
 (Left: After exchanging letters)

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1. Exchange of letters between JCCP and ADNOC

The letters exchanged between JCCP and ADNOC aim to further strengthen the close relationship that both sides have built through many years of exchange programs, and to confirm further mutual cooperation in the implementation of future projects. The exchange of letters took place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> UAE Alumni Meeting of participants of JCCP programs in the UAE with presence of Japan's Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) H.E. Miyazawa and the UAE's Minister of State H.E. Al-Shamsi.

2. About Japan Cooperation Center, Petroleum (JCCP)

For 34 years since its establishment in 1981, based on the experience of facing multiple oil crises, with the support of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (the Ministry of International Trade and Industry at the time) JCCP has continued to promote friendly relations with the oil-producing countries and contributed to ensuring stable supply of petroleum for Japan, through development human resources in the downstream petroleum sector and the provision of technical cooperation. To date, JCCP has cooperated with the UAE by utilizing Japan's diverse ranges of experiences, namely development of petroleum refining technologies, methods of safety and efficient operation at petroleum refineries, environmental and anti-pollution measures, sales, marketing, programs for female personnel.

### 3. Relationship between JCCP and the UAE

JCCP carries out the following projects with ADNOC Group as the counterpart.

#### (1) Human resource development program

- The number of participants accepted: 722 (the cumulative total since establishment of JCCP in 1981 and will exceed 800 at the end of FY2015)
- Under our existing projects, JCCP has been conducting training programs with participation of about 50 personnels. According to the 2013 Japan-UAE Joint Statement released by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and H.R.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, and H.R.H. General Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of *Abu Dhabi* in FY2014 (before the end of March, 2015), an extra training programs of approximately 60 participants has been scheduled (there will be 250 participants over the next five years). Therefore, for this fiscal year, there will be about 100 participants from UAE in the program.

#### (2) Technical cooperation project

- JCCP plans to continue implementing joint research on petroleum refining technologies at the Takreer Research Center (TRC), a member of ADNOC Group.

- JCCP and ADNOC Group are collaborating in environmental protection study.
- ADNOC Group and JCCP will continue technical cooperation and will seek opportunities for new technical projects.

(3) Holding international conferences and inviting VIPs

- Through international symposiums held in Japan and programs of inviting VIPs, JCCP invites dignitaries from the UAE to visit Japan.

(4) Regular meetings

Top management of ADNOC and JCCP will, at least on an annual basis, overview the progress of programs and to discuss the next priority of the projects for further cooperation.