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Participant of a regular course on Marketing and Distribution offered in 1983

I had the pleasure and the good luck to be selected by my company, Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), to attend a JCCP marketing course in 1984 along with another colleague. We joined other participants from Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Nigeria, China, Myanmar and Thailand, and spent roughly a month together receiving training in Japan.

The program included lectures at JCCP and site visits to oil and LP gas marketing and distribution facilities, and provided a great deal of practical knowledge that we could immediately apply to our respective work. I realize now that everything we learned in the course has subsequently proven extremely beneficial throughout our entire careers.

As I was working for ADNOC International Marketing at the time, I was a regular short-term visitor to Japan both before and after participating in the course, and thought I knew Japan relatively well. However, the extended stay in Japan to participate in the course not only helped me gain knowledge of the Japanese oil and gas industry, but also a deeper understanding of the culture of Japanese companies that support the industry's productivity, as well as the cultural and historical dimensions of Japan as a whole. This is based on both my own and my colleagues' experience.

The oil industry in Asia has undergone dramatic changes during the past 30 years, and is still continuing to change. From hereon, it is expected to transform into an integrated oil refining and petrochemical industry and aim to provide greater added value. In conjunction with this transformation, I wish to see JCCP enhance its curriculum with more courses related to the petrochemical industry. Additionally, based on the impression of all course participants that promoting cultural understanding and cultural exchange between oil-producing countries in Japan is also an important part of JCCP programs, I also wish to see more Japanese language and culture sessions along with the technical aspects of the courses so that future participants can gain a deeper sense of the "spirit of creation" that supports Japan's technologies.

Lastly, as one JCCP graduate, I wish JCCP many more years of success and achievement.