

JSA Training Courses for Developing Economies

Together with supporting activities for JISC's international standardization activities in ISO, IEC and other fora, we in JSA's International Affairs Division, Standards Department (IAD/JSA), carry out a variety of training programs on standards and conformance aimed, as part of our technical cooperation support for developing economies, at contributing through personnel development to the improvement of developing countries' industrial infrastructure and of the competitiveness of their products.

Carried out under Japan's ODA policies, these training programs are mainly of two types. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) accepts trainees from government and government-related bodies; The Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS) accepts trainees from corporations and other private bodies.

In fiscal 2002 (April 2002-March 2003), we have carried out the following Group Training Programs.

1. (Training programs entrusted by JICA)

No.	Course title	Duration	No. of participants	Participating countries
1	Problem Solving and Improvement by TQM for Polish Industry (4th)	Sep. 24 - Oct. 18, 2002	8	Poland (Country-focused training course)
2	Implementation of Conformity Assessment for Industry (4th)	Nov.11 - Dec. 20, 2002	12	Brazil, Bulgaria, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Palestinian Authority, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Thailand, Venezuela

3	Implementation of WTO/TBT Agreement for APEC Economies (1st)	Jan. 20 - 24, 2003	11	Indonesia, Malaysia, Malaysia, Peru, Philippines (2), Thailand (3), Vietnam (2), (Regional training course)
4	WTO for China (1st)	Jan. 23 - 30, 2003	8	China (Country-focused Training course)
5	Standardization and Quality Systems for ASEAN Countries (4th)	Feb. 17 - Mar. 14, 2003	10 + 2	Cambodia, Indonesia (2), Laos (2), Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines (2), Thailand (Regional training course) + Egypt (2) - special

2. (Training programs entrusted by AOTS)

No.	Course title	Duration	No. of participants	Participating countries
1	International Standardization (7th)	July 17 - 30, 2002	10	Chile, China, Indonesia Malaysia (2), Peru, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam
2	Total Quality Management (TQM) (7th)	Aug. 20 - Sep. 3, 2002	14 + 4	Chile, China, Indonesia (4), Malaysia (2), Philippines (3), Thailand (2), Vietnam + Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar
3	Accreditation Systems (7th)	Oct. 9 - 22, 2002	12	Chile, Indonesia (2), Malaysia (2), Philippines (3), Vietnam (2), Papua New Guinea (2) - special



**“Technical Visit to Honda Motor”
(APEC Economies on the Implementation of WTO/TBT)**

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In addition to these programs carried out regularly, we engage energetically in short-term special training programs, dispatch of lecturers for other organizations' training programs, and other related activities pursuant to requests from JICA and other bodies.

Our very first developing country training program

was the 1968 Standardization and Quality Control Course, coordinated by Dr. Kaoru Ishikawa and entrusted to us by the Overseas Technical Cooperation (OTCA), the forerunner to JICA. Since then, we have responded to the needs of the needs of the times, on the scrap and build principle, for thirty-five years.

First Standardization Cooperative Seminar for North East Asia helps strengthen ties in activities related to standards development and information flows

A two-day session of the First Standardization Cooperative Seminar for North East Asia was held November 28 and 29, 2002, in Seoul, Korea. Seminar attendees included representatives from Japan, China, and Korea. Approximately one hundred members from Korea, including government officials (Industrial Resource Department), Korean Standardization Association members, and representatives of universities and industry, attended. Also attending were seventeen representatives from the Chinese government (Association for Standardization) and seven Japanese representatives, including JSA and JAB members (Japan Association Board for Conformity Assessment). The meeting was regarded as a success.

The seminar agenda included the following issues:

1. Issues in cooperative standardization efforts and potential directions in advancing the public interest of this region; and
2. Cooperative standardization efforts and potential directions in advancing international standardization activities.

Meetings of representatives from the public and private sectors were held side-by-side. Dr. Shogo Sakura, JSA representative director, delivered a talk entitled "Cooperative advancement of standardization in international standardization activities."

With respect to standards, the meeting supported the Japanese proposal to establish a common platform for the ISO/IEC policy for copyright protection, resolving to form a working group consisting of at least one specialist from each country to work on ISO/IEC copyright policy. The meeting also led to a resolution to form a working group (WG) to compile various manuals for representatives and the secretariat, who are

to attend standard working conferences for international standardization.

On this occasion, Japan and China reaffirmed an agreement on sales in China of JIS Standards and the JIS Handbook, through the China Association for Standardization (CAS), and sales of duplicated copy of GB, the Chinese national standards, through Japanese Standards Association (JSA). In addition to discussions concerning the promulgation of standards and publications, Japan and Korea discussed broader cooperative efforts between the Korean Standards Association (KSA) and the JSA in the areas of training, education, and standards development. JSA also welcomed KSA's plan to launch sales of JIS at the KSA web store from April 2003. The JSA offered any support that might be required in this venture.

This seminar and the proposed bilateral meetings to be held at regular intervals will help strengthen ties in standards promotion efforts.



Representatives in attendance

Project to establish systems for standardization in the Asia-Pacific region - JSA staff sent overseas

JSA has been commissioned by the Industrial Science and Technology Policy and Environment Bureau of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry to run a project establishing systems for standardization in the Asia-Pacific region. The aims of this project are to strengthen ties among countries in the Asia-Pacific region to secure the cooperation of those countries for international standards in the relevant fields, and to establish a system of international standardization in Japan. As one facet of this project, on this occasion two researchers were dispatched to countries in the Asia-Pacific region and Europe between the end of September and mid-December 2002 to survey standards and standardization efforts. A report on the findings of the two researchers is currently being compiled; however, a brief overview is provided here of what was surveyed and the research institutions involved.

Mr. Masaru Kamiyama of the Customer Services Division visited countries in the Asia-Pacific region for a general survey of standardization activities. His main destinations were as follows.

Korea: Korean Standards Association (KSA), Korea Testing and Research Institute for Chemical Industry (KOTRIC), Korea Research Institute of Standards and Science (KRISS), The Korea Shipbuilder's Association (KOSHIPA), Integrated Forum on Electric Commerce (ECIF), Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS)

Singapore: Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board (SPRING)

Philippines: Bureau of Product Standards (BPS), Certification International Philippines, Inc., SGS International, Inc., Rosehall Management & Consultants Inc., Systems Network International, Inc., National Registration Scheme for Quality Auditors, Philippine Association of Environmental Assessment Professionals, Inc., Clorox Philippines International, BPS Testing Center, SGS Philippines, Inc.

Thailand: Engineering & Safety Bureau, Department of Land Transport, Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), Office of the National Accreditation Council (NAC), Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology (SIIT), Department of Science Services (DSS)

Malaysia: Department of Standards Malaysia (DSM), Petronas Research & Scientific Services Sdn Bhd, Genting Sanyen Industrial Paper Sdn Bhd, Standards and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia (SIRIM), Mitsui Copper Foil (MALAYSIA) Sdn Bhd (MCF)

Vietnam: Dongnai Environmental Monitoring Station & Related Sample Analysis, Quality Assurance and Testing Center (QUATEST3), Shirasaki Vietnam Corp., SGS, Dat Hoa Plastic Company, TUV, Directorate for Standards and Quality (STAMEQ), Dong Chain, Hanoi

Textile, THUY SHOES

Indonesia: National Standardization Agency, Indonesia (BSN), Indonesian Institute of Sciences, PT KEMA Registered Quality Indonesia

China: China National Institute of Standardization (CNIS), China Association for Standardization (CAS), Mitsubishi Electric, Shanghai Institute of Standardization (SIS), Innovation and Technology Commission of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Environment, Transport and Works Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Office of the Telecommunications Authority

Mr. Kamiyama commented with regard to this latest survey that, "For this survey I visited standardization bodies in numerous Asian countries, and am grateful to all those who so kindly agreed to cooperate in my work. Actually visiting these countries, I sensed a determination not only to further understanding of our respective standardization systems within Asia, but also to deepen our understanding of each other's cultures and make Asia a major world center in this area. I also found expectations of Japan as one of the central countries in Asia to be as high as ever, and sensed a growing anticipation of leadership from Japan."

Ms. Ritsu Hamaoka of the International Affairs Division visited European countries for a general survey of standardization activities. She visited DIN (Deutsches Institut für Normung) the Association française de normalization (AFNOR), the British Standards Institution, Consumer International, JETRO BERLIN, Deutsche Elektrotechnische Kommission im DIN und VDE (DKE), the European Committee for Standardization (CEN), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). Ms. Hamaoka's visit to DIN in particular was of considerable duration, at around three weeks, allowing her to study in some detail the organization's activities to promote standardization in Germany and internationally, and how it runs these activities. In addition to research, Ms. Hamaoka had the opportunity to attend a number of meetings: ISO/DEVCO, the ISO general assembly, DIN International Conference Service Standards, DIN CEN/STAR Workshop Service Standard, DEN/BT/WG113, CLC/BTWG101-5 and ETSI Joint Meeting. Ms. Hamaoka expressed her gratitude to the organizations that allowed her to visit and study their work, and said that through this survey work, "DIN in particular provided advice appropriate to the progress of my research."

Finally, allow us to take this opportunity to thank everyone who cooperated so generously in our research.

JSA joined Frankfurt Book Fair

The Frankfurt Book Fair, the world's largest such event, was held October 9 through 14, 2002, in Frankfurt, Germany. Exhibitors came from more than 100 countries, representing 6,700 companies, with numbers of fair participants exceeding 250,000. Among these were numerous publishers from Japan.

The JSA participated in this international book fair for the first time, with assistance from Deutsches Institut für Normung (DIN) and Beuth Verlag.

In addition to exhibiting an English version of the JIS Handbook, we gave a presentation on the JSA Web Store (<http://www.jsa.or.jp/>), launched in August 2002, entitled "Challenge for Global Communication by JSA Web Store for Distribution of Standards and Books." Parties invited to attend this presentation included SDOs from Europe and the United States, as well as publishing companies.

We fielded numerous audience questions concerning use of the website, questions reflecting intense

interest. The JSA hopes to take active part in similar future international fairs and to pursue stronger ties with SDOs, encouraging them to shop at the JSA Web Store.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the generous cooperation provided by DIN, Beuth Verlag, and the SDOs.



Presentation by SDO



Exhibition 1



Exhibition 2

JSA Web Store is now open.

JSA Web Store is a search/buy site of JIS standards and JSA publications.

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