

Achievement of the Program for Human Resource Development in Asia for Peacebuilding

Accumulation of Know-How and Knowledge on Developing Peacebuilders This will Contribute to Peacebuilding around the World

The Program for Human Resource Development in Asia for Peacebuilding was launched by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in FY 2007 as the focal point for human resource development, research, and intellectual contribution in the peacebuilding field. Since then, for three years, the Program has sent Program graduates pursuing career development into the field of peacebuilding around the world in places such as Asia and Africa.

The Program entered its fourth year and made considerable achievement this fiscal year as well.

First, the Primary Course, which has been a main course of the Program for four years since its initiation, has three pillars: Coursework in Japan, Overseas Attachment, and Career Development Support. The curriculum of the Primary Course was designed to cover theory and practice as essential components required in the field of peacebuilding activities. Program Associates are expected to contribute to peacebuilding in the future through the Overseas Attachment as UN Volunteers and through getting employment in the peacebuilding field.

Next, the Seminar on Basic Peacebuilding, in its second

year, has been widely aimed at those who are interested in peacebuilding. The contents of systematically teaching the concepts and activities of peacebuilding have been highly praised by participants.

Lastly, the Civilian Experts Course is a new course aimed at those who would practically engage in peacebuilding activities such as government officials and NGO officials. For two weeks, participants intensively learned useful skills for use on the ground.

Further, besides these courses, HPC staff members were invited to overseas workshops and conferences discussing peacebuilding-related issues, and such opportunities have increased this fiscal year. This has shown that successful achievement of the Program in its fourth year was highly evaluated as part of Japan's continued commitment to international peace and development.

HPC has accumulated know-how for further developing peacebuilders and knowledge on peacebuilding through past Programs. These accomplishments are expected to contribute to peacebuilding worldwide from Japan and Asia in the future.



FY 2007 (April 2007-March 2008)

Jun. 12: Start of the FY 2007 Program
Jun.-Jul.: Information Session on the Program held in conjunction with various seminars, symposiums, and lectures in 9 places including Hiroshima, Tokyo, Osaka, London, etc.
Sep. 15: Commencement Ceremony of the Coursework in Japan [Hiroshima International Plaza, Higashi Hiroshima]
Special Lecturers: Kenzo Oshima (Former Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN); Carolyn McAskie (Assistant Secretary-General, Peacebuilding Support Office, UN)



Sep. 29: Public Symposium: "What Can We Do for Peace? - From Hiroshima, Japan and Asia" [International Conference Center, Hiroshima]



Oct. 28: Conclusion of the Coursework in Japan
Oct. 31: Public Symposium: "Training and Dispatching Civilian Peacebuilders - Responding to New Challenges on the Ground" [UNU Building, Tokyo]
Nov. 1: The Program Associates were dispatched to assigned duty stations (Overseas Attachment).
Mar. 21: Overseas Attachment Reporting Meeting [Campus Innovation Center, Tokyo]



FY 2008 (April 2008-March 2009)

Apr. 24: Start of the FY 2008 Program
May-June: Information Sessions on the Program held in 6 places including Tokyo, Osaka, UK, etc.
Jul. 21-24: "Peacebuilding Community of Practice" Workshop in Hiroshima co-hosted by HPC and UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO)



Aug. 25: Commencement Ceremony of the Coursework in Japan [UNU Building, Tokyo]
Program Associates paid a courtesy call on the then Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda
Oct. 3: Conclusion of the Coursework in Japan
Oct. 4: The Program Associates were dispatched to assigned duty stations (Overseas Attachment).
October-February: Information Session on the Program held in 3 places including Tokyo



Mar. 20-21: Public Symposium and Workshop: "Sharing Experiences in Human Resource Development for Peacebuilding" [International Conference Center, Hiroshima]
Mar. 23: Overseas Attachment Reporting Meeting [UNU Building, Tokyo]



Mar. 24: International Seminar: "Japan's Contribution to Peace and Human Resource Development: Looking back on the past two years of the 'Pilot Program for Human Resource Development in Asia for Peacebuilding' and the Challenges and Prospects for the Future" [UNU Building, Tokyo]

FY 2009 (April 2009-March 2010)

Jun. 19: Start of the FY 2009 Program
July-August: Information Sessions on the Program held in 14 places including Tokyo, Osaka, New York, Europe, etc.
Aug. 17-21: The Seminar on Basic Peacebuilding [UNU Building, Tokyo]
Aug. 28: "Experts Forum on Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention at the Community Level" was jointly held by HPC and the National Directorate for Prevention of Community Conflicts, Ministry of Defense and Security of Timor-Leste, with endorsement from the Embassy of Japan in Timor-Leste. [Dili, Timor-Leste]



Oct. 26-29: HPC Director Hideaki Shinoda participated in the "Washington Workshop

on Reconstruction, Stabilization, and Peacebuilding" (co-convened by the State Department's Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, US, the Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force, Canada, and the Stabilization Unit, UK) and in the "Stability Operations Training and Education Workshop" (organized by Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, US). The Director made presentations on the "Program for Human Resource Development in Asia for Peacebuilding" at both of these workshops. [Embassy of Canada in Washington and National Defense University, Washington, D.C.]
Nov. 6: Commencement Ceremony of the Coursework in Japan of the Primary Course [UNU Building, Tokyo]
Speakers: Koichi Takemasa (State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Japan); Flavia Pansieri (Executive Coordinator, UNV); Kenji Isezaki (Chair, Board of Directors, Peacebuilders); Shinji Nagase (Liaison Officer, UNV); Hideaki Shinoda

(Director, HPC); A meeting between HPC and the UNV Executive Coordinator was held following the ceremony.
Dec. 7-11: Preparation Week I: Preparation for the Overseas Attachment
Dec. 11: Closing Ceremony for the Core Coursework of the Primary Course [Aster Plaza, Hiroshima]
Dec. 14-18: Preparation Week II: HPC Career Development Workshop [UNU Building, Tokyo]
Jan. 6: Commencement Ceremony of the Coursework in Japan (Senior Specialist Course) [UNU Building, Tokyo]
Speakers: Koichi Takemasa (State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Japan); Shinji Nagase (Liaison Officer, UNV); Hideaki Shinoda (Director, HPC); Messages from Flavia Pansieri (Executive Coordinator, UNV) and Kenji Isezaki (Chair, Board of Directors, Peacebuilders)
Feb. 12: Special Lecture: Ali Ahmed Jama, "Ministry of Foreign Affairs" of the Republic of Somalia

Closing Ceremony for the Core Coursework of the Senior Specialist Course [Hiroshima International Plaza, Higashi Hiroshima]
Feb. 15-19: Preparation Week: Preparation for the Overseas Attachment [UNU Building, Tokyo]
Feb. 22-24: Symposium: "Building Civilian Peacebuilders: Japan's Assistance to Afghanistan and Beyond" (followed by Expert Forum) [Kaiun Building, Tokyo]
Feb.: The Program Associates began being dispatched to assigned duty stations (Overseas Attachment).



Looking Back at the Past Four Years of the Human Resource Development Program

With the end of the FY 2010, the Program for Human Resource Development in Asia for Peacebuilding marks the completion of its fourth year. I myself have been in charge of this Program as director of the Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center since the beginning of the Program. During the four years, the Program contents have changed several times according to requests from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, sometimes regarding the level of the overall structure as well as administrative affairs. Running the Program was not always easy due to the responsibility to manage the entire budget and to work with various individuals and organizations concerned with the Program. But, looking back at when we started the Program, I recall how I decided to take charge of it. I did so because I felt this Program ought to be run by those professionally committed to peacebuilding. This belief in the spiritual

aspect of the Program enabled me to overcome various tasks that arose in the four years of the Program.

The Program has also enabled many professionals who have graduated to develop promising careers in the field of peacebuilding. As a result of enormous efforts by our graduates, we now have a very rich human network of peacebuilding professionals throughout the world. We are proud and appreciative that this network receives a high reputation and continues to enrich and expand every year. This is probably the most wonderful and invaluable asset that the Program has been creating for all of us who have been involved in the cause of peacebuilding. This community of peacebuilders who stimulate, affect and help each other is a fundamental credential of the Program.

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