

Quarterly Schedule: October 2004 to March 2005

Course	Term	Unit	Ceremony of Completion
Business Course	- 10th Business Course - 11th Business Course	9-November-2004 5-January-2005	24-December-2004 29-April-2005
	<i>Distant Learning Course</i> - JICA-Net on "Entrepreneurship and Financial Analysis"	24-September-2004	26-November-2004
	- UNCTA e-Business Training Workshop for Managers	12-October-2004	26-November-2004
	- Seminar on "Project Management"	1-November-2004	19-November-2004
<i>Distant Learning Course</i> - JICA-Net on "Business Management"	7-January-2005	25-March-2005	
Japanese Language Course	- 1st (September) term - 2nd (January) term - 3rd (April) term - March 2005	28-September-2004 6-January-2005 25-April-2005	25-December-2004 6-April-2005 23-July-2005
	<i>Speech Contest</i>		
Computer Course	<i>The Intermediate Course for the staff of Ministry of Education and University</i> - 5th Course - 6th Course - 7th Course - 8th Course - 9th Course	4-October-2004 8-November-2004 10-January-2005 12-February-2005 21-March-2005	29-October-2004 3-December-2004 4-February-2005 11-March-2005 22-April-2005
	<i>The Basic Course for the staff of Ministry of Information and Culture</i> - 4th Course - 5th Course - 6th Course	27-September-2004 15-November-2004 10-January-2005	3-November-2004 22-December-2004 22-April-2005
	<i>The Basic Course for the students of university</i> - 6th Course - 7th Course - 8th Course	7-August-2004 2-October-2004 16-October-2004	9-October-2004 27-November-2004 11-December-2004

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JCC MEETING FOR LJC PROJECT ORGANIZED AT NUOL



On October 28, 2004 under the co-chairmanship of Assoc. Prof. Tuyen Donvanh and Mr. Hidetaka Nishiwaki, Vice-President of NUOL and Resident Representative of JICA Lao Office respectively, Lao-Japan Human Resource Cooperation Center organized the Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting at the National University of Laos. The participants were from both Japanese and Lao sides. The Lao delegation consist of Mr. Litou Bouapao, Director of the Department of Planning and Cooperation of the Ministry of Education, Mr. Houmphanh Soulalay, Deputy Director General of the Department of International Cooperation of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Manisoth Keodara, Lao Director of LJC and other LJC staff. The Japanese delegation comprised Mr. Hiroyuki Tomita, the assistant to JICA Resident Representative of JICA Lao Office, Mr. Shinichi Suzuki, Japanese Director of LJC and other LJC experts. The main objective of the meeting was to evaluate the project for the last few years and future plan of the project.

The Participation of LJC in the Teacher's Day Exhibition of October 7th



On the Teacher's Day – October 7th 2004, Ministry of Education organized an exhibition at National Cultural Hall inviting many educational institutions to show off their performance and products. Lao-Japan Center was one among them. Many photos of Lao-Japan Center's different events and activities as well as products were shown and sold at this exhibition and they attracted attentions of many people.

LJC Media room has been improved



Since the opening of the LJC library, the number of registered users has grown to 1,305 people, 90 % of whom are NUOL staff and students. In order to meet high demand of the members and to improve the quality of the services to them, Lao-Japan Center has expanded its library by setting up a Self-Study Room, which is equipped with 5 sets of TVs, DVD players and VDO players, and 6 computers. So, LJC now have 3 rooms for member use. In the near future 4 more computers will be added to Self-Study Room. Currently, in this Self-study room there are 867 VCD, DVD, VDO cassettes on various issues such as culture, documentary films, health, physics, chemistry, biology, environment, computer skills and others.

In order to improve the library services LJC has installed a barcode system attaching a registration number to each book. With this system, the members can search for their required book faster and easier than before. Now in the library, there are 7,044 books on various subjects and specialties and in different languages; such as English, Japanese, Lao and Thai. There are also magazines, different newspapers and journals which are mostly in the Lao, English and Japanese languages.

Origami attracted more participants



Origami, which is a Japanese word, literally meaning paper folding. Origami is one of the cultural activities of Lao-Japan Center. On November 13, 2004 this paper folding activity was organized for the kindergartens teachers of Vientiane Capital. Some LJC staff also joined the class. The instructor was Ms. Kimiko Masuda, Project Coordinator of LJC who has experience on this activity in Africa and Cambodia. More than 20 participants enjoyed the paper folding in different items such as flowers, stars, shirt, boxes and so on.

Calligraphy- the writing of Japanese letters by the special paint



On November 25, 2004 the so-called calligraphy or the writing of Japanese words by special paint was organized at Lao-Japan Center. The instructor was Mr. Seisui Inada, a well-known artist Japan. About 65 participants joined the session, most of them were Japanese language students of LJC. The instructor demonstrated the writing method first, then each participant tried their best to write each Japanese letter on the blank papers and hung them work on the wall for viewing by others.

LJC organized International New Year celebration



In order to welcome New Year 2005 with happiness and good atmosphere, LJC staff and students of Japanese language course arranged many activities in front of LJC building on December 25, 2004. The Fashion show was organized by the participants; people wore Japanese Yukata, danced Lamvong Lao, played various games, sold the gifts. The ceremony was attractive and enjoyable.

VDO show at the week-end at LJC

Every month VDO shows are arranged on Saturday and Sunday at the multipurpose room of LJC. The main purpose is to give chance to the young people who want to know Japanese language deeper. Other people can also join free of charge; no language barrier exists because there is translation from the Japanese into Lao language. Each VDO show is prepared by Japanese language teacher at LJC. Anyone who wants to watch these films can ask for the information from the administrative office of LJC or read the advertisement at the LJC lobby.

Operations

Lao-Japan Center

- ◆ Office Hours :
➔ 08 : 00 to 18 : 00
(Monday to Friday)
- ◆ Media Room :
➔ 08 : 30 to 19 : 30
(Monday to Friday)
- ➔ 08 : 30 to 17 : 00
(Saturday)

Ministry of Information and Culture Staff



The 50 hour computer course on Microsoft Word and Excel 2003 has been opened for the Ministry of Information and Culture staff. The 4th term of this course for 20 people was finished on November 11, 2004. Up to now there are more than 80 staffs 27 people of whom are female from that ministry participated in this basic course. There are still two groups which are waiting for this course and are expected to be completed in February 2005

Training course on homepage and website design



The Training and Activity Unit of Lao-Japan Center organized the first training course on homepage and website writing for 20 people from 4 organizations; 10 people from 10 faculties of National University of Laos, 3 from Ministry of Education, 4 from Ministry of Information and Culture, and 3 from Lao-Japan Center. All participants already have the basic computer skills. This course was opened for 5 days. After the training the participants could write homepage or website for their organization by themselves. On January 14, 2004 the hand over of certificates to participants was organized attended by Mr. Shinichi SUZUKI and Dr. Manisoth KEODARA, the co-Directors of LJC. At the end all people had pictures taken together for memory.

Computer skill training for the staff of Ministry of Education



LJC has continued to provide computer skill training such as Microsoft Power Point and internet use for 36 hours to the staff of Ministry of Education and NUOL. On December 10, 2004 the 6th course was completed. So far, LJC has given the completion certificate to 113 people, 55 of whom are females have already received the certificates from this course. 69 people are from the Ministry. LJC has planned to organize a similar training course for other ministries or organizations which are interested in this training.

University students have increased their interest in computer training



Many university students are willing to learn basic computer skills through participating in the 50 hour course on Microsoft Word and Excel 2003. The classes are organized at week-ends. In various interviews, the students said that they want to learn computer skills at LJC because it is very convenient, especially the classroom which is equipped with all necessary computers and facilities. On December 19, 2004 the 7th course was completed. So far, 148 individuals (56 females) have received the certificate. Another new course will be opened very soon.

Business Management Course Division has Started New Term



Business Management Course Division of LJC has continuously contributed to human resource development in the field of business management, providing training to participants from both public and private sectors. On December 24, 2004 both Fundamental and Advanced Courses of the 10th term were successfully completed handing over certificates to 177 participants, 80 people of whom studied at the Fundamental Course. On January 5, 2005 the 11th four-month course was opened with 138 participants, 65 people of whom studied at the Fundamental Course. This course was completed on May 6, 2005.

The Opening of the 2nd Training Course on Project Management at LJC



On November 19, 2004 under the JICA Grand Aid Scheme, Lao-Japan Center in cooperation with AOTS and Toyo Engineering Corporation organized the training course on project management.

The Opening Ceremony was held on November 1 attended by Assoc.Prof. Tuyen Donvanh, Vice-President of National University of Laos, Mr. Hidetaka Nishiwaki, Resident Representative of JICA Laos Office, Mr. Shinichi Suzuki, Japanese Director of LJC, Mr. Kasuhisa Ogawa, AOTS Representative in Thailand, Dr. Manisoth Keodara, Lao Director of LJC, and others.

The course focused on many interesting issues such as organization management, finance, quality control, risk & time management, and others. During these three weeks the Japanese lecturers and participants interacted positively leading to pleasant and knowledge-enriching atmosphere in the class. More than 50 participants successfully completed the training course and received the certificate at the closing ceremony. The farewell party was held on November 19 at Novotel.

The Distance Education (JICA-net) Still Attracts Many Participants



JICA-Net Class

After the completion of the 2nd JICA-Net, the 3rd JICA-Net program was convened between September 21-November 26, 2004 teaching 40 participants from commercial banks of Vientiane Capital. This distance education is broadcasted through satellite from Tokyo, Japan by experienced experts. The lectures are delivered by the experts in English, and interpreted into the Lao language by Lao lectures. JICA-Net does not only enrich participants' Business management knowledge but also strengthens their English speaking and listening skills.

The 4th course of distance education on business management was opened on January 7, 2005.

Four excellent Japanese course students went to Japan for a study visit



After the long procedure of test and interview 4 outstanding Japanese language course students of Lao-Japan Center joined the study visit to Japan for 3 weeks from October 24 to November 14, 2004 under the support of JICA. The study visit team of four included Ms. Inthiphone Xayavong from B5a class, Ms. Somchay Sihalat from Ia2 class, Ms. Olelack from B5a and Mr. Anoulat Keohavong from Ia1 class.

They visited National television –NHK, Toyota Manufacturing Corporation, Kinkakuji Temple, Red Leaf viewing (Momiji), waterfalls and Kiyomizudera Temple.

They also participated in many activities with Japanese people such as Japanese cooking class, calligraphy, wearing Kimono and so on.

After returning to Lao, the four participants reported their experiences as follow:

Experience that need to be shared (by Ms Inthiphone Xayavong , B5 class)

I started learning Japanese language with a dream of learning about Japan and also going to Japan. After two years of my Japanese language study I thought that I have gained good understanding about Japan through listening to teachers, friends and learning from television. But, when I went to Japan, I found that I could learn much more about Japan. Therefore, I think that getting a JICA scholarship for study visit to Japan was a very fortunate thing for me.

My study visit to Japan (by Ms. Somchay Sihalat from Ia2 class)

Seven years ago I went to Japan for the first time. I arrived at Fukuoka International Airport. I was so surprised of the size of that airport. This time I went to Japan again, but arrived at Narita International Airport. I was even more impressed by this bigger and more crowded airport. Japan is a very interesting country; she is not only a developed country, but also has many ancient places for young generations to see and learn.

Going to Japan made my dream come true (by Ms. Olelack from B5a)

At last my dream of going to Japan came true. In the past I had chance only to hear about Japan and made imagination in my head. Now I had a chance to experience Japan by myself. Even though it took only 3 weeks, it was a great experience and a very big event in my life. I visited many important places in Tokyo, Kyoto and Nogoya. So, I understand more about the living condition and culture of Japanese people. The most impressive event for me was the home stay with Japanese people in Saytama prefecture.

My experience in Japan (by Mr. Anoulat Keohavong from Ia1 class)

I was very glad to have a chance to join a study visit to Japan because Japan is the first very well- known country in Asia. I was very surprised that in spite of the fact that the Japan has small land but she can have very big buildings and factories. Besides, Japan also has very good infrastructure and communication systems. There are many roads and sightseeing places that are very similar that it is very difficult to remember, so I lost my way many times. After staying many days in Japan, we learned a lot about the culture, traditions and living condition of the Japanese people.

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Three Clubs of Lao-Japan Center have more members and products



The three Clubs of Lao-Japan Center – Dancing, Decoration and Embroidery Clubs were formed in May 2004 and attracted more than 50 members in each club. The main objectives of these Clubs are to give chance to young people including NUOL students and others to spend their free time in useful activities. All activities of the Clubs are conducted at each week-end.

Since the opening each club has practiced their activities with good results. LJC has plan to open the Clubs more widely to the public.

1. Embroidery club offers its members opportunities to learn how to sew various patterns on table cloths, handkerchiefs, and so on.

2. Decoration club offers fruit and soap crafting class, flower arrangement, artificial flower crafting class etc. These activities are organized on each Saturday morning. The members try their best to learn these handicraft skills. Currently, their products such as artificial flowers, greeting cards, flowers made of soap, etc... are shown and sold at Lao-Japan Center

3. Each Sunday morning, the dancing club offers practices of traditional and ethnic dances to members. The main aim is to preserve cultural values of the Lao people. About ten pairs of young people are trained to be the dancing trainers in the future, so they can continue to teach these dances to other young people. Since the opening of the club, the members have learned three main kinds of dances such as Lamvong Lao, dances of Salavanh, Xiengkhouang, Luangprabang, and Siphandone provinces. Khonsavanh, Phouthay, Mahaxay, and others are also taught at this club.

The instructors are professionals from School of Arts, Parpasack College. The products of the Clubs were shown and sold at National Teachers' Day, LWU Congress of Ministry of Education, and at the lobby of Lao-Japan Center.