

## **Closing Ceremony of the Third Country Training Program for Afghanistan on “Development of Customs Administration”**

The Closing Ceremony of the Third Country Training Program for Afghanistan on “Development of Customs Administration” was held at the headquarters of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) in Tehran on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The Third Country Training Program is a joint Iran-Japan training program conducted in Iran for the third country’s trainees (i.e. Afghanistan). Seventeen trainees from Afghanistan, who were invited to Iran, participated in this 18-day training course. It is more effective to carry out this course in Iran rather than in Japan or any other country, since Iran and Afghanistan enjoy almost the same language and culture. Now JICA is conducting other Programs for Afghanistan, which are: “Rice Improvement Technology”, “Management of Basic Vocational Training”, “Multi-Drug Resistance Tuberculosis” and “Learning Poverty Reduction Policies and Programs”.

H.E. Mr. Nozomu TAKAOKA, Charge D’Affaires ad interim of Japan, and Mr. Yasuto TAKEUCHI, Resident Representative of JICA Office in Iran, took part in the closing ceremony and delivered speeches together with Mr. Saffari, Director General of the Bureau of Studies, Researches and Capacity Development of IRICA. They handed over the certificate of completion of the training course to the trainees.



Receiving the certification  
(Mr. TAKAOKA(right))



All trainees and participants