## 17<sup>th</sup> Gathering of Members of the Association of Iranian Ex-Participants in JICA Training Courses

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JICA has been continuously receiving trainees from Iran since 1957 and more than 3,000 trainees have participated in JICA's training courses in Japan. Approximately 250 trainees participated in this gathering of JICA alumni. From the Japanese side, H. E. Mr. Hiroyasu KOBAYASHI, the Ambassador of Japan, and Mr. Kohei SATO, Chief Representative of JICA Iran Office, extended congratulations to the trainees and from the Iranian side, Mr. Ali Razi'ee, President of the Association, H. E. Mr. Farazandeh, Director General of East Asia and Oceania of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Ali Akbar Ouliya, Deputy for Human Capital, Administrative and Recruitment Organization (ARO) expressed their gratitude for JICA training courses. After the speeches, the trainees enjoyed playing the Japanese harp by wife of Mr Nakayama, Counselor of the Embassy of Japan and the Setar by JICA trainee.



H.E. Mr. Kobayashi, the Ambassador of Japan delivering speech



Mr. SATO, Chief Representative of JICA Iran Office delivering speech



Mrs. NAKAYAMA playing the Japanese harp



Group photo with the trainees