

## **Project for Rice-based Agriculture Development in Afghanistan “Closing Ceremony”**

Closing Ceremony of the Project for Rice-based Agriculture Development in Afghanistan was held at Haraz Extension and Technology Development Center (HETD) in Mahmoudabad city, Amol, on September 18th, 2014.

This project was planned to be held in Afghanistan, targeting Afghanistan officials regarding agriculture. But since security situation in Afghanistan went bad by that time, it was decided to hold it in Iran, where there are the same language and almost common culture.

This project was held for about 2 weeks as the final time in the total 3 events of planting, growing, and harvesting, in this year.

Japanese technical cooperation with HETD dates back to 1999 by equipping the Center with relevant facilities and organizing training courses by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Mr. NAKAYAMA, Counselor of the Embassy of Japan and Mr. SATO, Senior Representative of JICA Iran Office, took part in the closing ceremony and delivered speeches together with Mr. G. R. Rayatpanah, Director General of the Center and the others. They handed over the Certificate of Completion to the trainees.



Picture 1: Counselor of Japan Giving Speech



Picture 2 : Receiving the Certificate