

## First Capacity Building Workshop on Migration and Development

The First Capacity Building Workshop on Migration and Development was held at Pars Hotel in Shiraz, Fars Province on October 2-3, 2013, for about 80 senior officials from the Ministry of Interior. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) organized the workshop, funded by the Government of Japan.

For more than past three decades, an influx of Afghan refugees crossed the Iranian borders, fleeing from wars and poverty and in search for jobs. Iran is the world's second biggest host to a refugee population after Pakistan with about 3 million Afghan refugees, including non-registered ones, while Iranian population is about 75 millions.

Japan supports Afghan refugees in Iran, in compliance with a joint press release with Iranian Government, issued during an official visit paid by Mr. Nakasone, former Foreign Minister of Japan, to Tehran in 2009.

Mr. Tomohiro NAKAGAKI, First Secretary of Japanese Embassy in Tehran, took part in this workshop and delivered speech together with Dr. Firooz Abadi, Deputy Governor General of Fars Province, Mr. Gholami, Head of Shiraz Bureau for Aliens and Foreign Immigrants' Affairs (BAFIA) and Mr. Nasrollahi, Executive Deputy of BAFIA General Office.



Mr. NAKAGAKI, delivering speech