

Third Country Training on “Rice Improvement Technology”

Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony of the Third Country Training, “Rice Improvement Technology” was held at Haraz Extension and Technology Development Center (HETD) in Amol city on April 24th, 2012. The Third Country Training is a program, which is conducted in Iran for the third country’s trainees (i.e. non-Iranian) in collaboration with Japan and Iran. Based on the joint press release titled “*Cooperation of Japan and Iran in Afghanistan*”, issued in 2009, 15 Afghan governmental officers were invited to Iran and participated in this training course for three weeks. The purpose of this course is to transfer the Japanese rice improvement technology to Afghanistan through Iran. It is more effective to carry out this course in Iran rather than in Japan because of two reasons; one is that Japan has cooperated with Iran since 1984 in promoting rice technology, the other is that Iran and Afghanistan enjoy almost the same language and culture. 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).

H. E. Mr. Kinichi KOMANO, the ambassador of Japan and Mr. Yasuto TAKEUCHI, the resident 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. They handed over the certificate of completion to the trainees.



Picture1: Closing Ceremony



Picture2: Japanese Ambassador giving speech



Picture3: Receiving the certificate



Picture4: All trainees and participants