February 18, 2015: The United Nations Institute for Training and Research UNITAR Hiroshima Fellowship for Afghanistan is a long-term initiatives aimed at building leadership and management skills and providing technical and institutional support to a core group of senior Afghan government, officials and practitioners.

The UNITAR program launched in 2003 has the long term objectives of building a cadre of committed and capable professionals in Afghanistan which can become a reference for planning and implementing capacity development and training activities at the local and national levels.

Since form the start of this fellowship, initially 10 cycles have been successfully and significantly implemented and milestones have been achieved.

This Fellowship is consist of 3 Major workshops, where the first workshop took place in Kabul, 2\textsuperscript{nd} in Abu Dhabi, 3\textsuperscript{rd} and final workshop held in Hiroshima-Japan between dates 8\textsuperscript{th} to 14\textsuperscript{th} February 2014.

Ministry of Finance is working as a counterpart with the UNITAR Institute and hosted many of workshops, Video conferences, and Audio web conferences of UNITAR Fellowship since long.

In Cycle 2014 of UNITAR Program From 120 applicants from Ministry of Finance a number of 27 candidates were able to pass the exam and approach to participate in this cycle of Fellowship program, which is consist of 5 females and 22 males from different directorates of Ministry of Finance.

The final workshop which was held in Hiroshima, Japan and began on Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} of Feb 2014 morning with an introduction to Japanese culture and society. Groups then presented their projects to the assembled Resource Persons and Mentors, the presentations were very good, with some of the overarching comments.

This was followed by a study visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and Museum. The visit served to contextualize the reasons behind there being a UNITAR office in Hiroshima, as well as to familiarize the Fellows with the story of the City. Following a presentation and Q and A session examining the bombing of Hiroshima, delivered by the Curator, Fellows undertook a self-guided tour through the Museum itself.
The topics which were covered during this workshop are:

- Group exercise forcing Fellows to analyses the stage of team development and maintaining teams
- Project Implementation
- Leading Project Implementation:
  - Case Studies
- Introduction to the Social Entrepreneur
- Management of transition and change
- Social Capital
- Public Leadership

Ms. Mahiko Kumamoto UNITAR Head in pacific Asia on behalf of UNITAR expressed her deepest appreciation and gratitude’s to the Ministry of Finance leadership and particularly to UNITAR Alumni Mr. Musa Kamawi HR Director of Ministry of Finance for his continues support and commitment to this program and as well as to the leadership of Ministry of Finance for providing video conferencing facilities and hosting the workshops, Video conferences, Audio conferences and providing venue for this unique program since long.

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