

JICA participants studied earthquake resistant construction in Suwa housing complex under reconstruction

11 JICA participants, who studied building technology of Japan, visited the reconstruction site of Suwa housing complex in Tama New Town, Tokyo suburb on October 13. They were invited to JICA program of “Disaster Risk Reduction of Buildings” from countries of Algeria, Egypt, Turkey, Bangladesh, Laos, Nepal, Timor-Leste, Nigeria, Uganda, and Ecuador, where earthquake resistant construction is not well widespread despite frequent earthquake.

Mr. HANAFUSA Ryoso, Director of Technology and Cost Management Department lectured the quality control system in building construction based on UR practices that clarified the respective roles and systems of contractors and supervisors. And Mr. SHIOTANI Takashi, Office Manager of 3rd East Japan Housing Complex Reconstruction Office introduced the project of operation and guided the site with the HASEKO Corporation, the main contractor.



It was first opportunity in the JICA program that they visited the construction site of nine floors building. Participants were very impressed precise slab reinforcement, foundation formworks, and foundation beam reinforcement. They asked questions about construction methods, supervision, processes, materials, etc. They were also interested in the thoroughness of occupation safety and health and consideration of surrounding community.



Finally, participants learned about history and overview of Tama New Town, one of the largest new towns developed for 40 years since 1965 with almost 2,900 hectares, by taking a bus tour. There are currently more than 100,000 households and 220,000 residents living there.

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