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Transfer URs knowledge to Bangladesh

Sixteen officials from Bangladesh, who are managing urban development plan along the Dhaka Metro Rail (Mass Rapid Transit), came to Japan last December to learn about urban development methods while visiting the sites of Otemachi, Sumida, and Umekita which UR is undertaking. The delegation is led by a Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Public Works and consists of officials from the Capital Development Authority (RAJUK), local governments along the railway line, and railway operators.

In Otemachi, Mr. FUJITA Shigma, Director, International Business Department explained the chained urban renewal project while walking around the site.

Otemachi is the prominent international business center, but many office buildings for international finance, telecommunications, mass communication, etc. had been increasingly deteriorated.

By utilizing of the former sites of the Government Building that UR purchased, UR proceeded with land exchanges sequentially, buildings were reconstructed without suspending business.

Participants asked many specific questions, such as how they coordinated between stakeholders and whether the plan went as planned.



In the Sumida area, Ms. YAMASHITA Mebae, Section Chief and Mr. ANDO Yoshikazu, Director, International Business Department held a lecture on 'Urban development methods and Sumida area densely built-up redevelopment projects.



She explained urban development methods such as densely built-up areas and urban redevelopment that can be applied in Dhaka and introduced the history and activities about renewal of Kyojima 3-chome, the area around Hikifune Station, and Oshiage-Narիրabashi area as good practices.

There were questions about whether the redevelopment would make life difficult

for the residents who originally lived there, and whether some residents did not want to move into a new housing complex and whether the project period was postponed or not.

During the site visit, participants confirmed the housing complex built by UR in Kyojima 3-chome, the disaster prevention park and widened roads by Sumida Ward, the high-leveled condominiums around Hikifune Station and invited Ito-Yokado, and the land readjustment in Oshiage.

Participants asked a lot of questions, such as how to construct a community housing complex, how to determine the price of the acquired land, the establishment of relevant legislation, and points of design of Hikifune area.

Finally, Secretary Mr. Wasiuddin, who was the representative of the delegation, expressed his gratitude that the Otemachi and Sumida areas are great examples for Dhaka, which will develop along the railway line in near future.



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