

Transfer the Knowledge of Urban Renewal to African Countries

On November 17, Ms TANAKA Sawako, Director and Mr SHIMIZU Masamichi, Section Chief, Business Promotion Division, International Business Department, held a lecture and discussion concerning urban renewal for 11 JICA participants from 6 francophone countries in Africa.

Participants are responsible for urban and regional development and management of Congo, Cote d'ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Madagascar, and Togo, and were invited to “JICA Comprehensive City Planning” Programme.

First, Mr Shimizu held a lecture titled “Project in Japan and Role of UR” and introduced UR’s structure and redevelopment case studies of Negishi 3-chome and Harumi 3-chome west in Tokyo. What was emphasized in the lecture was that land readjustment with resettlement took many years.



Mr Shimizu held the lecture regarding urban redevelopment

The impact on participants facing urban issues was high, and many questions and opinions were raised. Among things, their interests focused on negotiation with landowners and residents regarding solution of dense urban areas. Director Tanaka explained long-term and patient persuasion until they agreed, conversion of rights, provision of a temporary relocation, etc.



Director Tanaka politely answered many questions

The Q/A and discussion session including process and tips of success of redevelopment lasted more than two hours. Participants recognized UR's extensive experience and high level of knowledge, and they requested cooperation by UR in their countries. We also expressed our hope that good relationship will be established in the future.

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