

UR assists JICA trainees from developing countries to solve urban development problems

Yokohama, Japan - October 19, 2022 - Urban Renaissance Agency (UR) Mr. KAMADA Hiroshi and Mr. YOSHIDA Masaki introduced Kohoku Newtown to JICA trainees of JICA training course, National and Regional Development Policy. The trainees came from Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, and Uganda.

UR developed Kohoku Newtown which is 1,340 ha from 1974 to 2010 with City of Yokohama, private companies, and residents. The development solved the housing shortage, flood control and preservation of the environment.

We taught the trainees the importance to make consensus with landowners and citizens perseveringly, and as a result, created the reliable and attractive Newtown.

Each Trainee who is a planner in charge of urban and regional development is facing difficulties such as urban sprawl, traffic congestion, flooding and consensus building with landowners to establish sustainable community.



Trainees listening to lectures seriously



In front of the Mall at Center North Station

We walked around Newtown's center and station plaza, green preservation park and the affordable rental housing complex after the lecture. They have a lot of questions how to proceed dialogues with residents' organization and design the Newtown including school zones.

UR shared the significance and methodology of the Kohoku Newtown development and gave trainees guidance to solve problems through UR's experience of the Newtown. They paid serious attention and achieved a common understanding to refer their own development plan.



Affordable rental housing complexes



Preserved a big farmer's house

Trainees are making the action plans for their sustainable future and will feedback the plan to their ministries and agencies. They are expected to be the main players in their respective countries. We have always assisted them.

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