

JICA participants experienced UR's community development methods using a case study of Sumida area

Ms. YAMASHITA Mebae, Section Chief and Mr. ANDO Yoshikazu, Director of Business Planning Division, International Business Department held the lecture and study tour titled "Redevelopment of Densely Build-up Areas" to 12 JICA participants who were responsible for urban planning and development at the Sumida lifelong learning center on October 3. Participants were invited to JICA program on Comprehensive Urban Development from Bhutan, Egypt, India, Jordan, Kenya, Laos, Nepal, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Uzbekistan, and Zambia.



(left) Lecture at Sumida lifelong learning center (center) In front of Sprout Hikifune (right) A slide of Hikifune station area.

Ms. Yamashita and Mr. Ando introduced solutions not only densely build-up areas but also comprehensive urban renewal with public infrastructures as the changing roles of UR and its methods as Japan's development. They instructed schemes of three statutory projects and five UR applied projects, including land readjustment, urban areas redevelopment, disaster prevention and land activation.

Along these instructions, UR lecturers introduced the Sumida area where Kyojima 3 chome, Hikifune and Oshiage/Narihira-bashi are located as good practices of land readjustment, disaster prevention district and urban areas redevelopment.

Participants visited the Sumida area after the lecture. In Kyojima 3 chome, they learnt how UR and Sumida ward readjusted land plots with many landowners and residents and constructed a housing complex 'Sprout Hikifune' for former residents while considering disaster prevention. In Hikifune, they made sense

the redevelopment with a high rise building 'East-core Hikifune', Ito-Yokado and public facilities improved the living environment. Finally, we went up the Tokyo Skytree at Oshiage where UR carried out the ground design crafting and land readjustment. We looked down on the redeveloped Sumida area from the observation deck.



Mr. Ando explained Hikifune area from Skytree.

Participants were greatly interested in UR's methods and good practices. "What was a condition under which public infrastructures can be introduced?", "How to calculate the reduction rate in land readjustment?", "What were the rules for changing the use of land?" Participants asked many questions about the process of concrete projects.

At the end of the program, lecturers emphasized that the methods and practices introduced should be applied to the community development in participant's countries.

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