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## Laotians Studied Participatory Community Development at Taishido and Mishuku

UR lectured to 12 Lao participants involved in the JICA project for Capacity Development on Urban Development Control and Promotion on March 6, 2024.

We introduced Taishido and Mishuku districts that were conducted the redevelopment by City of Setagaya and UR. In this lecture, we received the full assistance of the Industry, Manufacturing and Employment Promotion Division of City of Setagaya and the Intercultural Center “Crossing Setagaya”.

Taishido and Mishuku districts were dense wooden residence areas where non-flammability rate was less than 30%. In these areas, it had to enhance disaster prevention functions like widening the narrow roads and securing open spaces for disaster prevention.

City of Setagaya and UR took the time to listen to residents and rights holders and discussed with the Taishido 2-3 Chome Town Council many times. And then we proceeded with community development while presenting multiple options to the right holders who would be subject to relocation.

As a result, the narrow road was widened so that fire trucks could drive smoothly and private condominiums with a disaster prevention open space were built on the site of the former hospital.



Left: Participants listening the explanation watching the display of Taishido

Center: Santa Street, where the dangerous crank has been eliminated

Right: Participants checking a park with disaster prevention functions at a former hospital site

The lecturer Mr. SATO Kagehiro, Deputy Director, International Business Department emphasized the importance of renovating existing residential areas

based on the perspective of resident participation.

After the lecture, participants took a tour by City of Setagaya to the exhibition titled “the power of community and lifestyle” and “Crossing Setagaya” and made sure the improvement of Taishido and Mishuku districts by walk.

Participants are working on a new town development planned in the capital city of Vientiane with resident participation. They commented that they learnt the importance of participatory community development. In addition, many questions were raised, such as the compensation system, land rights, floor area ratio, and evacuation site requirements.

The lecture and site visit were successful in attracting big interest of Lao participants.



Left: Walking along the walkway set up in the former hospital site  
Right: Kawazu sakura blooming in the Mishuku Forest, which has been designated as the wide-area evacuation site, in the background

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