

# KOKKEN & The World

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This newsletter is published biannually by the Japan Grain Inspection Association (KOKKEN) to offer a place for the exchange of information between all the people who concern the JICA Training Course "Post-Harvest Rice Processing." KOKKEN introduces the latest information to you from Japan and accepts the latest news from the world.

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## President's Greetings

Dear reader,

The JICA training course 'Post-harvest Rice Processing' which we, KOKKEN organized for 20 years, terminated in 2007. It was 1988 when KOKKEN started this course. During these 20 years, we accepted 242 participants from 47 countries in Asia, Oceania, Africa and Latin America.



I am pleased to hear from time to time that they have worked for developing their countries with expanding the technology which they had got through this training course, though their stay in Japan to learn Japanese know-how was quite limited.

KOKKEN has been contributing to the ODA projects as a part of Japan's international cooperation at the request of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry.

A critical issue of developing countries to achieve economic growth amid today's rapidly changing international environment is improving food self-sufficiency and securing a stable food supply. Poor management skills and inefficient distribution systems, though, result in considerable wastage and loss, and this further reduces the level of food supplied from their own resources.

While it is important to transfer Japanese expertise in this area to help improve grain distribution in developing countries, ascertaining the actual conditions in these countries and providing positive and extensive advice and guidance attuned to their needs and concerns based on those studies is expected to contribute greatly to their securing stable food supplies.

In this point of view, this training course was organized with the aim of raising the efficiency of post-harvest grain distribution in rice producing developing countries.

I am extremely grateful to Dr. Akira HOSOKAWA and Dr. Yasuhisa SEO, Professors Emeritus of The University of Tokyo, who cooperated on the training as course leaders. I also should like to express my appreciation to the people who participated and cooperated to carry on the course. It has only been through the valuable and important cooperation of these people and organizations that we were able to complete the expected purpose of the training course.

The United Nations declared 2004 the International Year of Rice. This is because that rice is the staple food for more than half of the world's population and also it has been widely perceived to heighten awareness of the role of rice in alleviating poverty and malnutrition. We, KOKKEN, have fully agreed to the concept of the 'International Year of Rice' and opened the symposium on it under the cooperation of the participants of the training course.



In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude again to everybody who concerned the course.

Yours sincerely,

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Yoshihiro HAMAGUCHI  
President  
Japan Grain Inspection Association (KOKKEN)

## History of the Course

1988	KOKKEN starts to organize the course Course Leader: Dr. Akira HOSOKAWA, Professor Emeritus, The University of Tokyo	
1991	Change course Leaders: Dr. Yasuhisa SEO, Professor Emeritus, The University of Tokyo	
1994	Follow-up survey to Egypt, Tanzania, Zanzibar	
1998	Follow-up survey to Mexico, Brazil	
2007	Termination of the course	

## Training concept

Participants should be senior technical administrators in government or public organizations who engage in planning and promoting the improvement of all post-harvest rice processes which contribute significantly to their country's development.

## Training purpose

Participants will contribute to improve the processing technology for prevention of post-harvest grain loss and its extension in rural areas after returning to their home countries.

- Understanding of rice production, rice distribution systems & the activities in Japan
- Study of the methods of post-harvest rice processing for reduction of grain loss



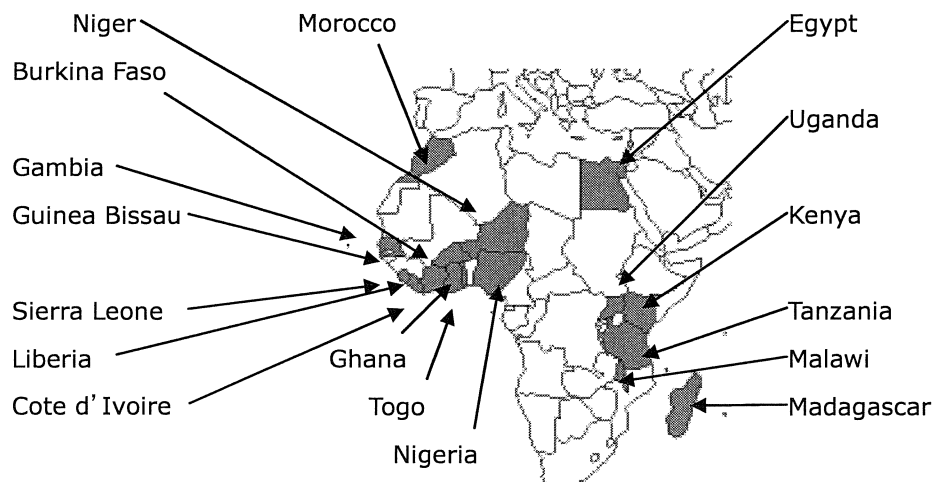
- Study of the methods of inspecting and grading rice as well as the functions of rice milling machinery and related equipment
- Study of the utilization of the by-products of rice
- Study of the design and management of rice handling and processing facilities

## Participated countries

- We accepted 242 participants from 47 countries in these 20 years. -

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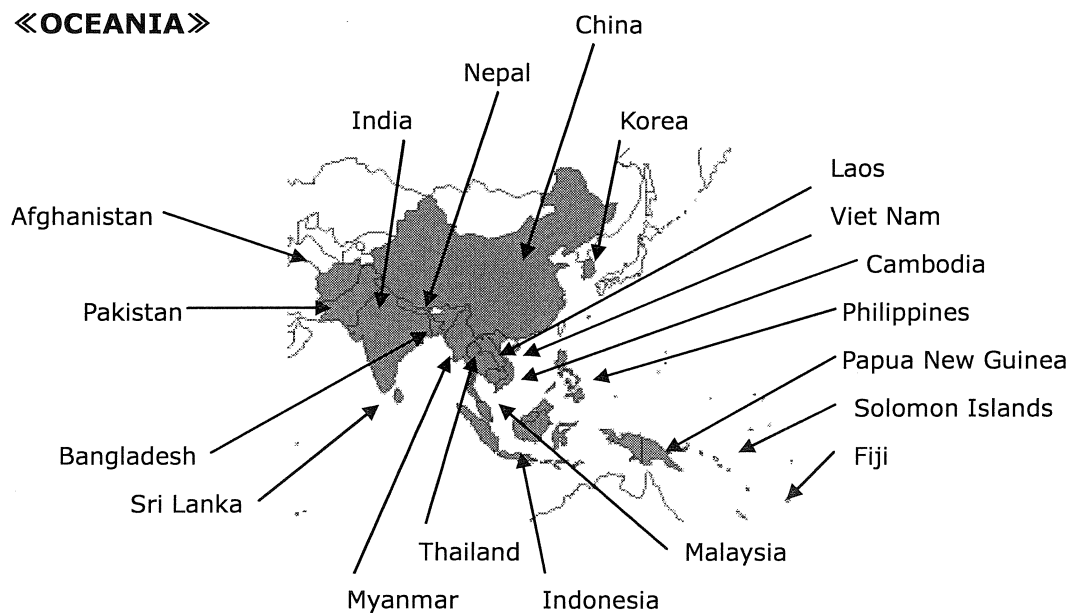
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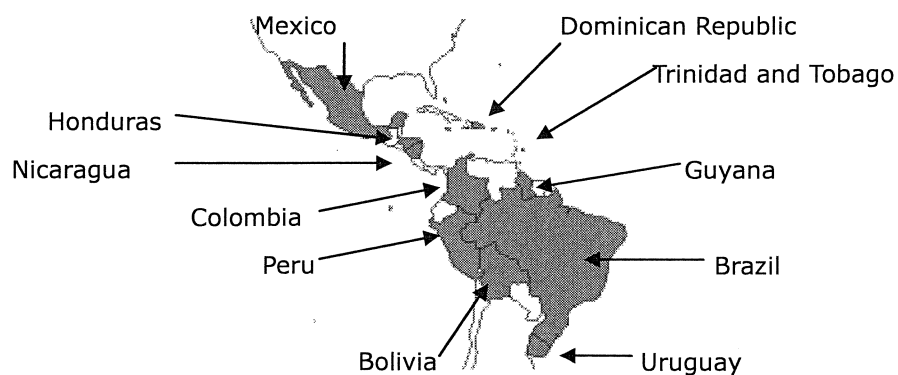
## «ASIA»

## «OCEANIA»



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## «Latin America»



## Training sights 2007

Opening Ceremony



Welcome party at KOKKEN





## Lectures



## Observation tours



## Farewell speech by Chairman



## Performance of participants' own farewell song



## Participants' voice 2007

### **Mr. ANWAR Md. Hossen, Bangladesh**

I think post-harvest rice processing training is a time demanded potential training considering the post-harvest loss in developing countries. Most of the developing countries has limited scope to increase the cultivable land area horizontally due to over population. So, need to vertical expansion by reducing post-harvest loss and improving quality. Under this point of view, this training is very much effective. I hope KOKKEN will continue this training for the developing countries.



### **Ms. POL Sathny, Cambodia**

According to my opinion and my impression of this training course, I think this training course is very important for us and our country, because we receive this knowledge, experiment and also the high technology for improvement living standard in our area. Anyway when we come back to our country we will share this knowledge and experience to our college and also transfer the new technologies to our farmers.

In the last, I would like to say thank you very much for KOKKEN, JICA and Japanese government for supporting us to attend this training course.



### **Mr. SIHATHEP Vorachith, Lao PDR**

For the training course of post-harvest rice processing in Japan for two months, I am very interested and understand of the technology and the technology about the situation of rice production in Japan. I will give some knowledge from training to transfer and to use in my country. Harvesting, threshing, drying, storing and milling are important to improve rice production in developing countries to have some quality of rice and reducing of rice production.

On finish of the course, I would like to thank you for the government of Japan, JICA and KOKKEN to give me successful and give some knowledge from training to develop my country, Laos. I think in the future I will give some new technology from you again.



### **Mr. NADUNGU Gagare, Nigeria**

The training course is very educative, well planned with qualified instructors, well equipped materials and resources. The course is really important especially to the developing nation and the world at large, because it addresses the problems of post-harvest rice processing and many other areas of agricultural importance and meeting full life style. KOKKEN is also a very important body that helps in executing the above with its well knowledgeable and experienced staff, who are well coordinated, well focused and higher achievements made us achieve so wonderfully.

Japan is just so wonderful, living so helpful and with a good intention of helping the developing countries and the entire world at large in short I love everything about the training course. KOKKEN & Japan please continue with your good work and may God continue to help you. Amen.





**Mr. GAGEE Levi, Papua New Guinea**

Firstly I would like to express a word of thank you and sincere appreciation on behalf of my country, Papua New Guinea to the government of Japan, JICA and KOKKEN. You will quite agree with me could I say Papua New Guinea is among many other developing countries, we struggle to get our economic activities up and going to support our growing population. Therefore receiving trainings in industrialized nations such as Japan will help our countries live to reach meaningful results not only in agricultural field but many other professions.

I am very much please indeed and once again thank you KOKKEN, JICA and Japanese government. Domo Arigato Gozaimas.



**Mr. VERENA Roderick Ortega, Philippines**

This training course on post-harvest rice processing quickly enriched my knowledge on advances of recent technologies related to rice post-harvest operations. The post-harvest system of Japan as well as policies on agriculture specifically on environmental and quickly concerns is one aspect that is really admirable. By-product utilization (rice bran, husk) techniques/ technologies is one interest that I hope can be put into commercial application in the Philippines.

All efforts and initiatives done by KOKKEN and JICA in conducting this training course is very much appreciated and hopefully be sustained.



**Mr. FIASI Patrick, Solomon Islands**

This course is very worthwhile for the developing countries because we consume a lot of rice but grow very little. As Japan is one of the most developed countries in the world and has been reducing rice for so long, the rice produced is of best quality. Also from the training we can reduce the use of very toxic chemicals with higher residual effect.



**Mr. Wasala Mudiyanseelage Chandana Bandara WASALA, Sri Lanka**

Japan is a friendly country to my country, Sri Lanka. It has a very long history. People in Japan are very well, very polite, they respect other people. We had a good time in Japan. It has a perfect security any time, anywhere. As we know, KOKKEN has done very good job. During our training period, the major proportion of period we had at KOKKEN, we were given a lot of facilities at KOKKEN, also were treated well. Almost all our training period representatives from KOKKEN were with us.

Now we feel that KOKKEN is like our home. Kakibaya san and Haga san have facilitated the training very well. Kakibaya san is like a mother. Finally I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to KOKKEN, JICA and Japanese government.



**Ms. RATHNAYAKE Rajapakshage Jenat, Sri Lanka**

According to my knowledge and thinking there are high level of new technologies for post-harvest practices in Japan. Due to various reasons we all are in developing countries, and we did not achieve new technologies yet. Therefore this training course more helpful to all participants in my group to improve their knowledge and skill related to post-harvest technology of rice.

As well as I would like to appreciate and thank to KOKKEN for giving to opportunity to learn better environment, by arranging this training course.

As well as I most like to Japan, because there are good living style and easy to live in individually. As well as very much thank to JICA to give this opportunity.

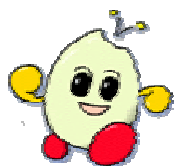


**Mr. SAASA Allovius Richard, Uganda**

Post-harvest rice processing course is still very relevant to developing countries. The course has been very beneficial in terms of knowledge and skills gained. It has equipped me with modern technologies of rice processing, diversification of rice uses and its by-products, better and systematic techniques in addressing ph-rice processing techniques and balanced rice diet formulation techniques.

The enormous facilities and capacity in KOKKEN and high technology in Japan made the learning lively and easy to fully grasp the course contents.

Thanks to the government of Japan and KOKKEN for hosting the course. More such courses are recommended for the rice growing countries of the world.



Thank you for warm  
cooperation for 20 years.  
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