

Record of Discussions

The representatives of the Japan International Training Cooperation Organization (hereinafter referred to as "JITCO"), and the representatives of Department of Skill Development and Employment, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare (hereinafter referred to as "MLSW"), of Lao People's Democratic Republic (hereinafter referred to as "Lao PDR"), held a meeting at Vientiane on 20th May 2010 to adjust the actual Record of Discussions according to the latest revision of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act of Japan. Both parties shared the views on the following points.

1. Promotion of dispatch and acceptance of technical intern trainees aiming at a smooth transfer of technical skills will be extremely valuable for a further strengthening and advancement of friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and Lao PDR.
2. JITCO will undertake the following activities concerning acceptance of technical intern trainees in the private sector level from Lao PDR into Japan, within the scope of its articles of association and in accordance with relevant laws and regulations in force in Japan.
 - (1) Supply of information on sending organizations and on technical intern trainees, furnished by MLSW in accordance with sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph 3 below, to supervising organizations and others in Japan.
 - (2) Supply of information to MLSW from time to time on necessary guidances regarding technical intern training program, such as scope of occupations approved for the 2nd year technical intern training, contents of revision to the program, statistics of technical intern trainees entering Japan.
 - (3) Supply of information to MLSW on the proceeding status of technical intern training at supervising organizations and organization implementing technical intern training in Japan and on other necessary matters.
 - (4) Efforts to ensure proper implementation of technical intern training for Laotian nationals.
 - (5) Efforts to solve issues and problems arising on technical intern trainees during the period of technical intern training (including lectures), including aids and cooperation in preparation for technical intern trainees' smooth return to Lao PDR.
3. MLSW will undertake the following activities concerning dispatch of technical intern trainees, in accordance with relevant laws and regulations in force in Lao PDR.

- (1) Selection of sending organizations recognized as appropriate and supply of information to JITCO on the sending organizations so selected in accordance with the form shown in Appendix 1, and giving guidance to these sending organizations to select technical intern trainee candidates in accordance with the requirements shown in Appendix 2. And also supply of information to JITCO, if requested, on technical intern trainees in accordance with the form shown in Appendix 3, upon consultation with JITCO.
- (2) Supply of information to JITCO on technical trends, systems of worker qualification/licensing and training systems in Lao PDR related to sending technical intern trainees, and other necessary matters, in response to the request of JITCO.
- (3) Efforts to solve issues and problems arising on technical intern trainees during the period of technical intern training (including lectures), including aids and cooperation in preparation for technical intern trainees' smooth return to Lao PDR.
- (4) Efforts to conduct needed activities as a sending body for Laotian nationals with monitoring fees individually collected based on bilateral agreement with Japanese supervising organizations.
- (5) Supply of information to JITCO on the employment status of technical intern trainees, and use of their technical skills acquired through technical intern training, upon their return to Lao PDR after completion of technical intern training.
4. Decisions on accepting technical intern trainees will be made through close consultation between sending and supervising organizations (including organizations implementing technical intern training).
5. Supervising organizations and organizations implementing technical intern training are required to satisfy the relevant requirements stipulated in the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act and other relevant laws and regulations in force in Japan.
6. Activities conducted by JITCO and MLSW to support acceptance of technical intern trainees from Lao PDR will not affect the implementation of other training programs for foreign nationals underway between the two countries, including training programs carried out on governmental basis in accordance with international agreements.
7. The representatives of JITCO and the representatives of MLSW will consult with each other on issues and problems arising from or in connection with the implementation of the activities described in this Record of Discussions.
8. The representatives of JITCO and the representatives of MLSW will meet from time to time.

Signed on

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