

## Week8 Closing Ceremony

Many good comments and suggestions for the training were raised by the participants. Everyone was thankful to join the training. They learned a lot and all the things can help them. Getting an expert opinion from the professors was a good opportunity. The period of the training was appropriate but joining it at the end of the year was a bit problematic for some people.

There is a follow-up program for the ex-trainees. If they want to carry out any project, the JICA office in their country can give them some financial support. But the follow-up program is very competitive. Ikeda san explained about the follow-up program.

JICA side also appreciated the active participation through the training. At the beginning of the closing ceremony, they watched a video letter from the JICA representative. Then Yoshida sensei virtually gave them the certificate from Hiroshima University. Later they will receive the real certificate. They also got the certificate from JICA. After that, two participants made a closing speech. They were a bit sad that they could not actually come to Hiroshima, but they were very satisfied. Although the participants did not see each other in face-to-face, they made a good friendship. Finally, Yoshida sensei made closing remarks. All the participants got different learning points. The ceremony ended with the group photo.

