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Experience on the technical assistance activities for developing countries

**Round table on “Capacity-building and technical assistance in
competition law and policy”**

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JFTC's Typical Technical assistance for developing countries

▪ Country-Focused Activities

→ The JFTC holds the training course and dispatches its officials as experts.

e.g., Indonesia, Mongolia, Vietnam, Kenya, etc.

□ Merit

→ The contents of assistance can be provided responding to needs from each recipient country.

■ Challenges

→ The limits of budget/manpower shackle our broader offering of assistance.



- **The JFTC starts new technical assistance project under Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) ***

- Broadly covering for all ASEAN member states

*<http://www.jftc.go.jp/en/pressreleases/yearly-2016/September/160930.html>

Technical assistance project under JAIF to Assist ASEAN Competition Authorities

Period : Sep. 2016~Aug. 2018 (2 years)

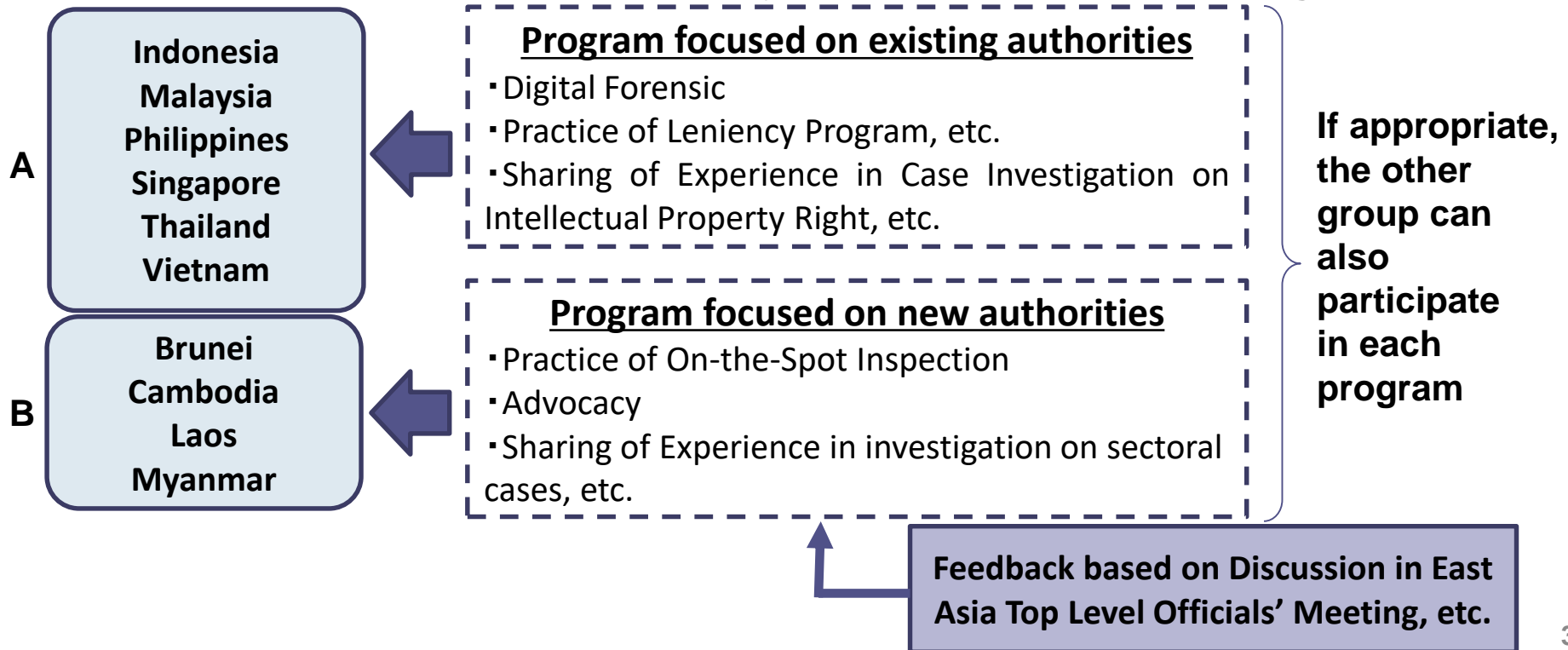
Target : All ASEAN Member States (AMSs)

Activities : Divide AMSs into two groups.

Group A : Already have competition authorities

Group B : Establishing new competition authorities

JFTC carries out workshops by the themes focused on each group.



Details of Proposed Activities :

- Training Courses in Japan; 3-10 days, lectures by JFTC staff and Academic Expert (t.l.1-2/year)
- Regional Workshops ; 1-3 days, lectures by JFTC staff, Japanese/ASEAN Academic Expert (t.l.1-3/year)
- Staff Exchange amongst AMSs

● Case of Actual Activities (already implemented) :

- The Group Training Courses on Promotion of Cross-border Enforcement in ASEAN Region (11-13th, January 2017, Japan)*
- The Regional Workshop on Investigation Techniques on Merger Review (27-29th, March 2017, Vietnam)
- The Regional Workshop on Investigative Strategies and Techniques to Fight Bid Rigging Cartels (26-27th, April 2017, Malaysia)

* Lectures by JFTC staffs, Academic Experts and UNCTAD Experts.





JFTC/UNCTAD Technical assistance for African Competition Authorities

Background

The JFTC conducted a needs survey in 2013, with assistance by UNCTAD, to the African competition authorities in terms of technical cooperation.

→ Based on the survey, the JFTC and UNCTAD held “The Workshop on Investigative Tools for Case Handlers of African competition agencies” in July 2015 in Geneva to be linked with the 7th Review Conference of the UN Set on Competition.

The concept of the training course was to provide useful knowledge to their practice of competition law enforcement and to share Japanese experience with participants.

◆ 14 participants of 8 African countries participated.



Next Activity

Received positive feedbacks from the participants of the last workshop for additional training course.

→ Decided to hold “The Training Course on Investigative Tools for Case Handlers” in Geneva which will be held on 10th- 12th July, 2017 to be linked with the 16th session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy.

This Training Course will be focused on practical investigation techniques for anti-competitive practices.

→ 25 participants from competition authorities in 19 African countries will take part in it.

Proposed Program

- Feature of Japanese investigative tools
- Planning of on-the-spot inspection
- Gathering & utilizing of digital evidence
- Interview techniques
- Debate on hypothetical case, etc.



**Thank you very much
for your kind attention**

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