

Intellectual Support

Seminar on Economic Policies

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This annual seminar is aimed at helping participating countries develop their human resources, through the dissemination of knowledge and experiences regarding Japanese public finance and its economy to young executive candidates from finance ministries of developing countries, mainly those in Southeast Asia, Central Asian, Caucasus and Pacific Islands. The seminar is also expected to contribute to the development of a network among fiscal authorities. Furthermore since 2024, the seminar has been integrated with the Seminar for Central Asian and Caucasian Countries to form a larger framework with approximately 20 countries participating.



The Seminar on Economic Policies 2024

Dates: August 22 to September 13, 2024

Number of participants: 25 Venue: Japan (Tokyo)

Policy Lectures

In order to pass on Japan's policies and experiences in economic activities across a wide range of fields, such as the economy, tax policy, and finances to the participants, lectures were delivered by scholars and experts.

Lecture topics

- The Japanese Economy: An Overview
- Public Expenditure Management
- Recent Developments of Japan's International Taxation
- Japan's Monetary and Fiscal Policy and others.



General Lectures

With the aim of deepening participants' understanding of Japan, lectures on the Japanese language, culture, history, and society were delivered by scholars and experts in each field.

Lecture topics

- Japanese Life and Society
- Japanese Language and others.

Group Work

The participants formed several groups according to the topics they chose in light of their respective national policy issues. Each group identified common issues within group members, discussed policy recommendations for their own countries under the guidance of a scholar or expert, and presented their group policy papers as the outcome.



Field Trips

The participants visited major relevant institutions around Tokyo and the Kansai Region to understand Japan's economic and social circumstances.

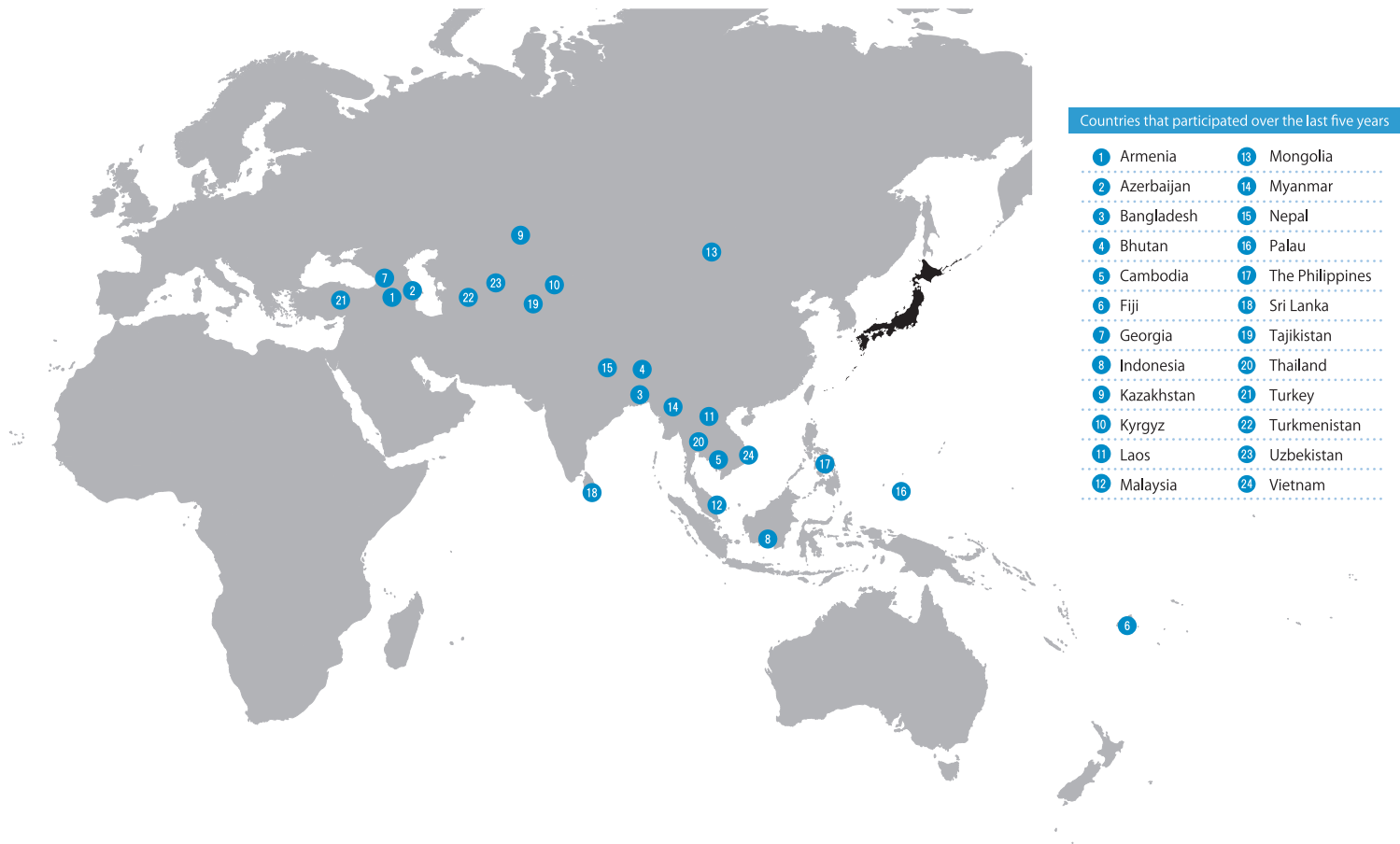
Places visited

National Diet

Bank of Japan

Japan Mint

and others.



Support for the Banking and Finance Academy of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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Upon request by the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the PRI has been providing the Banking and Finance Academy (BFA) with various forms of assistance since the BFA's establishment in 1996, as a part of intellectual support for human resource development in Uzbekistan. This has included accepting BFA students for seminars held in Japan, as well as dispatching the Honorable First Vice-Rector of the BFA (part-time).

1. Support in Japan

The PRI accepted eight students to the 26th Seminar for Central Asian and Caucasian Countries 2023.

* Seminars for Central Asian and Caucasian Countries in 2021 and 2022 were held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Support in Uzbekistan

Dates: March 27 to 30, 2024 **Venue:** Uzbekistan (Tashkent)

Mr. Suzuki, the Vice President of PRI visited Uzbekistan to meet the senior executive of the BFA, the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan (UMOEF), and other institutes to exchange views on the further development of cooperation with them. On this occasion, the PRI held a joint seminar with the UMOEF and the BFA.



Support for SME Finance in ASEAN countries

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The PRI has conducted a technical cooperation project on SME Finance for ASEAN countries, in conjunction with the Japan Finance Corporation, Micro Business and Individual Unit (JFC-Micro). We support SME Finance, which is tailored to their needs, and conduct follow-up activities through exchanges of views to understand the current situation of SMEs in each country and to maintain the accumulated know-how and network.

The Second Seminar for the SME Bank of Cambodia on SME Finance

Dates: May 20 to 24, 2024 **Venue:** Japan (Tokyo)

As part of this technical cooperation project, the PRI, in conjunction with JFC-Micro, held a seminar in Japan for the SME Bank of Cambodia. During this period, ten participants attended lectures on credit analysis methods, risk management, and other topics, provided by JFC-Micro. They also visited the JFC's branch and its related organizations.

