

SATREPS air-quality Project Highlighted at Meeting Between JICA and Leadership of Osh Region

A high-level meeting was held between Mr. Elchibek Zhantaev, Plenipotentiary Representative of the President in Osh oblast, and Mr. Kotaro Nishigata, the Chief Representative of JICA Kyrgyz Republic Office. During the discussions, the parties reviewed key JICA-supported initiatives in Osh Region, including the Japan–Kyrgyzstan SATREPS project on air-pollution assessment and the establishment of the International Research Center for Air Pollution Studies (IRCAPS) at Osh State University.

In the meeting, the SATREPS project “Development of a Satellite Data- and Regional Chemical Transport Modeling-based Air Pollution Assessment System and Formation of a Research Center for Air Pollution Studies” was referenced as a flagship example of Kyrgyz–Japanese cooperation. It was underlined that the project will contribute to improving environmental monitoring, upgrading regional infrastructure, and ultimately improving the quality of life of residents in Osh Region through better air-quality management and health protection.

The discussion also covered other JICA-supported activities in Osh Region, such as the provision of medical equipment to regional hospitals and infrastructure projects, illustrating the broader context in which the SATREPS air-quality project is embedded. This meeting, and the explicit mention of the SATREPS project at the regional leadership level, demonstrates strong support for continued Japan–Kyrgyzstan collaboration on environmental health and highlights the importance of IRCAPS as a new scientific hub in southern Kyrgyzstan.

Link:

- **Kabar – Kyrgyz National News Agency (Kyrgyz service)** – news item based on the press release of the President’s Representative in Osh Region:
«ОшМУда абанын сапатын баалоо боюнча илимий борбор ачуу пландалууда» – the article reports on the meeting between the Plenipotentiary Representative of the President in Osh oblast and the Chief Representative of JICA Kyrgyz Republic Office, noting that, within the JICA-supported project on air-quality assessment based on satellite data and regional chemical-transport modeling, the opening of a research center at Osh State University is planned: <https://www.kabar.kg/news/oshmuda-abanyn-sapatyn-baaloo-boyuncha-ilimij-borbor-achuu-plandaluuda/>