

AKOFE NEWS

FIRST FAMILIARISATION WORKSHOP HELD FOR KOICA'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



AKOFE executive members attending the Familiarisation workshop



AKOFE staff and Deputy Resident Representative of KOICA enjoyed outdoor activities

The Association of KOICA fellows in Sri Lanka (AKOFE), an alumni association of KOICA, held their first ever 'Familiarization Workshop' for executive committee members at the Hotel Jetwing Lagoon on 14 July, 2013, in the presence of Deputy Resident Representative of KOICA Ms. Choi Young-Mee and 19 executive committee members.

This workshop aimed to facilitate an opportunity to develop friendship and mutual understanding, enhance management capabilities, re-define responsibilities among committee members, and to discuss action plans for the future.

Mr. Lokeshwara Jayampathy, President of AKOFE, stated "Our mission is bigger. We must keep the group together and understand our differences, skills, and capabilities."

Since its formation in 1999, AKOFE, has played a leading role in not only enhancing friendly relations between Sri Lanka and Korea but also local community development through charitable endeavors. Under KOICA sponsorship, AKOFE members aim to promote fellowship among the association members and economic development in Sri Lanka.

Participants presented on roles and responsibilities of AKOFE key office bearers and committee members, lessons to learn from Korean development strategies, and memories in Korea during their studies in Korea.

"I sincerely hope this workshop will catalyze active participation in project implementation as a team in order to realize goals and responsibilities of executive committee members," stated Ms. Choi Young Mee, Deputy Resident Representative of KOICA in Sri Lanka.

Such capacity building and scholarship programs have remained a significant part of KOICA's international cooperation and are intended to facilitate Sri Lanka's human resources development.

More than 1,400 people have benefited from KOICA's capacity building and scholarship programs, and 700 of them remain as members and do not cease to participate in various AKOFE events and projects.■