

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. Environment Fund 2012

Activity Grant / Progress Report

Date : April 30, 2013

Please check the appropriate period :

| 1st year | | 2nd year | | 3rd year | |
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| Oct'12-Mar'13 | Apr'13-Oct'13 | Oct '13-Mar '14 | Apr'14-Oct'14 | Oct '14-Mar '15 | Apr'15-Oct'15 |

Please fill in the term of activity :

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| From | 10 - 01 - 2012 | To | 03 - 31 - 2013 |
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| Contract No. | K12-G-704 | | |
| Name of Organization | Japanese Association of Northeast Ohio | | |
| Representative | Dr. Fukuo Hashimoto | | |
| Person in Charge | Chiaki Nakayama | | |
| Project Name | Japanese Cherry Tree Plantation in City Parks of Northeast Ohio | | |
| Implementation of Activities for the report period | | | |
| Implementation Schedule mentioned on the Application | Actual Implementation | | |
| Jan. 2013 -Start the Program Feb. 2013 -Order 50 cherry trees | Oct. 2012 | -Started the Program -Announced the award to JANO members by email and publicly through the JANO's website -Mitsui's logo posted on JANO's website -1 st yr. grant funds received | |
| | Dec. 2012 | -JANO's core team "kick-off" meeting -Meeting with Mr. Bill Hahn, City of Akron | |
| | Feb. 2013 | -Ordered 40 Yoshino cherry trees for City of Akron | |
| | Mar. 2013 | -Ordered 5 Yoshino cherry trees for City of Cleveland -2 nd Core team meeting | |

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| Degree of Accomplishment in this period (when activities to be done until the end of this period is 100%) | 95 % |
| Accomplishment / Result of Activities (Please describe the result of activities and attach the documents supporting the result) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JANO's core team for the Project was organized and tasks for each member were assigned. After the "kick-off" meeting, actual activities were started immediately. • A new bank account used solely for the award grant was established. • The award was announced by email, JANO's website, and at the Annual New Year's Party/JANO's General Assembly. • The tree plantation was coordinated for Cities of Cleveland and Akron. • 5 cherry trees in Cleveland and 40 in Akron were ordered. | |
| <p>(Name of the attached documents):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed information of the Program in PowerPoint format: Attachment #1 • Press Release from The City of Akron: Attachment #2 • Agenda of Meeting with the City of Akron and the Photo: Attachment #3 • Photos of cherry tree plantation, core team meeting: Attachment #4 | |
| Evaluation of activities implemented during the report period (Please describe self evaluation of activities and/or issues to be solved.) | |
| <p>Overall, it would not be too much a stretch to say that the activities were implemented as planned. Although there is a room for improvement, the communication among JANO, the Cities of Cleveland and Akron, Cleveland Metroparks has been going well too.</p> <p>What we could not achieve was the number of cherry trees we ordered for Cleveland. We only ordered 5 cherry trees, instead of the original plan of 10 trees, for the Cleveland Metroparks Brookside Reservation. It was due to a delay in landscaping the plantation site by the City of Cleveland. We are planning to plant the rest of the 5 cherry trees next year with the cherry trees scheduled to be planted in 2014.</p> <p>There is an issue which could become serious if we cannot find a solution. It turned out that it had been quite difficult for nurseries to get Yoshino cherries among other cherry tree varieties. There is no Yoshino cherry grower in northeast Ohio at this time. We will address this issue to the Cities of Cleveland and Akron and identify ways to solve it as soon as possible to make sure we can plant Yoshino cherry as we planned.</p> | |
| Activities to be implemented next 6 months | |
| <p>Apr. 2013 Core team meeting Cherry tree plantation Cherry blossom viewing (Hana-mi)</p> <p>Jun. 2013 Annual Sakura Picnic at the Cleveland Metroparks Brookside Reservation</p> <p>Jul. 2013 Visit cherry tree plantation site in Akron Meetings with the Project counterparts of Cities of Cleveland and Akron</p> | |

If you have any additional comments, please fill them in here.

Please note that the date that the Program actually started (October 2012) does not coincide with the dates described as the 1st year (January –December 2013) in the application. The Program activities were started in October 2012 when the award was granted. This report covers, therefore, the dates between October 2012 and March 2013.