

## ECCJ Implemented Support Project Aiming at Introduction of Qualified Energy Manager Certification System in Saudi Arabia

### [Project Summary]

Entrusted by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), the Energy Conservation Center, Japan (ECCJ) supports the introduction of qualified energy manager certification system in Saudi Arabia as an international support project for the country. As part of the project, the ECCJ invited experts of the Saudi Energy Efficiency Center (SEEC) during the period from August 29 to 31 2016, explained to them the outline of the Japanese energy management system, roles of qualified energy managers, and outline and practical work of the certification system, and exchanged opinions with qualified energy managers of factory worksites, along with other activities.



Participants from Saudi Arabia



Expert meeting



All participants

In response to rapid increase of domestic oil demand and fall in the oil price, Saudi Arabia actively tackles energy conservation. Under the circumstances, Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry promised to provide practical support concerning energy conservation to Saudi Energy Efficiency Program (SEEP) in 2013 and is continuing to provide practical support for the promotion of energy conservation.

Currently, Saudi Arabia is aiming at establishing energy management system to steadily promote energy conservation. To this end, the country is studying the way for introducing the qualified energy manager system and establishing a related certification system. The ECCJ is providing Saudi Arabia with information on practical experience and knowledge concerning roles, capability, certification system, etc. of qualified energy managers in Japan to support the establishment of the certification system for qualified energy managers in Saudi Arabia.

This time, the ECCJ invited three experts from Saudi Energy Efficiency Center (SEEC). While the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry made an explanation on the policies, outline of the system and practical operational work in Japan, the ECCJ made an explanation on practical work of energy management as well as the qualified energy manager examination system and its related practical work. It also held a site visit to an oil refinery factory and provided an opportunity for opinion exchange with the Japanese qualified energy managers, along with other activities.

Hereafter, Saudi Arabia is to introduce the qualified energy manager system based on the above, and study establishment of energy conservation guidelines and energy management manuals necessary for energy management system.