

Target Priority Area (Sub-Program)	2. Promotion of Regional Cooperation
Development Issue (Component)	2-1-2. Water and Energy Policy/ Environment Policy and Protection
Accepting University (Number of scholars):	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (2) Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies - Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy
Target Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President's Office - Government's Office - Parliament (Jogorku Kenesh) - State Personnel Service - Ministry of Agriculture - Ministry of Natural Resources - Ministry of Energy - Ministry of Emergency - State Agency on Environment Protection and Forestry - State Committee on water resource and melioration - Local Governments

Purpose of Study	
<p>Among the Central Asian countries, the Kyrgyz Republic (hereinafter referred to as "KR") is located at the upstream of the rivers and has a wealth of water resources. In the former Soviet-era, according to the established industrial specialization, KR provided the water resources to the countries which are located at the downstream of the rivers such as Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan and received the fuels such as coals and electricity at a low cost. However, after the collapse of the Soviet Unions, this regional cooperation had been also fallen apart, and the issues on water and energy are the causes of the conflicts between the neighboring countries without any successful solutions till now.</p> <p>These problems are difficult to resolve not only by one country as KR but also even between two countries which share the stake. To settle the resource problems, it is necessary for international organizations and donors to coordinate the problems, and our country also sets promotion of the regional cooperation as a prioritized issue in 'the Central Asia plus Japan dialogue'.</p> <p>The environmental awareness and importance of the environmental governance has been growing in the world at the moment, however, due to the limitations of the state budget and the specialists in environmental policy such as the policies in the area of waste management, forestry reservation and water preservation, KR is behind the world standards. Japanese Government had implemented the project of 'Water Environment Monitoring' via JICA and disposal of disastrous remains from the national mining base for uranium via international organization. But the decrepted facilities, aged researchers in this fields and fragile organizational structure hinder the Kyrgyz Government from tackling the environmental issues within the country and the region with its ownership.</p> <p>The environmental issues tend to be set in the low-priority order in the developing countries because of the necessity of long-term visions and other pressing economic and social issues. In this regard, first of all, it is necessary for civil servants to understand the importance of the environmental administration which ensures the sustainable economic and social development, and to train them so that they can develop required policies.</p> <p>In the energy fields, former government took the opaque system and the new government needs to establish and implement the clear and efficient policy. The environmental issues were piled up in the country, such as the problems of contamination from the chemical materials and not enough sewerage systems in the country. But the most important issue is that KR lacks legal infrastructure or regulations. Therefore, establishment and capacity building of the organizations in this field should be necessary to promote the organizational environmental maintenance in the first place.</p>	