



Japan International Cooperation Agency

In July 2009, a total of 32 participants from Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and Belize underwent 40 hours of training in areas relating to productivity and quality management using successful Japanese techniques and solutions in Alajuela, Costa Rica. The duration of the project is for 18 months with nine (9) phases which includes supervised field work, exchange of experiences, submission of report and final examination. At the end of phase 9 the participants will become facilitators on Improving Productivity & Quality and be able to provide capacity building to SME's in their country.

Presently, this project is in phase 3 whereby the participants are conducting a diagnostic concerning quality & productivity issues on selected SMES in their particular country with the objective of devising an action plan. CEFOF consultant to visit Belize in December 2009 to review with participants diagnostic and action plan devised.

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The companies selected to undergo the diagnostics are; Bel-Car Import & Export Company Limited, Chemical Specialties of Belize Limited, Black Orchid Resort and Travelers Liquors Limited.