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LETTER OF SUPPORT

Ministry of Education Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia (Ministry) strongly support activities in the field of analysis of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in the environment of Serbia.

Direct participants within planed project will be Hyogo Prefectural Institute of Environmental Sciences and Osaka University from Japan, and Faculty of Chemistry, University of Belgrade from Serbia. The principal investigators from Japan will be Prof. dr. Takeshi Nakano, Research Professor at Osaka University and Research Councilor at Hyogo Prefectural Institute of Environmental Sciences and from Serbia Assistant Professor dr. Vladimir P. Beškoski, from the Faculty of Chemistry, University of Belgrade.

Within this project, the training of researchers from Serbia in Japan is planned, as well as acquisition of analytical instruments that will be used for analyzing the presence of POPs in the environment of Serbia. Ministry recognizes the importance of this research which will enable Serbian residence to have more details on the level of POPs in the environment and in particular agricultural soil. In this way, the analytical capacities will be strengthened as well as benefits for the residents of Serbia. Furthermore, this is also of great importance for the overall agricultural development of Serbia.

This research will strongly upgrade part of the activities within the project III43004 (Simultaneous Bioremediation and Soilification of Degraded Areas to Preserve Natural Resources of Biologically Active Substances, and Development and Production of Biomaterials and Dietetic Products) already financed by the Ministry.

Implementation of these studies will be related to long tradition of friendship between Serbia and Japan and we hope that this collaboration between scientists from our countries will strengthen these bonds even more.

Prof. Dr. Radivoje Mitrović
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