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Department of Personnel and Training

[Training Wing]

Block-4, Old JNU Campus, New Delhi-67 Dated: 29.04.2025

# TRAINING CIRCULAR

Subject: Knowledge Co-Creation Programme on "Sustainable Forest Management with Community Participation" to be held in Japan from September 10<sup>th</sup> to November 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 under Technical Cooperation Programme of the Government of Japan.

The undersigned is directed to state that the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has invited applications for Knowledge Co-Creation Program on "Sustainable Forest Management with Community Participation" to be held in Japan from September 10<sup>th</sup> to November 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 under the Technical Cooperation Program of the Government of Japan.

- 2. This program is designed to develop capacity to carry out forest management through a variety of activities based on community participation.
- 3. The Applying organizations are expected to select nominees who meet the following qualifications.
- 1) Extension officer on forest conservation.
- 2) Current duties: have general knowledge about forestry science and related basic knowledge about forest management, with more than 3 years of experience in related area.
- 3) Educational background: be a graduate of university
- 4) Age: Under 50 years old.
- 5) Language: have a competent command of spoken and written English
- 6) Health: must be in good health to participate in the program in Japan.
- 7) Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: JICA seeks more female applicants due to the past records of fewer applications from women. JICA is committed to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, and provides equal opportunities for all applicants regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.
- 4. In addition, the following information in respect of the nominated officers may please be mentioned while furnishing the nomination: -
- (a) Whether attended any foreign training program in the past? If so, the duration/details thereof;
- (b) Whether cleared from vigilance angle;
- (c) Age:
- (d) Whether working in North East State/J&K;
- (e) A brief in 50-100 words justifying the nomination.

- 5. The course covers the cost of round-trip air tickets between the international airport designated by JICA and Japan; travel insurance from the time of arrival in Japan to departure from Japan; Accommodation arrange by JICA; allowances for (meals, living expenses, stopover); expenses for JICA study tours and free medical care for participants who may fall ill after reaching Japan (costs relating to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment are not included).
- 6. It is, therefore, requested that the nomination of suitable government officials/officers from CCA/State/UTs government may please be forwarded (in two copies) to this Department in JICA's prescribed format duly authenticated by the HOD of the concerned Ministry/ Department/State Governments/UTs in accordance with the eligibility criteria.
- 7. The applications should reach this Department through the Administrative Ministry/Department not later than **16.06.2025**. Nominations received after the prescribed date may not be considered. The details of the program (**General Information Brochure**) and application form may be drawn from the website of DoPT.

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Copy to: - (Through DoPT's website).

- Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Gol, New Delhi.
- b) Chief Secretaries to State Governments/Union Territories (with request to circulate the same amongst related Departments/Organizations under them).
- c) Senior Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hindustan Times House, 18-20 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi -110001.
- d) NIC with request to post the circular along with the JICA's circular on this Department's website.



# Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus)

### **GENERAL INFORMATION ON**

Sustainable Forest Management with Community Participation 課題別研修「地域住民の参加による持続的な森林管理」

JFY 2025

No. 202411701J001

Course Period in Japan: From September 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 to November 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

This information pertains to one of the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus) of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which shall be implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between both Governments.

# JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in June 2023, which stated, "In its development cooperation, Japan has maintained the spirit of jointly creating things that suit partner countries while respecting ownership, intentions and intrinsic characteristics of the country concerned based on a field-oriented approach through dialogue and collaboration. It has also maintained the approach of building reciprocal relationships with developing countries in which both sides learn from each other and grow and develop together." JICA believes that this 'Knowledge Co-Creation Program' will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

# I. Concept

# **Background**

There is a growing global awareness of the importance of forest conservation. However, there are still many issues to be solved in practical terms. It is important to promote forest management correlating with human activities, with the emphasis on coexistence between human beings and forests. In Japan, we have had a long and close relationship with forests, which brings us various benefits like various forest products, decreasing natural disaster risk, conserving watershed, and so forth.

In recent years, a wide variety of efforts have been made in various regions like introducing volunteer activities for forest conservation with the aim of collaboration between forest areas in upper streams and those in lower reaches. In addition, scientific knowledge on the roles of forests to absorb carbon dioxide, attributable to human activities and water shortage, has been accumulated sufficiently.

# For what?

This program is designed to develop capacity to carry out forest management through a variety of activities based on community participation.

# For whom?

This program is offered to government officers engaged in the field of forest management.

# How?

The program consists of lectures and field visits at organizations and institutes in Hokkaido Prefecture, lectures from central administrative agencies and the central research institutes, and on-site inspection tours outside Hokkaido.

# II. Description

- **1. Title (J-No.):** Sustainable Forest Management with Community Participation (202411701J001)
- 2. Course Duration in Japan: September 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 to November 19<sup>th</sup> 2025
- **3. Target Regions or Countries:** Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Fiji, India, Madagascar, Morocco, Nepal, Panama, Solomon Islands, Uganda, Vanuatu

# 4. Eligible / Target Organizations:

Administrative bodies and other organizations involved in forest management.

- 5. Course Capacity (Upper limit of Participants): 14 participants
- 6. Language to be used in this program: English

# 7. Course Objective:

The necessary knowledge and techniques as well as methods and actual cases involving community participation to carry out sustainable forest management projects will be shared with related departments in the target organization.

\*In broad sense, community people mean forest owners, forest users and beneficiaries of multifunctional roles of forest.

### 8. Overall Goal:

Forest management activities involving community participation will be initiated.

# 9. Expected Module Output and Contents:

This program consists of the following components. Details on each component are given below.

Expected Modules Output	Subjects/Agenda	Methodology
(1) To understand the actual	i) Forests and forestry in Japan as	Lecture
plans, organizations,	well as forest plans, organizations,	Field visit
systems, and management	systems, technologies, and model	Discussion Practice
practices (community	activities conducted by the Japanese	
participation) involved in	Government (Forestry Agency).	
sustainable forest	ii) Research on forests and forest	
management by the national	productions by the National and	
and local (Hokkaido)	Hokkaido Prefectural Governments	
governments of Japan.	as well as research and educational	
	activities by the universities in Japan	

(2) To understand model	i) Model forestry activities and their	Lecture
forestry activities and	technologies by local communities:	Field visit
timber utilizations with	breeding, cutting, seedling nursing,	Discussion Practice
community participation	tending, etc.	
and their technologies	ii) Model timber utilizations and	
conducted by municipal	timber processing technologies by	
governments, private	local communities: plywood,	
citizens, corporate	utilization of biomass e.g. pellets,	
organizations, and forest	charcoal, mushroom production, etc.	
cooperatives in Japan.		
(3) To understand the	Forest conservation, biodiversity	Lecture
systems and model	conservation, sanctuary	Field visit
activities for nature	management, forest parks	Discussion
conservation and sanctuary		
management with the		
participation of local		
communities in Japan.		
(4) To understand	i) International forest certification	Lecture
international discussions,	systems for sustainable forestry	Discussion
methods and activities	management	Exercise
concerning the significance	ii) Livelihood necessities and forest	
of the consideration on	resource management: community	
livelihood necessities and	participation, regulations and	
participation of local	incentives	
communities towards	iii) Sustainable forest management	
sustainable forest	activities of other countries.	
management.		
(5) To recognize and	i) Exercising on Action Plan	Lecture
reorganize the current	Development, problem Analysis,	Discussion
situation of participants'	presentation skills	Excise
countries and to formulate	ii) Sharing the experiences with other	Presentation
Final Report (including	participants: challenges and model	
Action Plan) for the	solutions for forest management with	
improvement of the	community participation	
situation.	iii) Discussions to deepen the	
	understanding of what you have	
	learned in this program.	
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The schedule is subject to change due to the coordination of curriculum.

# III. Eligibility and Procedures

# 1. Expectations from the Participating Organizations:

- (1) This course is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operation. Applying organizations are expected to use the program for those specific purposes.
- (2) This course is enriched with contents and facilitation schemes specially developed in collaboration with relevant prominent organizations in Japan. These special features enable the course to meet specific requirements of applying organizations and effectively facilitate them toward solutions for the issues and problems.

# 2. Nominee Qualifications:

Applying organizations are expected to select nominees who meet the following qualifications.

Please note that nominees would not necessarily be employed by the applying organizations, as long as they are selected officially by the organizations for their specific purposes. However, the nominees must be either persons who are engaged in the said field or directly related to program subject.

[Remarks] Each Organizations is requested to strongly encourage female candidates to apply for the course to accelerate the realization of gender equality and women's empowerment.

# (1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) Extension officer on forest conservation.
- 2) Current duties: have general knowledge about forestry science and related basic knowledge about forest management, with more than 3 years of experience in related area.
- 3) Educational background: be a graduate of university
- 4) Age: Under 50 years old.
- 5) Language: have a competent command of spoken and written English which is equal to TOEFL iBT 100 or more (This workshop includes active participation in discussions, which requires high competence of English ability. Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC etc., if possible)
- 6) Health: must be in good health to participate in the program in Japan. To reduce the risk of worsening symptoms associated with respiratory tract infection, please be honest to declare in the Medical History (QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS RESTRICTION of the application form) if you have been a patient of following illnesses; Hypertension / Diabetes / Cardiovascular illness / Heart failure / Chronic respiratory illness.
- 7) Attitude toward participation: Nominees who shall be regarded that they understand the contents of this program fully and have high motivation for learning through their Application form and Inception report.

# (2) Recommended Qualifications

 Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: JICA seeks more female applicants due to the past records of fewer applications from women. JICA is committed to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, and provides equal opportunities for all applicants regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

# 3. Required Documents for Application:

In case there are any missing documents or missing part, the nominee shall be excluded from the selection.

- (1) Application Form: The Application Form is available at the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan)
- (2) Photocopy of passport: You should submit it with the application form if you possess your passport which you will carry when entering Japan for this program. If5 not, you are requested to submit its photocopy as soon as you obtain it.

  \*The following information should be included in the photocopy:
  Name, Date of Birth, Nationality, Sex, Passport Number and Expiry Date
  - \*It is recommended that your passport be valid for more than 6 months after the last day of the program.
- (3) English Score Sheet: to be submitted with the application form, if the nominees have any official English examination scores. (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS)
- **(4) Inception Report:** to be submitted with the application form (VI. ANNEX: Attachment-1) by July 1, 2025.

# 4. Procedure for Application and Selection:

(1) Submission of the Application Documents:

Closing date for applications: Please confirm the local deadline with the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan).

(All required material must arrive at the **JICA Hokkaido Center (Obihiro) in Japan** by July 1, 2025

# (2) Selection:

Primary screening is conducted at the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) after receiving official documents from your government. The JICA Hokkaido Center (Obihiro) will consult with concerned organizations in Japan in the process of final selection. Applying organizations with the best intentions to utilize the opportunity will be highly valued.

The Government of Japan will examine applicants who belong to the military or other military-related organizations and/or who are enlisted in the military, taking into consideration of their duties, positions in the organization and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner to be consistent with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan.

# (3) Notice of Acceptance:

The JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) will notify the results **not later than July 18** . **2025** .

# 5. Conditions for Participation:

The participants of KCCP are required

- (1) to strictly observe the course schedule,
- (2) not to change the air ticket (and flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging by the participants themselves,
- (3) to understand that leaving Japan during the course period (to return to home country, etc.) is not allowed (except for programs longer than one year),
- (4) not to bring or invite any family members (except for programs longer than one year),
- (5) to carry out such instructions and abide by such conditions as may be stipulated by both the nominating Government and the Japanese Government in respect of the course,
- (6) to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners to provide the program or establishments,
- (7) not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
- (8) to discontinue the program, should the participants violate the Japanese laws or JICA's regulations, or the participants commit illegal or immoral conduct, or get critical illness or serious injury and be considered unable to continue the course. The participants shall be responsible for paying any cost for treatment of the said health conditions except for the medical care stipulated in (3) of "5. Expenses", "IV. Administrative Arrangements",
- (9) to return the total amount or a part of the expenditure for the KCCP depending on the severity of such violation, should the participants violate the laws and ordinances,
- (10)not to drive a car or motorbike, regardless of an international driving license possessed,
- (11)to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation, and
- (12)to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in schedule.

# IV. Administrative Arrangements

# 1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

- (1) Center: JICA Hokkaido Center (Obihiro) (JICA Obihiro)
- (2) Program Officer: Ms. NISHIGAKI Misako
- (3) Contact:

(Address) 1-2, Minami 6-chome, Nishi 20-jo, Obihiro, Hokkaido 080-2470, Japan

(Tel) 81(\*)-155(\*\*)-35-1210 (Fax) 81(\*)-155(\*\*)-35-1250

Note:\*: country code for Japan, \*\*: area code for Obihiro

(Email) obic kccp@jica.go.jp

(Website) www.jica.go.jp/obihiro/english/office/index.html

# 2. Implementing Partner

- (1) Name: Asia Air Survey Co., Ltd.
- (2) Contact:

(Address) Shinyuri 21 Bldg., 1-2-2 Manpukuji, Asao-ku, Kawasaki, Kanagawa 215-0004, Japan

(Tel) 81(\*)-44 (\*\*)-969-7610 (Fax) 81(\*)-44(\*\*)-953-7270

Note: \*: country code for Japan, \*\*: area code for Kanagawa

(Email) sck.takinaga@ajiko.co.jp

# 3. Travel to Japan

- (1) **Air Ticket**: In principle, JICA will arrange an economy-class round-trip ticket between an international airport designated by JICA and Japan.
- (2) **Travel Insurance**: Coverage is from time of arrival up to departure in Japan. Thus traveling time outside Japan (include damaged baggage during the arrival flight to Japan) will not be covered.

# 4. Accommodation in Japan

JICA will arrange the following accommodations for the participants in Japan.

JICA Hokkaido Center (Obihiro)

Address: 1-2, Minami 6-chome, Nishi 20-jo, Obihiro-city, Hokkaido, 080-2470, Japan

TEL: +81-155-35-2001 FAX: +81-155-35-1250

JICA Tokyo Center

Address: 2-49-5, Nishihara, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, 151-0066, Japan

TEL: +81-(0)3-3485-7051 FAX: +81-(0)3-3485-7904

(where "81" is the country code for Japan, and "155" or "3" is the local area code)

<u>If there is no vacancy at JICA Obihiro and Tokyo</u>, or when conducting program outside Obihiro and Tokyo region, JICA will arrange alternative accommodation(s) for the participants.

# 5. Expenses:

The following expenses in Japan will be provided by JICA

- (1) Allowances for meals, living expenses, and stopover.
- (2) Expenses for study tours (basically in the form of train tickets).
- (3) Medical care for participants who become ill after arriving in Japan (the costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment are <u>not</u> included).
- (4) Expenses for program implementation, including materials.
- (5) For more details, please see "III. ALLOWANCES" of the brochure for participants titled "KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK," which will be given before departure for Japan. \*Link to JICA HP (English/French/Spanish/Russian): <a href="https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our\_work/types\_of\_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.html">https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our\_work/types\_of\_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.html</a>

# 6. Pre-departure Orientation

A pre-departure orientation will be held at respective country's JICA office (or the Japanese Embassy), to provide Participants with details on travel to Japan, conditions of the course, and other matters.

\*YouTube of "Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan" and "Introduction of JICA Center" are viewable from the link below.

Image videos of 'Introduction of JICA Center (YouTube)' show the following information of JICA Centers: Location, Building, Entrance, Reception(Front desk), Lobby, Office, Accommodation(Room), Amenities(Hand dryer), Bathroom(Shower and Toilet), Toiletries, Restaurant, Laundry Room(Washing machine, Iron), ICT Room(Computer for participants), Clinic, Cash dispenser, Gym, Neighborhood

Part I: Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan				
English ver. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw</a>				
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan				
JICA Hokkaido (Obihiro) <a href="https://www.jica.go.jp/obihiro/english/office/index.html">https://www.jica.go.jp/obihiro/english/office/index.html</a>				

# V. Other Information

# 1. Certificate

Participants who have successfully completed the program will be awarded a certificate by JICA.

# 2. Notes for belongings

# (1) Necessary to bring

# - Laptop computer and Conversion plug for Japan

It will be necessary for making report and presentation. It is highly recommendable for the participants to bring their own private computer (Please install anti-virus software and periodically check your computer and any memory media with it.)

# - Daypack, Cap and Trainers/Running shoes

Participants would have opportunities to have field activities during the program. Therefore, participants are requested to bring Daypack and Running shoes from your country.

# (2) Advisable to bring

Socks, Regular drugs such as headache and gastrointestinal medicine, masks \*Please understand that some places may be asked to wear a mask.

# 3. Items to be lent to participants by JICA

JICA provides participants with the following necessary items during the program period;

1) rain jacket & trousers 2) work jacket & trousers 3) rubber boots 4) warm jacket Therefore, Participants don't need to take own items above.

# 4. Currency Exchange

Participants are advised to exchange local currency to Japanese currency on your arrival at Narita (or Haneda) Airport if it is needed, since there is not enough time for currency exchange during the program.

# 5. For Your Health

It is advisable for participants to bring the household medicine. Especially in case you have or have had malaria, you are requested to bring the medicine for malaria with you because it is quite difficult to obtain it in Japan.

# 6. Courtesy Call to Obihiro City and Ceremony

The program includes courtesy call to Obihiro City and some ceremonies, for which it is recommended to bring appropriate clothes.

# 7. School visit

In order to promote international cultural exchange, all participants are invited to visit a Japanese local school and interact with the students during the program. To introduce your country, it is advisable for participants to bring items such as

(1) musical instruments, popular music CDs, traditional costume,

- (2) small art crafts,
- (3) digital photo data (e.g. foods, traditional dresses, houses, animals, tourist spot, and so on).

# 8. Climate

The climate conditions in Obihiro, Tokyo, and Ishigaki Island are given below. Participants are advised to prepare appropriate clothes.

# Obihiro (Hokkaido)





# Iriomote Island (Okinawa)



World Weather https://world-weather.info/forecast/japan/obihiro/2024/
Japan Meteorological Agency https://www.data.jma.go.jp/stats/data/en/smp/index.html

# 9. Study trips

As a supplemental program, study trips to Sapporo, and Akan(Hokkaido), Tokyo, Gotemba(Shizuoka) and Iriomote Island(Okinawa) for several days are tentatively scheduled (to be confirmed).



# VI. ANNEX:

**Attachment-1** 

For all applicants

# **Inception Report**

With the Application Form, the applicants should submit an Inception Report on the following issues. The Inception Report will be used for the screening of successful applicants as well as for the selection of the most suitable subject for the participants. Applicants should submit it to JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) in respective country by July 1, 2025

# a. Purpose

- (1) To clarify issues and problems presently faced in their work in order to facilitate the acquisition of knowledge and ideas leading to solutions during the program.
- (2) To provide advance information regarding issues and problems faced by participants to lecturers and organizations concerned with the program as a point of reference in finding solutions.

# b. Contents

- (1) Name, Organization, Position
- (2) Roles of your organization
- (3) Introduction of your area and work that the participant has been in charge of for the last one year
- (4) Issues/Problems with which you are facing in your present job and approaches which you will tackle these issues/problems
- (5) Introduction of success cases of your present job.
- (6) Subjects in which the participant is particularly interested on this program and the reasons
- \* (3), (4) are main part of the Inception report and (2) is brief introduction.

#### c. Layout

Typewritten in English, 5-10 pages (12-point font, double spaced, A4 size paper).

# d. Presentation \*Accepted Participants only

The Inception Report is presented by each participant using MS PowerPoint at the beginning of the program.

- (1) The time allocation for each presentation of the Inception Report will be about 15 minutes.
- (2) It is advisable to bring some materials such as pictures or other visual aids to show your country's situation.

# For Your Reference

# **JICA and Capacity Development**

Technical cooperation is people-to-people cooperation that supports partner countries in enhancing their comprehensive capacities to address development challenges by their own efforts. Instead of applying Japanese technology per se to partner countries, JICA's technical cooperation provides solutions that best fit their needs by working with people living there. In the process, consideration is given to factors such as their regional characteristics, historical background, and languages. JICA does not limit its technical cooperation to human resources development; it offers multi-tiered assistance that also involves organizational strengthening, policy formulation, and institution building.

Implementation methods of JICA's technical cooperation can be divided into two approaches. One is overseas cooperation by dispatching experts and volunteers in various development sectors to partner countries; the other is domestic cooperation by inviting participants from developing countries to Japan. The latter method is the Knowledge Co-Creation Program, formerly called Training Program, and it is one of the core programs carried out in Japan. By inviting officials from partner countries and with cooperation from domestic partners, the Knowledge Co-Creation Program provides technical knowledge and practical solutions for development issues in participating countries.

The Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus) has long occupied an important place in JICA operations. About 400 pre-organized course cover a wide range of professional fields, ranging from education, health, infrastructure, energy, trade and finance, to agriculture, rural development, gender mainstreaming, and environmental protection. A variety of programs is being customized by the different target organizations to address the specific needs, such as policy-making organizations, service provision organizations, as well as research and academic institutions. Some programs are organized to target a certain group of countries with similar developmental challenges.

# **Japanese Development Experience**

Japan, as the first non-Western nation to become a developed country, built itself into a country that is free, peaceful, prosperous and democratic while preserving its tradition. Japan will serve as one of the best examples for our partner countries to follow in their own development.

From engineering technology to production management methods, most of the know-how that has enabled Japan to become what it is today has emanated from a process of adoption and adaptation, of course, has been accompanied by countless failures and errors behind the success stories.

Through Japan's progressive adaptation and application of systems, methods and technologies from the West in a way that is suited to its own circumstances, Japan has developed a storehouse of knowledge not found elsewhere from unique systems of

organization, administration and personnel management to such social systems as the livelihood improvement approach and governmental organization. It is not easy to apply such experiences to other countries where the circumstances differ, but the experiences can provide ideas and clues useful when devising measures to solve problems.

JICA, therefore, would like to invite as many leaders of partner countries as possible to come and visit us, to mingle with the Japanese people, and witness the advantages as well as the disadvantages of Japanese systems, so that integration of their findings might help them reach their developmental objectives.



# **CORRESPONDENCE**

For enquiries and further information, please contact the JICA overseas office or the Embassy of Japan. Further, address correspondence to:

# JICA Hokkaido Center (Obihiro) (JICA Obihiro)

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Website: <a href="https://www.jica.go.jp/obihiro/english/office/index.html">https://www.jica.go.jp/obihiro/english/office/index.html</a>

E-mail: obic kccp@jica.go.jp

# Application Guideline for the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program

This guideline explains how to apply for the Knowledge Co-Creation program (KCCP) of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) under the Official Development Assistance Program of the Government of Japan.

Please complete the Application Forms according to the guideline. For additional information, please consult the JICA Office, or in its absence, the Embassy of Japan in your country.

Form	Filled by
Form1. Official Application Form	· To be filled by applicant and supervisor
	of the applicant*
	· To be signed by supervisor of the
	applicant
	· Official stamp of organization of the
	applicant is needed.
Form2. Individual Application Form	Applicant
Form3. Questionnaire on Medical Status	Applicant
and Restrictions	
Form4. Terms and Conditions, and	Applicant
Declaration	

<sup>\*</sup>Supervisor: the head of the department/division of organization of the applicant.

### Please be advised;

- (a) To carefully read the General Information (GI) of the KCCP,
- (b) To fill only in typewritten except for signature,
- (c) To fill in the form in English,
- (d) To attach applicant's photograph (data/actual photograph),
- (e) To prepare document(s) described in the GI and/or confer with the JICA Expert or JICA overseas office, and attach these documents to the completed Application Forms.

### In submitting the Application Forms and attached documents, please make sure;

- (g) To prepare a copy of your passport,
- (h) To confirm the application procedure stipulated by your government,
- (i) To submit the original Application Forms with all necessary document(s) to the responsible organization of your government according to its application procedure,
- (j) That your participation may be denied, if you fail to provide all required information and documents completely and on time.



# **CHECK LIST before submission:**

Items	Form No.	Check
Fill in all items in typewritten	All the forms	
2. Applicant's signature	Form 2, 3, 4	
3. Signature of supervisor of the applicant*	Form 1	
4. Official stamp of your organization	Form 1	
5. Applicant's photo	Form 3	
6. Relationship with the Military	Form 2	
7. Dietary Restrictions	Form 3	
8. Attach a copy of passport (Machine Readable Zone)  *Applicants from Latin American and the Caribbean Countries, please refer to the note below.	-	

<sup>\*</sup>Supervisor: the head of the department/division of your organization

#### Note for Applicants from Latin American and the Caribbean Countries:

(1) If applicant is <u>from any of the countries listed below</u> and have a passport with a <u>valid U.S. visa, please attach herewith a copy of Identification Pages on the inside cover of applicant's passport</u> (i.e., the two pages that include the applicant photograph and detailed passport information), and <u>the page of U.S. visa</u>:

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina (only Japanese descendants), Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominica, Ecuador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Mexico, Peru, Rep. of Dominica, St. Christopher and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, or Venezuela.

(2) If applicant is from any of countries listed below and have a passport without a valid U.S. visa, please attach herewith a copy of Identification Pages on the inside cover of the applicant's passport (i.e., the two pages that include the applicant's photograph and the applicant's detailed passport information).

Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Jamaica, Marshall, Micronesia, Nicaragua, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay.

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# Form1. OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

*To be signed by the applicant's supervisor (the head of the relevant department / division of the applicant's organization).				
1. Course Title (as shown in the GI)				
2. Course Number (the number as "xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx				
3. Course Duration (DD/MONTH/YYYY)  From Select / Select / Select / Select / Select / Select				
4. Country				
5. Name of Applying Organization				
6. Name of the Nominee(s)				
1)				
2)				
3) 4)				
<u>-7</u>				
7. Reason for nominating the Applicant				
Please describe the reason(s) why the applicant was selected, referring to the following points; 1) Program requirement, 2) Capacity/Position, 3) Future plan to be done by the applicant after the KCCP, 4) Future plan of your organization and 5) Others.				

8. Expectation an	d Future	Plan	of Act	ions						
Please describe Program require 4) Future plan c	ement, 2	) Capa	acity/Po	sition, 3) Fut	ture pla					
9. Confirmation b Our organization h	-	_		_	`o-Crea	etion Proc	aram	of the Japan I	nterns	ational
Cooperation Agend										
Date:	S	elect-	- /	Select-	<del>-</del> /	Sele	ct	Signature:		
Name:										
Title / Position									Of	ficial Stamp
Department / Divisio										
Office Address and	Address	:								
Contact	Tel:			E-mail:					Fax:	
(If necessary) Con I, as a supervisor, nominate this person	have exa	amine behal	d the do	ocuments in government	this for	m and fo			ording	ly, I agree to
Date: Name:	5	elect-	- /	Select-	- /	Sele	Ct	Signature:		
Title / Position									Of	ficial Stamp
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				By Nomina  Date  Name  Title/Position		ad of rele	evant /	department/di		) Select
				Signature						

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# Form2. INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION FORM

*To be filled by A	pplicant.			
1. Course Title (a	Attach applicant's photograph (data/actual photograph)			
2. Course Numb the GI)	<b>er</b> (the number ខ	as "xxxxxxxxxJ	αx "shown in	(taken within the last six months)
				Size: 4.5x3.5cm
<ol> <li>Personal Information</li> <li>Name of Appl         *Please type the used for flight     </li> </ol>	icant (as showr	n in the passp	<b>ort)</b> port carried. The in	formation will be
Family Name	/Surname			
First Name				
Middle Name				
2) Nationality (as	s shown in the p	assport)		
<ul><li>3) Sex (for VISA :</li><li>4) Date of Birth</li></ul>	application)			
To Date of Diffi	Day	Month	Year	Age (as of the date of

Select	Select	Select

# 5) Passport/Visa

Passport possession	Select	Expiry date	Day	Month	Year
USA visa possession	Select	of passport	Select	Select	Select

<sup>\*</sup>Applicants from Latin American and the Caribbean Countries only.

# 6) Contact Information

Address:			
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FAX*:	E-	-mail:	
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# 7) Present Position

Organization					
Year that entered the organization	Select				
Department / Division					
Title					
No. of years of	Number of Years	From (Year)			
service in the present position	Select				
Type of Organization					
Number of employees	Select				
Home Page Address					

# 8) Questionnaire on Relationship with the Military (FOR ALL THE APPLICANTS)

# Must select!

Select	military personnel or military personnel listed in the muster roll/military
Select	Personnel of the Ministry of Defense, or organizations under the Ministry of Defense
Select	Personnel of organizations that are specified by law under the military or the Ministry of Defense in case of an emergency
Select	affiliated with the military, the Ministry of Defense, or affiliated
Select	Personnel of civilian organizations which have divisions to conduct military-related activities

# 4. Experience and Eligibility

1) Career Background (After graduation and before taking the present position)
"Only Applicants for KOCP (Group and Region Focused) are requested to fill in this

nart			Period				
Organization	City/ Country	Fro Month	om	т.		Position or Title and Department/Division	Brief Job Description
		Select		Select			
		Select		Select			
		Select		Select			

# 2) Academic Background (University, College or Higher Education)

	City/		Period			Position or Title and	Brief Job
Institution	Country	Fro Month	om ı/Year		o n/Year	Department/Division	
		Select		Select			
		Select		Select			
		Select		Select			

# 3) Experience of Training or Study in Foreign Countries (including all the training experience in JICA's programs) "Unity Applicants for KUCP (Group and Region Focused) are required to till in this

nart	City/	Period				Position or Title and	Brief Job
Institution	Country	From To Month/Year Month/Year		Department/Division			
		Select		Select			
		Select		Select			
		Select		Select			

# 4) Language Proficiency (Self-Assessment)

• •							
1) Language to be (GI)	) Language to be used in the course (as shown in						
Listening	Excellent	Good	○ Fair	O Poor			
Speaking	Excellent	Good	○ Fair	O Poor			
Reading	Excellent	Good	○ Fair	O Poor			
Writing	○ Excellent	Good	○ Fair	O Poor			
Language Test Scores if any (ex. TOEFL, TOEIC, etc.)		(			)		
2) Mother Tongue	(		,	)			
	(		,	)			
3) Other languages	C Excellent	Good	○ Fair	O Poor			
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Criteria for Assessment of

Good

Fair

Language Proficiency

Refined fluency skills and topic-controlled discussions, debates & presentations. Formulates

Excellent strategies to deal with various essay types,

including narrative, comparison, cause-effect &

argumentative essays.

Conversational accuracy & fluency in a wide range of situations: discussions, short presentations &

of situations: discussions, short presentations &

 $interviews. \ Compound \ complex \ sentences.$ 

Extended essay formation.

Broader range of language related to expressing

opinions, giving advice, making suggestions. Limited compound and complex sentences &

expanded paragraph formation.

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Simple conversation level, such as self-introduction, brief question & answer using the present and past

tenses.

# **5. Background and Purpose of Application**

1) Current challenges in the organization in relation to the theme of the KCCP you are applying:  Describe the issues that your organization/department intends to tackle by participating in this program.
2) Main duties of Applicant:  Describe your main duties and responsibilities in relation to this program.
3) Relevant Experience of Applicant:
Describe previous occupational experiences that is highly relevant in this program.

4) Your individual Goal:					
Elaborate on the applicant's plans to the applicant's organization.	apply the les	sons learned f	rom	this program to	
F) Anna of International Consequence	4-4:				
5) Area of Interest and/or your expect Specify the applicant's particular inte		rence to tne co	onte	nts of this	
program					
By Appl	icant				
Date	Select /	Select	1	Select	
Name					
Title/Posi	ıti				

on

Signature



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# Form3. QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS AND RESTRICTION

(Self-Declaration)

1	Pres	ent	M	adic	ıaı	Sta	itus

	resent Medical Status  A Have applicant taken any medicine or had a medical checkup by a physician for					
)_	<u> </u>		betes, hypertension, asthma, etc.?			
	○NO	YES				
		Name of illness	Name of medicine			
		If yes, please a	attach doctor's letter (preferably, written in English) that current status of the applicant's illness, and gives your participation in the program.			
(p	(b Does applicant have any allergies with medicine, food, pollen, etc.?					
		YES				
		What are you allergic to? What kind of allergic symptoms do you have such as itch, rash, hives, etc.?				
		( )				
(c) Please indicate any needs arising from disabilities that may require additional support or facilities.						
(						
the	Applicai	•	If to exclusion of the Applicant from the program. However, tly inquired by the JICA official in charge for a more condition.			
<u></u>						

# 2. Medical History (a Have applicant had any illness such as heart, hepatic, kidney disease, etc.? ONO OYES Please specify ( ) (b Have applicant or/and the applicant's family members had tuberculosis? Please specify ( ) (c) Have applicant ever been a patient in a mental clinic or been treated by a nswchiatrist? Please specify ( ) (d Have applicant ever had any sleeping, eating or other disorders? Please specify ( ) Name of medicine taken if any ( )

Are there any dietary restrictions? (e.g., beef, pork, crustaceans, etc.)

3. Dietary Restrictions

Please specify (

I. Other Medical Issues/Conditions					
If applicant have any medical issues/conditions that are not described above, please indicate below.					
Is applicant pregnant?	_				

The applicant certify that have read the above instructions and answered all questions truthfully and completely to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

-- Select--

weeks

Weeks of pregnancy

The applicant understand that medical conditions resulting from pre-existing conditions will not be financially compensated by JICA, and may be a reason for termination of the program.

The applicant understand that this questionnaire will be checked by the people who are engaged in the program during stay in Japan.

The applicant may not be possible to purchase pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, etc. in Japan, due to Japanese laws.

# By Applicant

Date	Select	/	Select	1	Select	
Name						
Title/Position						
Signature						

\*\*Please notify JICA staff upon any changes in your health condition after submission of the form.

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# Form4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

# **DECLARATION** (to be signed by the Applicant)

- •I understand and fully agree to the following terms and conditions set forth below.
  - 1. General Rule
  - 2. Privacy Policy
  - 3. Copyright Policy
- •I will be subject to any penalties imposed as a consequence of my failure to abide by the above terms and conditions.
- •I understand the intention of JICA on "4.Portrait Right Policy" mentioned below, and my intention for usage/publication of photographs and videos including the portrait of myself by JICA for the purpose above is as follows:

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( )Agree	( ) Disgree

•I certify that the statements I made in this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

# By Applicant

Date	Select	1	Select	1	Select
Name					
Title/Position					
Signature					

#### 1. General Rules

The participants are requested:

- (1) to strictly observe the course schedule,
- (2) not to change the air ticket (and flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging by the participants themselves,
- (3) to understand that leaving Japan during the course period (to return to home country, etc.) is not allowed (except for programs longer than one year),
- (4) not to bring or invite any family members (except for programs longer than one
- (5) to carry out such instructions and abide by such conditions as may be stipulated by both the nominating Government and the Japanese Government in respect of the
- (6) to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners to provide the program or establishments,
- (7) not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
- (8) to discontinue the program, should the participants violate Japanese laws or JICA's regulations, or the participants commit illegal or immoral conduct, or get critical illness or serious injury and be considered unable to continue the course,
- (9) to return the total amount or a part of the expenditure for the KCCP depending on the severity of such violation, should the participants violate the laws and
- (10 not to drive a car or motorbike, regardless of an international driving license
- (11 to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation,
- (12 to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in

# 2. Privacy Policy

The participants are requested to understand Privacy Policy of JICA as follows.

(1) Scope of Use

Any information used for identifying individuals (hereinafter referred to as "Personal Information") that is acquired by JICA will be stored, used, or analyzed only within the scope of JICA activities. JICA reserves the right to use such Personal Information in accordance with the provisions of this privacy policy.

(2) Limitations on Use and Provision

JICA shall never intentionally provide Personal Information to any third party with the following three exceptions:

- (a) In cases of legally mandated disclosure requests;
- (b) In cases in which the provider of the Personal Information grants permission for its disclosure to a third party;
- (c) In cases in which JICA needs to provide Personal Information for the persons or entities where JICA contracts out all or part of the KCCP and its relevant projects.

The Personal Information provided herein will be only limited to the information necessary for the persons or entities to implement the contracted tasks.

(3) Security Notice

JICA takes measures required to prevent the divulgence, loss, or destruction of Personal Information, and to otherwise properly manage such information.

\*\*JICA's policy for the transfer of personal data from the European Economic Area (EEA) to outside the EEA (to Japan and third countries);

JICA has revised "Bylaws for the Implementation of Personal Information Protection" which was published based on Japan's legislation by adding new provisions regarding how to deal with personal data within the EEA in order to meet General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR's) requirements for data protection. Based on the new bylaws, JICA entered into the EU Standard Contractual Clauses (SCCs) which allows us to transfer personal data from offices within the EEA to offices outside the EEA (in Japan and third countries).

#### 3. Copyright Policy

The participants are requested to comply with the following;

- (1) The participants shall use all the documents provided for the KCCP (including texts, materials, etc.), within the scopes and/or conditions separately approved by JICA and/or the Original Author.
  - If the participants apply to the KCCP, the participants shall also comply with Terms of Use of the Materials for the KCCP that are shown on the JICA website.
  - (https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our\_work/types\_of\_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.html)
- (2) All the documents prepared for the KCCP (including reports, action plans, presentations, etc.) shall be prepared by the participants themselves in principle. If the participants use any third party's(ies') works (photograph, illustration, map, figures, etc.), which are protected under the copyright laws and regulations in the participants' countries or copyright-related multinational agreements, the participants shall obtain a license necessary to use the works from such third party(ies).
- (3) The participants agree that JICA may use (including, but not limited to, reproduce, publicly transmit, distribute and modify) any documents prepared by the participants for other programs conducted by JICA (for example, as a reference for the other KCCP courses and a project formulation).
- (4) JICA will not be liable for the contents of any documents created by the participants for the purpose of the KCCP.

#### 4. Portrait Right Policy

During the implementation period of KCCP, JICA (including hired photographer and program implementing partners) will shoot photographs and video footage mainly for the following purposes:

- •Use on the website or in SNS administrated/operated by JICA,
- •Use in JICA publications (public relations magazines, annual reports, journals, etc.) in printed or electronic form,
- \*Photos and images taken will not be used for commercial purposes and the participants' personal information will not be disclosed to any third party without the consent of the participants.

JICA would appreciate it if the participants of KCCP grant the participants themselves portrait right license to JICA for photos and images taken described above. It is, however, not a requirement of KCCP. The participants do not agree to grant the participants themselves portrait right license to JICA, has absolutely no problem in participating KCCP. JICA respects the intention of each participant.