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Ministry of Finance  
Department of Economic Affairs  
(BPC&T Section)

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Kartavya Bhavan-1, New Delhi,  
Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2026.

**TRAINING CIRCULAR**

Subject:- **Online and In-person Knowledge Co-Creation Program on "Development and Promotion of New Industries through Accelerating Innovation" from 8th September to 18th September, 2026 (online) and from 23rd September to 10th October, 2026 (In-person) in Japan.**

The Government of Japan has invited nominations for **Online and In-person Knowledge Co-Creation Program on "Development and Promotion of New Industries through Accelerating Innovation" from 8th September to 18th September, 2026 (online) and from 23rd September to 10th October, 2026 (In-person) in Japan** under the Technical Assistance Programme with India. The programme is intended mid-career-officer who belong to Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Science/Technology/Innovation, Ministries for Special Zone Policy, Financial Institution (Development Bank etc.), Research or Higher Education Institutions, Universities etc. The eligibility conditions and other information about the course are mentioned in the Information Brochure received from the sponsoring Government (**Annex-I**). Number of slots available for India is **One**.

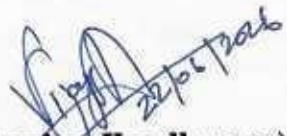
2. Nomination of candidates is regulated by the guidelines prescribed by DEA, a synopsis of which is attached as **Annex-II**.
3. **The course is sponsored by Government of Japan**, who will provide round-trip air fare, accommodation and living allowance.
4. The following forms need to be duly completed and certified by the participant and the competent authority of the nominating Ministry/Department of Govt. of India/State Govts/UTs :
  - (i) Sponsoring Government's application form (with information on Military Status) together with the **Medical History Questionnaire**.
  - (ii) DEA's prescribed proforma - duly countersigned by competent authority (**Annex-III**).
  - (iii) A photocopy of the **Passport**.
  - (iv) **English Score Sheet**.
5. **Application Form complete in all respects should reach this Department through the Administrative Ministry/Department of Govt. of India /State Government/UT, as the case may be, not later than 20.07.2026 positively at the following address:-**

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6. An advance copy of application complete in all respects (except DEA proforma) may be sent to Mr. WAKAMATSU Eiji, Senior Representative, JICA India Office, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hindustan Times House, 18-20, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001. However, the candidate whose nomination is approved by the Selection Committee in DEA would be considered by JICA.

7. Incomplete applications and nominations received after the cut-off date will not be entertained. This may please be noted for strict compliance to avoid disappointment at a later stage. The candidates are advised to have their applications processed through their administrative Departments well in time and send complete information asked for in the forms specified above. Details of various short-term training programmes are regularly uploaded on Ministry of Finance's website [www.dea.gov.in](http://www.dea.gov.in) under the link "Foreign Training Programmes" [<https://dea.gov.in/foreign-training-and-employee-corner>].

  
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3. Joint Secretary (Admn.), Deptt. of Financial Services, Parliament Street, New Delhi.
4. Joint Secretary (Admn.), Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
5. Joint Secretary (Admn.) of all Ministries/Departments, Government of India.
6. Chief Secretaries of all States Governments/UTs.
7. Senior Representative, JICA India Office, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hindustan Times House, 18-20 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi -1.

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Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

# Development and Promotion of New Industries through Accelerating Innovation

課題別研修「イノベーション促進による新産業の創造・振興」



Course Number: 202515024J001

Course Period: September 8- October 10, 2026

Online: September 8- September 18, 2026

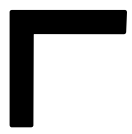
Program in Japan: September 23- October 10, 2026



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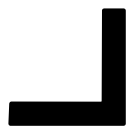
NOTE: If there are any difficulties in reading this document, please contact JICA Office in your country or JICA Center in Japan.

NOTE: Depending on the circumstances, some or all of the program periods may be changed or cancelled after the application has been accepted.



How can we accelerate  
innovation with  
playing important as  
an “intermediate”?

Gain insight to an essence of  
sustainable regional development  
more practical, more interactive,  
more inspirational from the  
experiences of Japan.



# Outline



This program is designed for mid-career-officers from public organizations responsible for creation and promotion of new industries and the development of business environment.

Through this program, the participants' knowledge on issues related with the new industry creation through innovation and its situation in Japan will be identified. Moreover, the possibility of collaboration among participants across the countries will be discussed. By the end of this course, concrete plans for co-creation with participants' countries will be recognized and presented.



The sessions will be held online and in Japan, and will include self-study and discussion with participants from other countries.

All sessions are carried out in English.

The period of the program is from September 8 to 18, 2025 (Online), and from September 23 to October 10, 2026 (in Japan).

Course Capacity: 14 participants



## **JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)**

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in June 2023, stated that “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.

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# For What?

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## Background

For the creation and promotion of new industries, the participants in the program will learn concrete initiatives and issues tackled and pursued in different sector; industry, government, academia, finance in each perspective with focusing on “health care” and “GX (decarbonization)” issues particularly emphasized in Kansai region, in order to prepare practical action plan appropriate to situation and environment in participants’ home countries.

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## Objectives

Knowledge related to creation/promotion of new industries and business environment reform through the promotion of innovation will be accumulated. The necessary initiatives for creation/promotion of new industries suited to the situation and environment in the home country will be recognized, and the ability to conduct practical activities will be improved.



# To Whom?

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## Job Areas and Organizations

This program is offered to mid-career-officer who belong to Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Science/Technology/Innovation, Ministries for Special Zone Policy, Financial Institution (Development Bank etc.), Research or Higher Education Institutions, Universities etc. \*Officers engaged in GX (decarbonization) and health care sector are recommended.

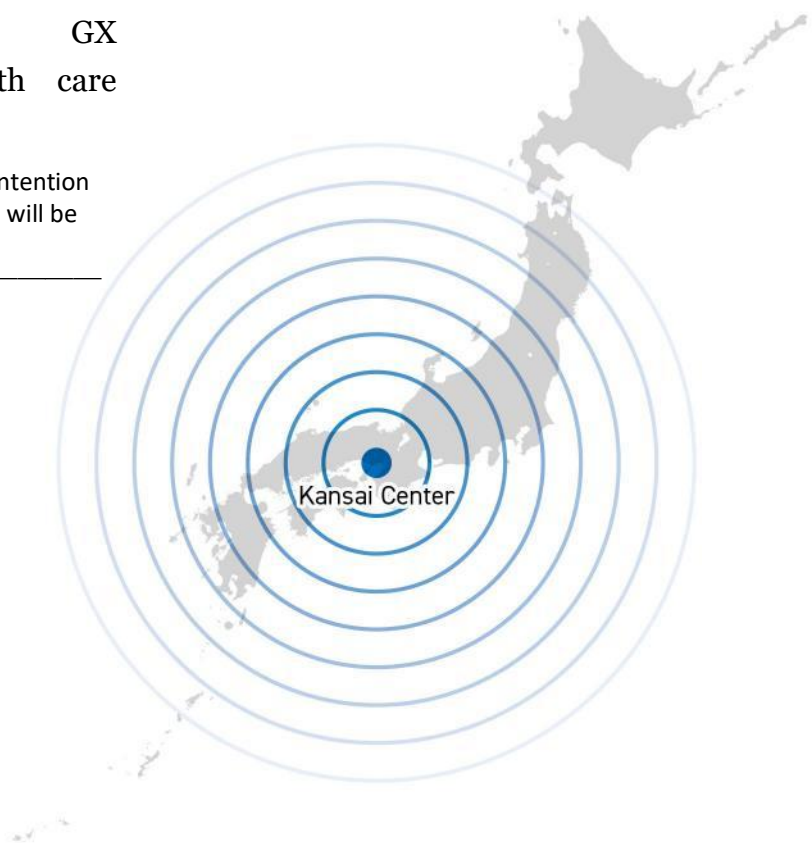
The applying organization with the best intention to utilize the opportunity of this program will be highly valued in the selection.

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## Targeted Countries

Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Panama, Republic of the Congo, Serbia, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda

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



# When?

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## Online Program Period



From September 8 to September 18,  
2026

## Program in Japan



September 23- October 10, 2026

# Where?

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This course is carried out online in the first and second week, organized by JICA Kansai Center. You will receive essential reading materials for your self-study at your office or home. As the online homeroom and Q&A sessions are held to assist your learning process, you are required to have a certain IT environment. For details, see page 13-14.

# How?

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## How to Learn

- Online Self-Study
- Online Interactive



Watch



Listen



Experience



Study



Chat



Discuss



Present

## Q&A Session

- Lectures
- Field Visits
- Workshops
- Discussions
- Presentations

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## Language

English

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## Commitment to the SDGs



## Program Structure (Tentative)

\*See also the attached schedule in JFY2025 for your reference.

### **Expected Module Output and Contents**

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

**\*Please note that the contents are tentative and may change.**

Modules	Outcome (Subjects/Agendas)	Methodology
(1)	To recognize and share the current situation and challenges in creating/promoting innovation and new industries in their countries.	Presentation, Discussion, Lecture,
(2)	To understand respective perspective through concrete initiatives and approaches taken by government agencies, local governments, economic organizations, companies, research institutions, financial institutions, in order to promote innovation and create and promote new industries in Japan.	Lecture, Discussion Field Visit
(3)	To analyze the role of the participants' institutions in contributing to establish an innovation ecosystem through lectures, discussions, and exchanges of opinions related to Japanese government policies, local government policies, systems, structures, and human resource development efforts.	Lecture, Discussion
(4)	To learn about the role of intermediaries who build human networks to organically link industry, government, academia, and financial sector, and to provide information, particularly their daily and concrete efforts.	Lecture, Discussion, Group Work
(5)	To develop an action plan about activities to promote innovation ecosystem with clarifying the role of participant's country or organization as an intermediary in industry-government-academia-finance collaboration to be played.	Presentation, Group Work, Action Plan

## **Online Program**

### **Program Orientation & Course Orientation**

- Course Details
- Instruction for writing country report

### **On-Demand Lectures**

- Administrative system in Japan
- Social structure in Japan
- Overview of systems, policies, and frameworks for promoting innovation and creating/promoting new industries in Japan
- Outline of Council for Science, Technology and Innovation, "Science, Technology, and Innovation Basic Plan"
- Initiatives to build innovation ecosystem in Japan - development of open innovation system, creation of start-ups from universities and other institutions, human resource development, etc.
- Initiatives to promote life science in Japan
- Initiatives to realize the GX in Japan
- Japan's international environmental cooperation for sustainable development.
- Support for innovation promotion and new industry creation by regional financial institution/bank
- Outline of the Special Zone System
- Osaka Prefecture's Efforts in National Strategic Special Zones, Comprehensive Special Zones, and Special Zones for Structural Reform
- Hydrogen-related Initiatives of Osaka City
- Osaka City's Partnerships with Overseas for a Decarbonized Society

### **On-Line Session & Orientation before Arrival in Japan**

- Learning through the KCCP and Challenges for Innovation Promotion by Alumni of the Program
- Q&A Session

## **Assignment**

### **Country Report**

Drafting Country Report including current situations in your country and comparison from the knowledge acquired from essential information for the Japanese lecturers as well as the other participants to understand each other and to facilitate the discussion in the program.

## **Program in Japan**

- Overview of systems, policies, and frameworks for promoting innovation and creating/promoting new industries in Japan - reflection and Q&A session
- Country Report Presentation by Participants
- Initiatives in the Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster to Create Innovations in the Health Care (Example of Innovation Creation in Kobe Medical Industry)



JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

**Development and Promotion of New Industries through Accelerating Innovation**  
Course No. 202515024J001

Development Project)

- Inspection tour of the latest medical research and development bases of private companies in the Kobe Medical Industry Development Area
- Workshop for learning method for problem analysis logic model formulation
- Innovation promotion in the Kansai region by Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry, METI
- Overview of the JCM (Bilateral Crediting Mechanism) and Examples of Initiative
- Promoting Innovation in Kyoto through Industry-Academia-Public Collaboration
- Initiatives by Public Research Institutes to Support Innovation Creation from a Technological Perspective
- Site Visit to the International Hub for Future Medicine "Nakanoshima Qross"
- Innovation Promotion and the Creation and Promotion of New Industries by Economic Organization
- Initiatives by private companies to realize a decarbonization ecosystem in Kansai region
- Initiatives to support new businesses and start-ups in Japan
- Initiatives for Creating University-oriented start-ups
- Building an innovation ecosystem through public-private partnerships and efforts to promote incubation
- Case studies of start-up companies that leverage support from local governments to innovate Presentation of Action Plan



# Eligibility and Procedures

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## 1. Expectations to the Applying 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.
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## 2. Nominee Qualifications

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

### 【Remarks】

**Gender:** 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.

**Disabilities:** Persons with disabilities who meet the required qualifications also have an opportunity to apply. Reasonable accommodations will be considered for participants with disabilities. Some programs of the course might have difficulty for persons with disabilities to participate due to environmental and other conditions. "Reasonable accommodation" means necessary and appropriate modification and adjustments not imposing a disproportionate or undue burden, where needed in a particular case.

### (1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) **Current Duties:** Personnel with work experience in innovation promotion and the planning and implementation of policies and measures for Creation/promotion. (Preferably for personnel with relevant work experience or responsibilities in the GX (decarbonization) or health care sectors)



- 2) Experience in the Relevant Field: have at least 5 years of experience in the field of innovation promotion and the planning and implementation of policies and measures for creation/promotion.
- 3) Educational Background: be a graduate of university
- 4) Language Proficiency: have a competent command of spoken and written English proficiency equivalent to TOEFL iBT 100 or above (This workshop includes active participation in discussions, which requires high competence in English. Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC etc, if possible)
- 5) Technical Requirements :
  - a Technology Proficiency
    - Basic computer skills such as, sending/receiving email with attachments, and using a web browser.
    - Online course is delivered using the following services, Web Conferences (Teams), Cloud Storage (GIGAPOD), and YouTube. Online tutorial and support by JICA will be limited. The ability to be self-directed in learning new technology skills are required.
  - b Internet Connection
    - High Speed Broadband Connection (at least 2Mbps).
    - \*Internet access charge incurred for this course shall be borne by your organization.
  - c Hardware (Minimum Requirement)
    - Regular access to a computer, either from your home or from your office.
    - Operating System: Windows or Mac OS (Updated version is preferred).
    - Processor: Intel Core 2 Duo or higher; 2GHz or higher
    - Memory: 4GB of RAM or higher
    - Hard Drive Space: 5GB free disk space
    - Browser: Google Chrome is preferred browser. (Edge, Firefox, Safari can be used)
    - Others: Webcam Microphone, and Audio output Device (Speaker or Headset)
  - d Software (which may be required)
    - Microsoft TEAMS for Meeting.
    - \*In case you are using your office computer and use of Teams is not authorized by your IT administrator, please notify JICA at the time of application.

6) Health: must be in good health to participate in the program in Japan. Participant's health and safety should be most respected. Pre-existing conditions<sup>1</sup>and pregnancy may lead to health problems that were not present prior to arriving in Japan due to stress from international travel, changes in climate, and a new living environment. In recent years, regrettable cases have occurred, including the exacerbation of symptoms after arrival and, in the case of pregnancy, stillbirth. Some participants have also incurred substantial out-of-pocket medical costs. If any of the conditions below may apply, please take a moment to consider whether to participate, and continue after confirming your agreement to the points below.

① Questionnaire (“QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS AND RESTRICTION”)

If any of the following apply, you must state them accurately in the questionnaire, even if they do not affect your current work or daily life.

- a. Chronic diseases (e.g., hypertension, diabetes)
- b. Conditions currently under treatment
- c. Past illnesses that have resolved (including serious conditions affecting the heart, liver, or brain; tuberculosis, etc.)
- d. Pregnancy (for female applicants)

② Medical certificate

Please submit a medical certificate issued by a doctor that your condition is stable and that, from a medical standpoint, there is no problem with your participation in KCCP in Japan.

Applicable cases:

- a. Chronic diseases (e.g., hypertension, diabetes)
- b. Conditions currently under treatment
- c. Past illnesses that have resolved (including serious conditions affecting the heart, liver, or brain; tuberculosis, etc.)

③ Reporting changes

If pregnancy or any health issues are identified after submitting the form, please report them to JICA promptly.

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<sup>1</sup> Pre-existing conditions :Chronic diseases, Conditions currently under treatment and Past illnesses that have resolved.

#### ④ Insurance coverage

Medical and additional living expenses related to pregnancy and pre-existing conditions are NOT covered by insurance arranged by JICA. Such costs must be borne entirely by the participant; JICA assumes no liability.

\* Please understand that insurance coverage applies only to sudden illness or injury occurring during your stay in Japan.

\* Medical expenses in Japan could be a significant financial burden when not covered by insurance.

## (2) Recommended Qualifications

- 1) Age: between the ages of twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) years
  - 2) 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.
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## 3. Required Documents for Application

(1) **Application Form:** The Application Form is available at the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan)

\* If you have any difficulties/disabilities which require assistance, please specify necessary assistances in the QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS RESTRICTION (1-(c)) of the application form. Information will be reviewed and used for reasonable accommodation.

(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. If 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)



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## 4. Procedures 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 JICA Center in Japan by August 3, 2026)

### (2) Selection

Primary screening is conducted at the JICA overseas office (or the embassy of Japan) after receiving official documents from your government. JICA Center 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 August 10 2026.**

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## 5. Additional Document(s) to Be Submitted by Accepted Participants

Country Report -- to be submitted by August 31, 2026

Accepted participants are required to prepare a Country Report. Details will be informed for the accepted participants.

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## 6. 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 Japanese laws or JICA's regulations, or the participants commit illegal or any type of immoral conduct including sexual harassment, 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 "3.Expenses", "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,
- (12) to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in schedule, and
- (13) to promptly notify JICA in the case that there are any changes in the health status since the time of application (such as changes requiring medical attention due to illness or discovery of pregnancy).

# Administrative Arrangements

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## 1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

- (1) Center: JICA Kansai Center (JICA KANSAI)
  - (2) Program Officer: FUJII Natsuko ([Fujii.Natsuko@jica.go.jp](mailto:Fujii.Natsuko@jica.go.jp))  
SEINO Koichi ([Seino.Koichi2@jica.go.jp](mailto:Seino.Koichi2@jica.go.jp))
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## 2. Implementing Partner

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## 3. 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 not included**).
- (4) Expenses for program implementation, including materials.
- (5) For more details, please see “III. ALLOWANCES” of “KENSU-IN GUIDE BOOK,” (English/French/Spanish/Russian).

\*Link to the Website:

[https://www.jica.go.jp/english/activities/schemes/tech\\_pro/acceptance\\_training/forparticipants.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/activities/schemes/tech_pro/acceptance_training/forparticipants.html)

or

<https://jica-van-cms.jica.go.jp/custom/kccp/kccp01.html>



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## 4. 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.

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>
French ver.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2yU9ISYcTY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2yU9ISYcTY</a>
Spanish ver.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7l-WlQSDjI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7l-WlQSDjI</a>
Russian ver.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7_ujz37AQc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7_ujz37AQc</a>
Arabic ver.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iBQqdpXQb4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iBQqdpXQb4</a>
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Kansai	<a href="https://www.jica.go.jp/kansai/english/office/index.html">https://www.jica.go.jp/kansai/english/office/index.html</a>

If the link of these youtube URLs has expired, please access the URL below and search the necessary information from the key word.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/JICAChannel02>

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## 5. Reference

### KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK

For more detailed terms and conditions

<https://jica-van-cms.jica.go.jp/custom/kccp/kccp01.html>

### Video: JICA Predeparture Briefing

For more information on life in Japan and KCCP

<https://jica-van-cms.jica.go.jp/custom/kccp/kccp01.html>

### Website: JICA

English/French/Spanish/Russian

[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)



# 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 courses 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.



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



## **Correspondence**

For enquiries and further information, please contact the JICA office or Embassy of Japan.

**Further, address correspondence to:**

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TEL: +81-78-261-0383/0341

("81" is the country code for Japan, and "78" is the local area code)

**SUMMARY OF GUIDELINES PRESCRIBED BY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

Before applying for the training programme, the candidates are requested to satisfy themselves whether they fulfill the eligibility conditions as per the guidelines on Foreign Training Programmes (FTP) administered by the Department of Economic Affairs(DEA), summarized below:-

**Eligibility Conditions**

<b>Duration of Training</b>	<b>No. of years of service completed in Govt. as on the date of FTP</b>	<b>Upper age limit on the date of FTP</b>	<b>Cooling off period</b>	<b>Limit on participation in number of trainings in a year</b>
Upto one week	5 years	Less than 58 years	Six months	Two FTPs of duration of less than one week in a calendar year
One to Two weeks	7 years	Less than 58 years	One year	One FTP of duration of one to two weeks in a calendar year
More than two weeks	9 years	Less than 55 years	Two years	One FTP of duration more than two weeks in a period of two years

**Note:-** Project-related training/official visits abroad are exempted from the provisions of cooling off.

2. Candidates and nominating authorities in Ministries/Departments/State Govts. Etc. should also satisfy themselves about the eligibility conditions prescribed by the sponsoring foreign Government/agency before sending the nomination to DEA.

**HOW TO APPLY****3. Filling up of application forms:-**

- (i) Ensure that the **DEA proforma** is duly filled in and is complete in all respects. Without this proforma, application will not be entertained.
- (ii) Ensure that the **application form prescribed by the sponsoring agency** is also complete in all respect, wherever the sponsoring agency asks for Country Report, the same should also be attached.
- (iii) The column relating to **Vigilance Clearance** in DEA proforma should be filed in and certified by the competent authority. Alternately, vigilance clearance certificate by the concerned authority can also be attached. Applications without vigilance clearance at the time of applying will not be entertained.
- (iv) **In case of training programmes which are not fully sponsored** and where expenses on Air travel or any other expenses have to be borne by the candidate or his sponsoring Department, ensure that Part-A or Part-B, as the case may be, of the Undertaking Form is duly completed. Applications received without undertaking form will be summarily rejected. **It may be noted that submission of undertaking form is not necessary in respect of fully funded training programmes and the candidate can mention 'Not Applicable' in the form.**

**4. Nominations:-**

- (i) In case there is more than one nomination for a particular course, the nominating authority State/Central Government should clearly indicate the prioritization of the nominees.
- (ii) Application for the training programme is to be forwarded through the concerned Ministry/Department after completing all necessary formalities. Applications are not to be sent to the sponsoring foreign country/agency direct unless the same has been endorsed by the Nodal Department i.e. DEA.

**5. Clearance:-**

Once the nomination forwarded by DEA to the sponsoring Government is accepted and conveyed to the applicant, he/she will be responsible to complete all pre-departure formalities like obtaining political clearance from MEA and have the sanction order issued from his/her administrative Department etc.

**Abbreviation:-**

JICA - Japan International Cooperation Agency, SCPTA - Singapore Cooperation Programme Training Award, IMF - International Monetary Fund, MTCP - Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme.

**DEA PROFORMA FOR FOREIGN TRAINING**

<b>1. Name</b>				
<b>2. Date of Birth</b>		<b>3. Male/Female</b>		
<b>4. Educational Qualifications</b>		<b>5. Date of Entry into Govt. Service</b>		
<b>6. Service to which Officer belongs</b>		<b>7. Date of Regular appointment</b>		
<b>8. Details of Posts held during the last five years (starting from present) :</b>				
<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Post held &amp; Pay level</b>	<b>Period of Posting</b>	<b>Ministry/Department/ Organization</b>	<b>Nature of Work</b>
<b>9. Name of training programme applied for and its relevance to the candidate</b>				
<b>10. Papers etc, if any, published by the candidate</b>				
<b>11. Details of Foreign Training Programmes attended during the last two years :</b>				
<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Dates &amp; Duration Of Training</b>	<b>Subject/title of training</b>	<b>Name of the Training Institution</b>	<b>Source of funding</b>
<b>Signature of the candidate:</b>				
<b>Office Phone :</b>				
<b>Mobile No. :</b>				
<b>E-mail :</b>				
<b><u>CERTIFICATE</u></b>				
Certified that Shri/Ms. _____ is clear from vigilance angle. In case the programme is not fully funded, Undertaking in the prescribed proforma (Part A/Part B) is attached.				
<b>Signature of the Competent Administrative Authority of the applicant with Name, Designation, Phone Number and Email (alongwith official seal)</b>				

**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
<b>Form1. Official Application Form</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be filled by you and your supervisor*</li> <li>• To be signed by your supervisor</li> <li>• Official stamp of your organization is needed.</li> </ul>
<b>Form2. Nomination from the Organization</b>	You and your supervisor *
<b>Form3. Individual Application Form</b>	You
<b>Form4. Questionnaire on Medical Status and Restrictions</b>	You
<b>Form5. Terms and Conditions, and Declaration</b>	You

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

**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 use “√” or “x” to mark the ( ) options,
- (e) To attach your photographs,
- (f) 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, and
- (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
1. Fill in all items in typewritten	All the forms	
2. Your signature	Form 3, 4, 5	
3. Signature of your supervisor*	Form 1, 2	
4. Official stamp of your organization	Form 1	
5. Your photo	Form 3	
6. Attach a copy of passport (Machine Readable Zone) *Applicants from Latin American and the Caribbean Countries, please refer to the note below.	-	
7. Attach the required document(s) as instructed in the GI	-	

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

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

- (1) If you are from any of the countries listed below and have a passport with a valid U.S. visa, please attach herewith a copy of Identification Pages on the inside cover of your passport (i.e. the two pages that include your photograph and detailed passport information), and the page of U.S. visa:

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 you are 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 your passport (i.e. the two pages that include your photograph and your detailed passport information).

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

Application form for the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program:

**Form1. OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM**

**\*To be signed by your supervisor (the head of the relevant department / division of your organization).**

**1. Course Title** (as shown in the GI)

**2. Course Number** (the number as "xxxxxxxxJxxx" shown in the GI)

**3. Course Duration**

From  to  (DD/MM/YYYY)

**4. Country**

**5. Organization**

**6. Name of the Nominee(s)**

1)	3)
2)	4)

**7. Confirmation by the organization in charge**

Our organization hereby applies for the Knowledge Co-Creation Program of the Japan International Cooperation Agency and proposes to dispatch qualified nominees to participate in the programs.

Date:			Signature:		
Name:					
Title / Position				Official Stamp	
Department / Division					
Office Address and Contact Information	Address:				
	Tel:	E-mail:	Fax:		

**(If necessary) Confirmation by the organization in charge**

I have examined the documents in this form and found them true. Accordingly, I agree to nominate this person(s) on behalf of our government.

Date:			Signature:		
Name:					
Title / Position				Official Stamp	
Department / Division					

Application form for the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program

**Form2. NOMINATION FROM THE ORGANIZATION****\*To be signed by your supervisor (the head of the relevant department / division of your organization).****1. 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.

**2. Expectation and Future Plan of Actions**

Please describe how your organization shall make use of the expected achievement of the Applicant after the program, in addressing the said issues or problems.

By nominator (head of relevant department/division)

Date
Name and Title/Position
Signature



**6) Contact Information**

Private	Address:	
	TEL*:	Mobile*:
	FAX*:	E-mail:
Office	Address:	
	TEL*:	Mobile*:
	FAX*:	E-mail:
Emergency Contact	Name:	
	Relationship to you:	
	Address:	
	TEL*:	Mobile*:
	FAX*:	E-mail:

\*Please fill it out from country code for telephone, mobile, and fax number.

**7) Present Position**

Organization		
Year that entered the organization		
Department / Division		
Title		
No. of years of service in the present position	Years	From (Month/Year)
Type of Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> National Government <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Public Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Private (profit) <input type="checkbox"/> NGO/Private (Non-profit) <input type="checkbox"/> University <input type="checkbox"/> Other : _____	
Number of employees		
Home Page Address		

**【Questionnaire on Relationship with the Military】 (FOR ALL THE APPLICANTS)**

**Please mark Yes or No about your status.**

(YES / NO) Personnel of the military or organizations under the military (active military personnel or military personnel listed in the muster roll/military register)
(YES / NO) Personnel of the Ministry of Defense, or organizations under the Ministry of Defense
(YES / NO) Personnel of organizations that are specified by law under the military or the Ministry of Defense in case of an emergency
(YES / NO) Persons listed in the muster roll/military register who are not currently affiliated with the military, the Ministry of Defense, or affiliated organizations
(YES / NO) 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 KCCP (Group and Region Focused) are requested to fill in this part.**

Organization	City/ Country	Period		Position or Title and Department/Division	Brief Job Description
		From Month/Year	To Month/Year		

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

Institution	City/ Country	Period		Degree	Major
		From Month/Year	To Month/Year		

**3) Experience of Training or Study in Foreign Countries (including all the training experience in JICA's programs)**

**\*Only Applicants for KCCP (Group and Region Focused) are requested to fill in this part.**

Institution	City/ Country	Period		Field of Study / Program Title
		From Month/Year	To Month/Year	

**4) Language Proficiency (Self-Assessment)**

1) Language to be used in the course (as shown in GI)					
Listening	( ) Excellent	( ) Good	( ) Fair	( ) Poor	
Speaking	( ) Excellent	( ) Good	( ) Fair	( ) Poor	
Reading	( ) Excellent	( ) Good	( ) Fair	( ) Poor	
Writing	( ) Excellent	( ) Good	( ) Fair	( ) Poor	
Language Test Scores if any (ex. TOEFL, TOEIC, etc.)					
2) Mother Tongue					

3) Other languages ( )	( ) Excellent	( ) Good	( ) Fair	( ) Poor
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Excellent	Refined fluency skills and topic-controlled discussions, debates & presentations. Formulates strategies to deal with various essay types, including narrative, comparison, cause-effect & argumentative essays.
Good	Conversational accuracy & fluency in a wide range of situations: discussions, short presentations & interviews. Compound complex sentences. Extended essay formation.
Fair	Broader range of language related to expressing opinions, giving advice, making suggestions. Limited compound and complex sentences & expanded paragraph formation.
Poor	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 your plans to apply the lessons learned from this program to your organization.



5) **Area of Interest and/or your expectation:** Specify your particular interest with reference to the contents of this program.

By Applicant

Date

Name and  
Title/Position

Signature

**Form4. QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS AND RESTRICTION**

**(Self-Declaration)**

**1. Present Medical Status**

(a) Have you taken any medicine or had a medical checkup by a physician for your illness such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, etc.?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Name of illness ( _____ ), Name of medicine ( _____ ) <i>If yes, please attach your doctor's letter (preferably, written in English) that describes the current status of your illness, and gives agreement to your participation in the program.</i>
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(b) Do you have any allergies with medicine, food, pollen, etc.?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: What are you allergic to? What kind of allergic symptoms do you have such as itch, rash, hives, etc.? ( _____ )
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(c) Please indicate any needs arising from disabilities that may require additional support or facilities.

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: ( _____ ) <i>Note: Disability will not lead to exclusion of the Applicant from the program. However, the Applicant may be directly inquired by the JICA official in charge for a more detailed account of his/her condition.</i>
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**2. Medical History**

(a) Have you had any illness such as heart, hepatic, kidney disease, etc.?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Please specify ( _____ )
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(b) Have you or/and your family members had tuberculosis?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Please specify ( _____ )
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(c) Have you ever been a patient in a mental clinic or been treated by a psychiatrist?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Please specify ( _____ )
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(d) Have you ever had any sleeping, eating or other disorders?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Please specify ( _____ ) Name of medicine taken if any ( _____ )
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**3. Other Medical Issues/Conditions**

If you have any medical issues/conditions that are not described above, please indicate below.

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\* Are you pregnant?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Weeks of pregnancy (                  weeks)
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I certify that I have read the above instructions and answered all questions truthfully and completely to the best of my knowledge.

I 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.

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

By Applicant

Date
Name and Title/Position
Signature

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

## Form5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. General Rules

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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 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 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 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.

### 2. Privacy Policy

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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**

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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](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**

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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.

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

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- I understand and fully agree to the following terms and conditions set forth above.
  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 above, and my intention for usage/publication of photographs and videos including the portrait of myself by JICA for the purpose above is as follows:  
 Agree /  Disagree
  
- 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
Name and Title/Position
Signature