



Face-to-Face (in Japan)

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

The Total Planning of Airport Construction, Management and Maintenance



Program Period:

**September 27(Sun) - October 31 (Sat),
2026**



NOTE:

- Adobe Acrobat Reader DC and Google Chrome are recommended for viewing PDF files.
- JAWS and NVDA are recommended for screen reading.
- If you experience any difficulty reading this document, please contact the JICA Office in your country or the relevant JICA Center in Japan.
- Depending on the circumstances, the program period may be changed or cancelled even after your application has been accepted.



How do we improve the comprehensive airport planning?

Learn about ideas on more practical,
and interactive planning of the airports,
from the experiences of Japan.



Outline

This program is designed for the officers in charge of planning, management and maintenance of airport development with experience as an engineer to learn about Japanese practice in airport total planning and operation.

The sessions will be held face-to-face, combined with self-study and discussion.

All sessions are carried out in English.

The period of the program is from September 27 to October 31, 2026.

Capacity:
11 participants



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 for mutual learning.

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For What?

Background

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) notifies the increase of the world's aviation demand forecast. Especially in Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa, airport development projects, new construction and expansion of existing airports are being planned. Therefore, efficient and effective management and maintenance are essential. This program offers participants and their organizations the basic knowledge on construction, management and maintenance of airport development, and the opportunity to make efficient airport development plans with professional consultation.

Objectives

To consider airport construction with stable management and efficient maintenance, who are engaged in developing or enhancing airport development plans at the central/local government and authorities.

To Whom?

Job Areas and Organizations

This program is offered to the officers in charge of planning, management and maintenance of airport development in central or local governments, airport authorities or airport companies.

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

Targeted Countries

Bangladesh, Cuba, Egypt, Honduras, Kyrgyz Republic, Laos, Malawi, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Timor Leste, Ukraine.

Participants who have successfully completed the program will be given a certificate of completion by JICA.



When?

Program Period

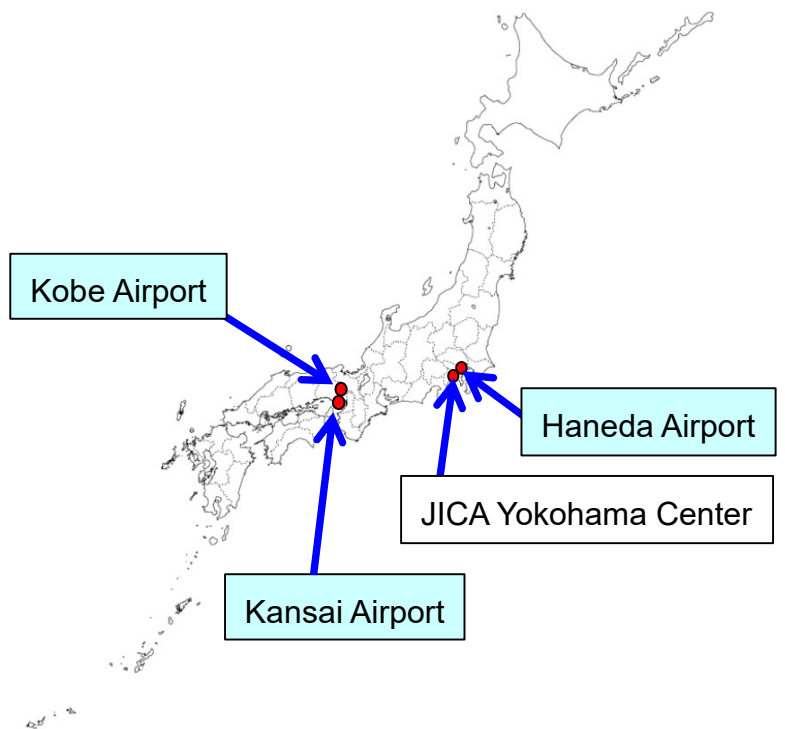
From September 27 (Sun)
to October 31 (Sat), 2026



All programs will be held
In Japan:

Where?

This program is a face-to-face session, organized by JICA Yokohama. The program includes field visits to the airports shown as below.



How?

How to Learn

- Orientation
- Self-Study
- Interviews
- Lectures
- Field Visits
- Workshops and Discussions
- Presentations
- Consultations



Watch



Listen



Experience



Study



Interact



Discuss

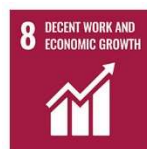


Present

Language

English

Commitment to the SDGs



Program Structure

Figure 1: Conceptual diagram of the total planning of airport construction, management and maintenance

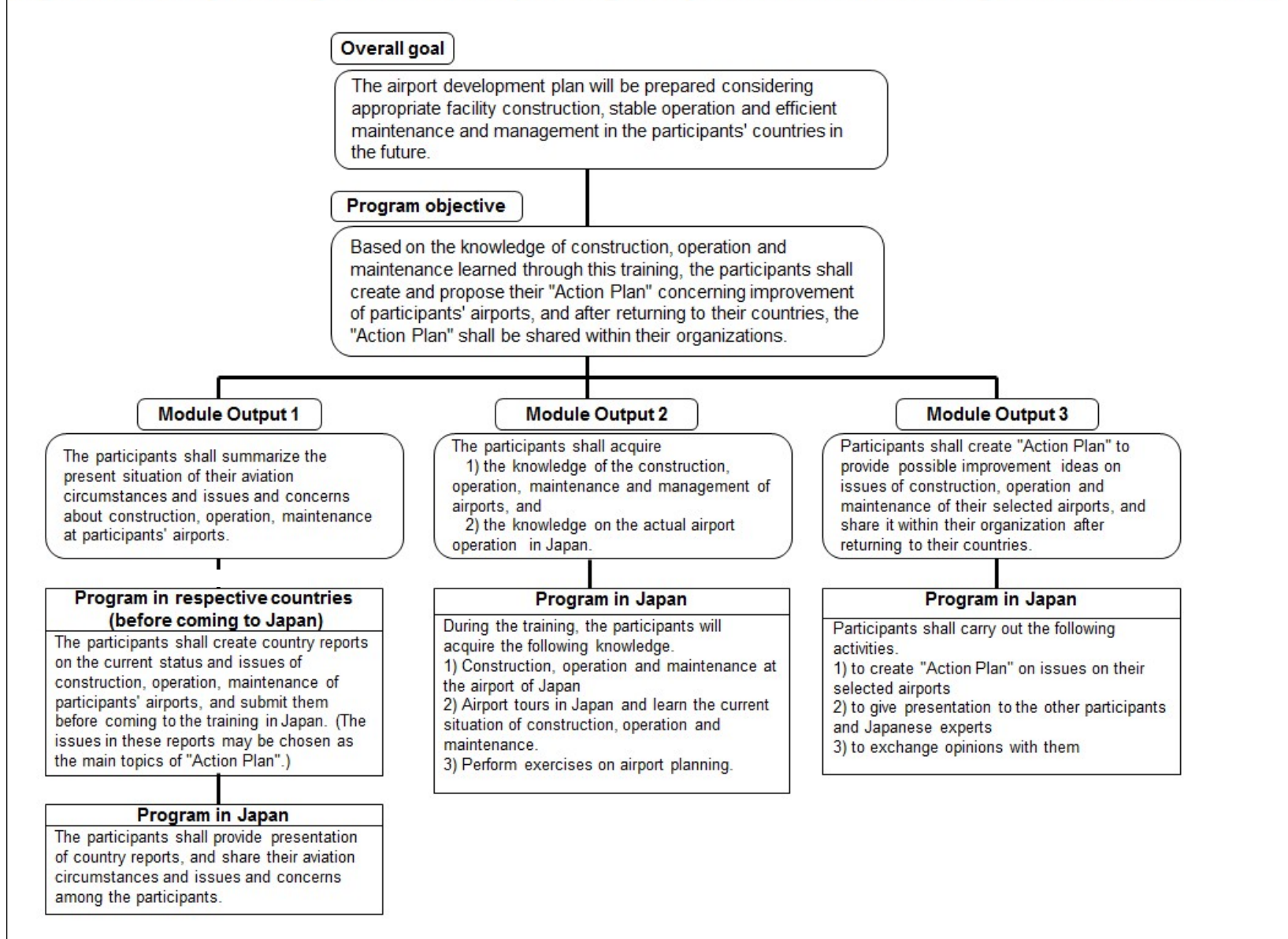


Figure 2: Tentative program for the total planning of airport construction, management and maintenance.				
S/N	Subject	Category of Subject		
		Lecture	Site Visit	Exercise/ discussion
1.	Opening Ceremony/Program Orientation	2.0		
2.	Japan's Aviation Administration	2.5		
3.	Design Standards for Aerodromes	1.5		
4.	International Cooperation on Airport Projects under Japan's ODA	1.5		
5.	Aviation Demand Forecast	2.0		
6.	Airport Development Process and Project Evaluation	2.0		
7.	Regulation of Airport Establishment	1.5		
8.	Sustainable Airport Planning	1.5		
9.	Rescue & Fire-fighting Service	1.5		
10.	Decarbonization in Airports	2.5		
11.	Airport Concession Project in Japan	1.5		
12.	Introduction of Japanese Technologies (1)	1.0		
13.	Airport Development Planning	2.0		
14.	Exercise on Airport Development Planning			3.0
15.	Basic Plan for Airport Terminal Area	2.5		
16.	Airport Operations in Japan	2.5		
17.	Passenger Terminal Building Design	1.5	2.0	
18.	Design of Airport Pavement in Japan	2.5		
19.	Maintenance of Airport Civil Engineering Facilities	3.0		
20.	Airport Pavement and Standard Specification of Civil Works in Japan	2.5		
21.	Exercise on Pavement Design			3.5
22.	Observation of Pavement Materials Institute		3.5	
23.	Workshop for Pavement and others	1.0		3.0
24.	Airport Lighting Maintenance	1.0		
25.	Standby Power Supply Equipment	1.5		

26.	Introduction of Japanese Technologies (2)	1.0		
27.	Disaster Prevention at the Airports	1.5		
28.	Introduction of Japanese Technologies (3)	2.0	1.5	
29.	Photo Catalyst Technology (environmental technologies in Japan)	1.5		
30.	Countermeasures against aircraft noise in Japan	1.5		
31.	Safety Management of Aviation	1.0		
32.	Introduction of Japanese Technologies (5)	1.5		
33.	Contract Management and Dispute Resolution	3.0		
34.	Site Visit (Haneda Airport)		7.0	
35.	Site Visit (Kansai Airport)		5.0	
36.	Site Visit (Kobe Airport)		4.0	
37.	Discussion with Japanese trainee			2.5
38.	Presentation of Country Reports			4.0
39.	Self-study Preparation of Action Plan			3.0-
40.	Presentation/Discussion of Action Plan			5.0
	Total Hours	54.0	23.0	24.0

Notes: The above figure is subject to change.

Instructors

Mr. NISHIKAWA Takaharu (Course Leader)

Specialists Center of Port and Airport Engineering (SCOPE)

Message: Hallo everyone! I'm course leader of this program. This program deals with technical issues for **the total planning of airport construction, management and maintenance**. From A to Z of airport field. And the lectures are leading experts working in the airport industry in Japan. My major is pavement engineering. Let's have fun learning together. We are waiting for your participation!



Mr. HASEGAWA Ko

Specialists Center of Port and Airport Engineering (SCOPE)

Message: Hello everyone. I will be mainly in charge of Action Plan, Airfield Plan (Exercise), and Airport Terminal Area Plan. I will also serve as a commentator at the time of your presentation. Let's enjoy exercise and other programs with all participants!



Program Officer

Ms. SEGAWA Akiko

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
Yokohama Center

Message: Hello everyone!

This program focuses on the comprehensive planning of airport construction, management, and maintenance to support the sustainable development of industry and infrastructure.

We encourage you to exchange ideas with lecturers and fellow participants and gain new perspectives for your daily work.

We look forward to welcoming you to the program!

Eligibility and Procedures

1. Expectations of 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) In this connection, applying organizations are expected to nominate the most qualified candidates to address the said issues or problems, carefully referring to the qualifications described in section 2 below.
- (3) After being accepted to the program and before the start of the phase in Japan, the participating organizations are expected to support participants in selecting possible topics or ideas for their Action Plan which address the issues, or the problems mentioned in 1. 1) above
- (4) The participating organizations are expected to relieve the participants of their daily obligations so that they may fully devote themselves to the training program. Based on this arrangement, all applicants are requested to submit a **“Written Pledge”** (see Attachment) along with the Application Form.
- (5) The participating organizations are also expected to hold knowledge-sharing sessions within the organization and support the implementation of the Action Plan after the participants complete the phase in Japan, to make the best use of knowledge acquired through the program.

To enter Japan, regardless of nationality, participants will need to follow the border control measures of the Government of Japan:

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html>

2. Nominee Qualifications

Applying organizations are expected to select nominees who comply with the following qualifications. It is also requested that they relieve participants from their daily obligations so that they may fully devote themselves to their assignments during the entire period in Japan.

【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.

Disabilities: Persons with disabilities who meet the required qualifications also have an opportunity to apply. Reasonable accommodation 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: Officers in charge of planning, management, and maintenance of airport development with experience as an engineer.
- 2) Experience in relevant fields: Have experience in planning, management, and maintenance of airport development for more than 5 years and will be able to contribute to the planning, management and maintenance of airport development for more than 3 years.
- 3) Educational Background: Graduate of university or equivalent.
- 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) 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 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 been 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 been 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.

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: to be under 50 years old.
- 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.

- 3) **PC Skills:** Having basic computer skills of MS-Word, Excel and PowerPoint is desirable as this program consists of many exercises and requires the reports and presentation materials prepared by computer.
- 4) **ICT:** to meet the following conditions:

- possession of a PC or a Tablet with web camera and microphone.
- access to the Internet with a speed of 5Mbps or more.
- use of Microsoft TEAMS and GIGAPOD.

3. Required Documents for Application

- (1) **Application Form:** Application Form is available at **the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan)**. Application Form should be typed in English.

* If you have any difficulties/disabilities which require assistance, please specify necessary assistance 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:** Please submit a scanned copy of the applicant's passport which he/she carries when entering Japan, together with the application form. If it cannot be submitted by the application deadline, please submit it as soon as he/she obtains it.

*The photocopy of his/her passport should include name in full, date of birth, nationality, sex, passport number and expiration date.

- (3) **Written Pledge**

The format of the Written Pledge is shown in Attachment-1. Participants who break this Written Pledge will not be eligible to complete the training program.

- (4) **Nominee's English Score Sheet**

Must be submitted together with the Application Form. Any official documentation of English ability (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS) is recommended to be attached.

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 Yokohama in Japan by **July 23 (Thu), 2026 Japan Time**). As mentioned in 3.1) above, the application form should be typed in English.

(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. Applications from organizations which are responsible for airport maintenance and planning and have specific issues to be addressed 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 31 (Fri), 2026, Japan Time.**

5. Additional Document(s) to be Submitted by Accepted Candidates

(1) Country Report

Country Report should be submitted by **August 21 (Fri), 2026.** Only the accepted candidates are required to prepare the Country Report (detailed information is provided in the ANNEX "Country Report"). The Country Report should be sent to SCOPE and JICA Yokohama by **August 21 (Fri), 2026,** by e-mail to **airport-jica@scopenet.or.jp** and **yictt1@jica.go.jp** respectively. The report is used for training materials, and

as a basis for discussions. The Report should be typed in English and should cover all items with participant's name and course title.

*Please put the course number **"202515093J001"** at the beginning of his/her file name.

(2) Country Report Presentation

At the beginning of the program, each participant is requested to make presentation on his/her Country Report respectively.

The presentation session will be held in the following manner.

1) Presentation should be made using Microsoft "PowerPoint".

Therefore, accepted participants are required to prepare their Country Report format by PowerPoint for presentation. Presentation of Country Report is only for 20 minutes so presentation does not have to cover all the Report.

2) Each participant will be given a total of 20 minutes (15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions/answers/discussions.)

3) To make the report slides understandable, please put photos and graphics into the Power Point slides as much as possible. (within 5 MB)

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 the Japanese laws or JICA's regulations, or the participants commit illegal or 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 "5. 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, and
- (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).

7. Presentation of Certificate

Participants who have successfully completed the program will receive a Certificate of Completion by JICA.

Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

Name: JICA Yokohama Center (JICA YOKOHAMA)

Address: 2-3-1 Shinkou, Naka-ku, Yokohama-City, Kanagawa-Prefecture,
231-0001 Japan

TEL: +81-45-663-3221

FAX: +81-45-663-3265

(81: country code for Japan, 45: local area code)

Contact Program Officer: Ms. SEGAWA Akiko (yictt1@jica.go.jp)

2. Implementing Partner

1) Name:

- International Airport Office, Airport Engineering Division, Aviation Network Department, Japan Civil Aviation Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)
- Specialists Center of Port and Airport Engineering (SCOPE)

2) Contact:

- MLIT
Address: 2-1-3, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8918, Japan
Tel: 81-3-5253-8726
- SCOPE
Address: 3-3-1, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0013, Japan
Tel: 81-3-3503-2081
E-mail: airport-jica@scopenet.or.jp

3) URL

- MLIT: URL <http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/koku/index.html>
- SCOPE: URL <https://www.scopenet.or.jp/main/e/index.html>

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

In terms of necessary accommodations for the participants while in Japan, JICA will arrange and inform the participants accordingly.

5. Expenses

The following expenses will be provided by JICA:

- (1) Allowances for meals, living expenses, and stopovers.
- (2) Expenses for study tours (basically in the form of train tickets)
- (3) Medical insurance coverage for participants who become ill **after** arriving in Japan. (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 GUIDEBOOK,” (English/French/Spanish/Russian).

*Link to the Website:

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/activities/schemes/tech_pro/acceptance_trainin_g/forparticipants.html

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.

Other Information

Reference:

1. *Link to JICA Website (English/French/Spanish/Russian):
https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.html



2. *YouTube of “Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan” as well as “Introduction of JICA Yokohama” are viewable from the link below.

References:

1. Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan	
English version	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw
2. Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Yokohama	https://www.jica.go.jp/yokohama/english/office/index.html

- 1) Laptop personal computer:
During the course, there are occasions of exercises using Microsoft Excel graphs or making reports with Microsoft PowerPoint. It is highly recommended to bring in your own laptop, personal computer and USB (Universal Serial Bus).
- 2) Visa will be arranged and issued in participants' respective countries. If participants have difficulty to apply in their countries, it will be applied and issued in Japan.
- 3) Allowances will be deposited to your temporary bank account in Japan two business days after your arrival in Japan. It is advisable to bring along your cash for some amount of money for the first few days after your arrival. Please note that it is very important to have your bank notes/checks exchanged into Japanese Yen (JPY) in cash at any international airport when you can. You may not have enough time to exchange money due to busy training schedule when in need.
- 4) Business cards are useful to introduce yourselves to other participants and to Japanese people on some occasions.

Annex

The accepted participants must submit a Country Report.

Country Report

All participants are required to submit a “Country Report” by e-mail at airport-jica@scopenet.or.jp and yicct1@jica.go.jp by **August 21, (Fri), 2026, Japan Time**. Please complete the followings by using Microsoft “PowerPoint” in English.

The Country Report (PowerPoint) should include following information. The latest statistical data will be appreciated. To make the report slides understandable, please use photos, figures, tables in the PowerPoint slides.

Country:
Organization:
Name:
Course title:

1. General Information on Airport Administration, Airport Development Policy/Plan in the Country

1-1. Socio-economic Information of your country

Country Area km²
 Population: number of people (as of 2025 or latest)
 GNP or GD: US\$ (as of 2025 or latest)
 Economic Growth Rate:
 Trade Value Details
 Location map of your country

1-2. Outline of Airport Administration

1) Types of administration for airports in the country.

(e.g., government, private enterprise, military, etc.)

- 2) Role of the Central (or Local) Government for airport Administration and Operation.
- 3) Types of standards you use.
- 4) Total annual numbers of landing and taking off in your country.
- 5) Total annual numbers of domestic and international passengers in your country.
- 6) Total annual numbers of handling domestic and international air cargo in your country.

1-3. Airport Development in the Country

- 1) System of Airport Planning (procedure and role of organizations for airport planning).
- 2) Airport Development Policy/Plan (name of project plan, established year, target year, name of organization responsible for planning).
- 3) Please describe the annual revenue and expenditure of the total aviation budget in your country.

1-4. Location Map of Airports in the Country

1-5. Organization Chart of Aviation Management Body (with your position, where you work for.)

2. General Information on the Selected Airport. (your airport or Capital Airport)

Name of Selected Airport:

Name of the City where the Airport is located:

2-1. Administrative Organization chart of the Selected Airport (with your position.)

2-2. Annual numbers of landing and taking off, domestic and international passengers, domestic and international air cargo of the Selected Airport

2-3. Operation hours of the Selected Airport

2-4. Airline service by routes of the Selected Airport

2-5. Drawings or maps of whole view of the Selected Airport

2-6. Outline of major facilities of the Selected Airport (size and administrator, maintenance body)

Runway, Taxi way, Apron, Terminal building, Carpark, etc.

ILS, Aeronautical Ground Lights, Radar, Tower, etc.

If any, BHS, EDS, FIDS, CUTE, energy supply system, aircraft refueling facility, wastewater treatment facility, hanger, etc.

2-7. Environmental measures taken in the Selected Airport (if any)

- 2-8. Access condition**
 - 2-9. Outline and conditions of ongoing airport development projects and future plan in the Selected Airport (if any)**
 - 2-10. The entering situation of private companies on construction, management and maintenance of airport facilities (if any)**
 - 2-11. Characteristic or feature of the Selected Airport (if any)**
 - 2-12. Other information of the example problems in the airport (if any)**
- 3. Your challenges and what especially you want to learn from the course.**

Country Report Presentation in Japan

In the beginning of the program, each participant is requested to present his/her Country Report respectively.

The presentation session will be held in the following manner.

- 1) Presentation should be made using Microsoft "PowerPoint".
Therefore, accepted participants are required to prepare their Country Report in PowerPoint for presentation.
- 2) To make the report slides understandable, please use photos, figures, tables in the PowerPoint slides.
- 3) Each Participant is given total **20minutes** (15minutes for presentation and following 5 minutes for questions/answers/discussions).
- 4) Please keep your presentation brief and to the point within the given presentation time (15minutes).

Attachment

For All Applicants: to be submitted together with the Application Form

Written Pledge:**JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program**

The Total Planning of Airport Construction, Management and Maintenance

To the Director of Training Program Division, JICA Yokohama

■ **Applicant**

Pledge:

I have read General Information and will strictly adhere to its written description and concentrate on the program.

Date:	Signature:
	Print Name: NOTE: This name will be printed on the award certificate of the program

■ **Confirmation by the organization in charge**

Pledge:

I will relieve the participant of his/her daily obligations to ensure that he/she can fully attend the program.

Date:	Signature:
	Print Name:

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 programs 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.

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