

 Face-to-Face (in Japan)

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

# Digital Policy on the Use of AI and Data for Socio-Economic Development



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Program Period:

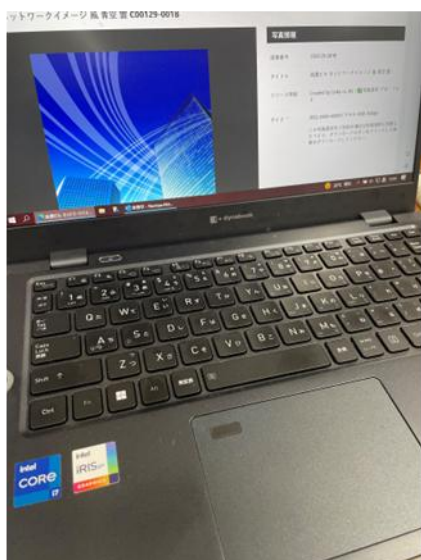
**October 18 - 31, 2026**  
**(Program Days: 10 days in total)**





# Igniting Socio-Economic Transformation through AI and Data Driven Digital Policy Making and Implementation.

Gain insight into digital technology and data utilization led socio-economic development, by referring to Japanese and other leading best-practices



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## Outline

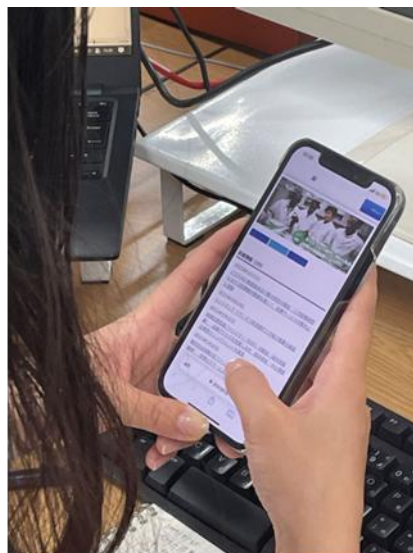
This program is designed to empower participants to strengthen their digital policy making capabilities, enabling them to drive transformative socio-economic development in their countries through the effective management and strategic utilization of digital technologies, AI and data.

The sessions will be held face-to-face in Japan.

All sessions are carried out in English.

The period of program is from October 18 to 31, 2026.

Course Capacity: 21



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## **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.” We believe that this ‘Knowledge Co- Creation Program’ will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

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# For What?

## Background

The global outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic has triggered the dramatic increase in the digitization and digitalization of both the global economy and society. The digital technology, especially through the use of data and AI, has become indispensable for the economic activities and social life, and is expected to be the vital tool to accelerate the achievement of SDGs.

However, many challenges remained to be addressed which may not be solved under the conventional ICT policies, and may also reduce the country's competitiveness and growth potentials.

## Objectives

To enhance the participants' abilities to formulate forward-looking digital-related policies for socio-economic development of the participants' countries, through studying best practices of both Japan and leading countries in the area of AI and data management and utilization.

# To Whom?

## Targeted Position and Organizations

This program is designed for the **high-level** public sector (digital and relevant ministries, local government, etc.) officials who are responsible for ICT and digital for socio-economic development policies.

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

## Targeted Countries

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Cambodia, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, Kyrgyz, Laos, Mauritania, Mauritius, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Vietnam, Zimbabwe

(Note)  
Some additional participations from unlisted countries may join this course.

\* The Participants who have successfully completed the program will be awarded the certificate by JICA.

# When? Where?

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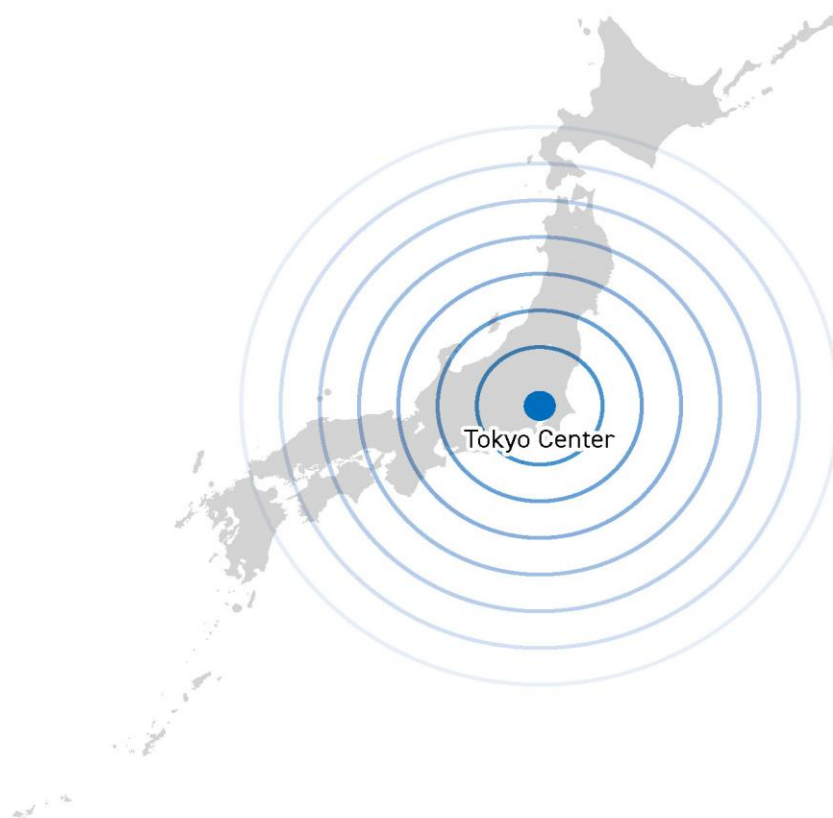
## Program Period

 Face-to-Face (in Japan)

From October 18 to 31, 2026.

This course is carried out totally face-to-face in Japan, organized by JICA Tokyo Center.

You can enjoy not only the learning experience with other participants from all over the world, but also the cultural one through your stay in Japan.



# How?

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## How to Learn

- Lecture & Q&A Session
- Presentation & Discussion
- Hands-on Exercise
- Site Visit



Study



Experience



Discuss



Interact



Present

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## Language

English

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## Commitment to the SDGs



The JICA's position paper towards achieving SDGs: [JICA\\_torikumi\\_e.pdf](#)

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## Program Structure

### <Expected Result>

- To be able to understand the benefits of managing and using safe and secure data for country's socio-economic development comprehended.
- To be able to understand the frameworks, regulations and rules related to data safe and secure data management and transactions improved.

- To be able to create the action plans for better data governance for socio-economic development and/or improvements of respective institution.

## <Program Structure>

### 1. Online Self-learning and Conducting Pre-Course Homework

Some of the lecturers may require the participants to undergo the online self-learning materials and/or homework prior to the physical session in Japan. The participants are expected to complete these prior to their arrival to Japan.

### 2. Country Report Presentation in advance of Program

It is required for all the participants to make and submit the Country Report Presentation in advance of the actual programs.

### 3. Presentation of Country Report and Q&A Session

Country Report Presentation by each participant and the Q&A session on Day 1 for sharing the current status and clarifying the issue to be tackled in each country.

### 4. Lecture, Discussion and Actual Practice/Exercise

Lectures, active discussions, and hands-on practices are planned during the training course.

- + Learn some of the leading case models for promoting the digital economy in Japan and other countries.
- + Learn concept and vision of DFFT (Data Free Flow with Trust), efforts to expand the cross-border privacy rules, on-going discussion in WTO, and actual measures and policies on the cross-border transfer of data.
- + Learn leading case models of transborder data use in business.
- + Learn laws and regulations (regarding anti-spam, consumer protection, telecommunications industry law, electronic signatures, e-payment, intellectual property protection, personal information protection) etc.
- + Learn required data infrastructure and practices of secondary use of data.

### 5. Site Visit

The training course includes site visit to the digital-oriented facilities for learning about the leading practices in Japan.

### 6. Presentation of Program Result



Compilation and presentation of training result, so called “Action Plan” by each participant and discussion among all the participants and implementing partners on the last day.

## 7. Evaluation / Feedback of Program

### (Note)

The program contents might be slightly changed before the actual program starts.

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### Program Officer (JICA)

**Ms. NEGISHI Tomoyo**

Tokyo Center, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

It is no exaggeration to say that the rapid and smooth digitization backed by data analysis will determine the future of economy and society in each country. Very welcome to join us at this program.



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### Senior Advisor (JICA)

**Mr. YAMANAKA Atsushi**

Office for STI-DX, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

“Digital technologies are not panacea but could be used as leap-frogging tools for socio-economic development. However, without having proper strategies, policies, and regulations, country cannot use the potential of digital technologies to their fullest. As such, responsibility of policy makers is critically important to make sure that the processes of digitization, digitalization, and digital transformation will be implemented appropriately and properly to realize digital for development in each country. I look forward to welcoming you to Japan to have an opportunity to share lessons-learned and best practices from each other.”



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## Implementing Partner

**Mr. ENDO Tetsuji**

Fujitsu Learning Media Limited.

“This program is designed to explore digital policies in Japan and other countries through a series of engaging lectures and insightful field visits. Participants will have the invaluable opportunity to share diverse challenges and engage in lively discussions, leading to new insights and perspectives. I sincerely look forward to welcoming you to Japan and sharing many new discoveries with you all.”



# Eligibility and Procedures

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## Expectations to the Applying Organizations

This program is designed primarily for the organizations that are intended to address specific challenges through formulating and implementing digital technology and data enabled policies. The applying organizations are expected to use the learning from the program to address the specific purposes.

This program is enriched with the contents and facilitation schemes that are specifically developed in collaboration with relevant prominent organizations and institutions in Japan.

These special features enable the program to meet specific requirements of the applying organizations and effectively facilitate them toward creating appropriate solutions for the specific challenges.

In order to get the full benefits of the Program, the applying organizations are expected to nominate most qualified candidates with reference to the qualifications below.

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## Nominee Qualifications

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

【Remarks】

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

### (1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) **Current Duties:** Assuming a position of section chief, department head, director

general, or similar high-level positions who are responsible for formulation and implementation of ICT, AI, Data and digital related socio-economic policies at the relevant ministries, government agencies or municipal governments.

- 2) **Experience in the Relevant Field:** have more than 8 years' experience in the policy formulation/implementation experiences in government and/or comparable experiences in private sector and academic sectors. Candidate is also expected to have in-depth knowledge and/or experiences of utilizing digital technology to address sectoral challenges, as well as understanding of concept and aims agreed under SDGs.
- 3) **Educational Background:** be a graduate of university or equivalent higher learning institutions.
- 4) **Language:** have an excellent English fluency equivalent to TOEFL iBT 85 or above, enough to make presentation, to freely and deeply exchange and discuss ideas and experiences among the lecturers and participants.

Gender: no condition to be expected. Female nominee is strongly encouraged to apply for this course. 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.

- 5) **Health:** must be in good health to participate in the program in Japan. Participant's health and safety should be most respected. Preexisting conditions<sup>1</sup> and pregnancy may lead to health problems that were not present prior to arrival 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. Existing conditions and pregnancy may lead to health problems 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,

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

- 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.

④ Insurance coverage

Medical and additional living expenses related to pregnancy, 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:** preferred to be less than 50 years old (not a strict condition)

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## Required Documents for Application

**Application Form:** available at the JICA local office (or the Embassy of Japan)

### Attachments:

- 1) **Photocopy of Passport or Any Other Official ID:** to be submitted with the application form.

- 2) **English Score Sheet:** to be submitted with the application form (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS). Higher English capability is required for this course. In case that the nominee does not have any official English examination scores, the nominee may be required to take the interview test in English by JICA local office.
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## Procedures for Application and Selection

### (1) Submission of the Application Documents

**Closing date for applications:** Please confirm the local deadline with the JICA local office (or the Embassy of Japan) without any failures.

(All the necessities documents will be collected at JICA Center in Japan via JICA local office by August 10, 2026)

### (2) Selection

The primary screening is conducted at the JICA local office (or the embassy of Japan) after receiving all the necessary documents. Final selection is made by JICA Center in Japan with the consultation by the concerned organizations.

Applying organizations with the best intentions to utilize the opportunity will be highly valued.

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

### (3) Notice of Acceptance

The notification of result will be made by JICA local office (or the Embassy of Japan) not later than August 31, 2026.

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## Additional Document to be Submitted by Accepted Candidates

- 1) **Country Report:** to be submitted by September 28, 2026. Accepted candidates are required to prepare a Country Report (Please refer to ANNEX I) before their departure. The Country Report should be sent to JICA, preferably by e-mail to [tictree@jica.go.jp](mailto:tictree@jica.go.jp) and [Negishi.Tomoyo3@jica.go.jp](mailto:Negishi.Tomoyo3@jica.go.jp).
- 2) **Existing Documents explaining Strategy of Organization/Country:** to be attached with the above mentioned Country Report (Please refer to ANNEX I).

The participant is required to make the presentation by using the above on Day 1 of this course.

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## Other Conditions for Participation

The accepted participants are required below;

- (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, and
- (12) to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in schedule.
- (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).

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## Completion Requirement

Certificate of completion will be presented by JICA when the conditions below are met.

- (1) to attend 70% of the programs and more.
- (2) to submit all the assignments (report and questionnaire) as requested by JICA.

# Administrative Arrangements

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## 1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

- (1) Center: JICA Tokyo Center (JICA TOKYO)
  - (2) Program Officer: Ms. NEGISHI Tomoyo ([ticttee@jica.go.jp](mailto:ticttee@jica.go.jp))
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## 2. Implementing Partner

Fujitsu Learning Media Limited

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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 the brochure for participants titled “KENSU-IN GUIDE BOOK,” which will be given before departure for Japan.

\*Link to JICA HP (English):




[https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our\\_work/types\\_of\\_assistance/tech/accept](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/accept)

<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 overseas 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> 
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Tokyo	<a href="https://www.jica.go.jp/tokyo/english/office/index.html">https://www.jica.go.jp/tokyo/english/office/index.html</a>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUsxpNG5p4E">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUsxpNG5p4E</a> 

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## 5. Reference

### PDF: KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK

For more detailed terms and conditions

[https://www.jica.go.jp/english/activities/n\\_files/2025\\_pc\\_en.pdf](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/activities/n_files/2025_pc_en.pdf)

### Website: JICA

[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)

# Annex I

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## Country Report

All the applicants are required to make and submit the Country Report. Upon commencement of the course, the participants are expected to present their country reports to share the basic information of participant's country to provide better understanding of the context of the country to the fellow participants and JICA personnel. This will allow the ensuing lectures and discussions to be more fruitful and engaging. The participant is required to make the presentation on the first day of the program.

The Presentation should be made along the agenda below in the format of "Power Point", approximately 5 pages in English. **The presentation template will be sent to the accepted participants separately after the notification of acceptance on August 31, 2026.**

### Contents of the Country Report;

1. Introduction of Organization's mandate in relation to the formulation and implementation of ICT/AI/Data/digital policy
2. Current Status / Activity of the country's digital/data/AI ecosystem
3. Challenge / Issue to be Tracked
4. Expectation for This Program

### Existing Documents explaining Strategy of Organization/Country;

It is required to attach any existing documents (e.g.; strategy/Policies/Action Plan/ACTs, etc.) explaining the strategy of organization and/or country with the above mentioned Country Report.

**The accepted participants are required to submit the Country Report to JICA Center in Japan by September 28, 2026.** (email address: [tictree@jica.go.jp](mailto:tictree@jica.go.jp), [Negishi.Tomoyo3@jica.go.jp](mailto:Negishi.Tomoyo3@jica.go.jp))

# 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.



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