Knowledge Co-Creation Program

National and Regional Development Policy



Program Period: November 6th - December 9th, 2023.

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



What is the biggest problem on national/regional development in your country?

Let's share ideas and good practices with other countries to make a plan that solves it.



Outline

This program is designed for central or regional government organizations responsible for planning or implementation of national/ regional development projects and policies to formulate flexible projects and policies in work.

The whole program will be conducted face to face methods. All sessions will be carried out in English.

The length of the program is around 5 weeks.

Course Capacity: 10 participants









Our Concept



JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in February 2015, 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

An essential role of national/ local governments must be to establish appropriate public policies for development of their country and to take proper steps for it to come to fruition.

developing However, in many countries, they are facing problems such as over-concentration of population and industries in major cities, and the disparity of living standards between cities and rural areas. Furthermore, due to the lack of environmental and social consideration in their policy and/or project levels, negative impact by inappropriate development has been occurred unintentionally.

Objectives

Participants improve their practical capacities of planning and management on national/ regional development, to formulate useful policies and projects.

To Whom?

Job Areas and Organizations

This program is designed for central or regional government organizations responsible for planning or implementation of national or regional development projects and policies.

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

Targeted Countries

Pakistan, Thailand, Mozambique, Mauritius, Kirgiz

**Mongolia and Bhutan may join this KCCP as their country focused KCCP.

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



When?

Where?

Program Period

November 6th -December 9th, 2023. This course is organized by JICA Yokohama Center as face-to face program. All participants are inviting to Japan for the purpose of participating JICA KCCP.

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Face-to-Face Program: November 7th- December 8th, 2023.





How?

How to Learn

- Lectures
- Interactive Q&A Sessions
- Workshops
- Discussions
- Presentations
- Visit

Language

English

Commitment to the SDGs





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Listen

Discuss

Study

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Present

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Watch

Chat

Program Schedule (Tentative)

Date	Program
Week 1	Opening Ceremony /General & Program Orientation
	Spatial Planning Policy in Japan
	Regional Development Policy and Planning
	Presentation of Country Report & Group Discussion
	JICA's Cooperation Approach in Urban and Regional Development Sector
Week 2	Courtesy Call on the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and
	Tourism
	Lectures on other topics
Week 3	Field Trip
	Workshop 1
	Lectures on other topics
Week 4	Field Trip
	Workshop 2
	Lectures on other topics
Week 5	Group Discussion & Presentation
	Action Plan Making & Presentation
	Evaluation /Closing Ceremony



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Instructors

Course Leader

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Program Officers

Ms.Motoko KATAYAMA

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Yokohama Center

Message: Konnichiwa(Hello)! In this program, we focus on national and regional planning, as a key to the sustainable development in developing countries. Let's gain a new perspective also share your experiences on your work through discussions with the lecturers! I very much look forward to meeting all of you!

Mr. Nobuyuki KOBE

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Infrastructure Management Department

Message: I am looking forward to seeing you in the KCCP program and exchange experiences on national and regional development. I will provide what JICA has for supporting national and regional development in developing countries. I hope that KCCP will be a good starting point to discuss how JICA can collaborate with you and your organization further.









Eligibility and Procedures

1. Expectations from/of the Applying Organizations

- (1) This project is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operations. 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) Applying organizations are also expected to be prepared to make use of the knowledge acquired by nominees for the said purpose.

2. Nominee Qualifications

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

(1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) Current Duties: be currently engaged in planning or implementation of national or regional development projects or policies.
- 2) Experience in the Relevant Field: have more than 3 years of occupational experience in national or regional development projects or policies.
- 3) Educational Background: be a graduate of university or equivalent academic background.
- 4) Language Proficiency: have a competent command of spoken and written English proficiency equivalent to TOEFL iBT 100 or above (This program 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.
- b. Internet Connection
 - High Speed Broadband Connection (at least 2Mbps).
- c. Hardware
 - Regular access to a computer.
 - Webcam Microphone, and Audio output Device (Speaker or Headset)
- 6) Health: must be in good health to participate during the whole program.

(2) Recommended Qualifications

- 7) Age: between the ages twenty-five (25) to forty-five (45) years
- 8) Gender Consideration: JICA promotes gender equality. Women are encouraged to apply to the program.

3. Required Documents for Application

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Application Form: The Application Form is available at the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan).
*The application form should be typewritten in English
*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 to provide support.
Identification Documents: to be submitted with the application form.
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- (2) Identification Documents: to be submitted with the application form.
- (3) English Score Sheet: to be submitted with the Application Form, if the nominees have any official English examination scores. (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS)

4. 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).



<u>All required material must arrive at JICA Yokohama Center</u> <u>in Japan by September 15th, 2023</u>

(2) Selection

Primary screening is conducted at the JICA overseas office (or the embassy of Japan) after receiving official documents from your government. JICA Yokohama Center will consult with concerned organizations in Japan during the process of the 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 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 <u>no</u><u>later than September 20th, 2023</u>.

5. Additional Document to Be Submitted by Accepted Candidates

Country Report: to be submitted by <u>October 15th, 2023</u> <u>Only accepted candidates are required to prepare a Country Report (Please read</u> <u>Annex "Country Report" for detailed information).</u> The Country Report should be sent to JICA Yokohama Center by October 15th, 2023, by e-mail to <u>yictt1@jica.go.jp</u> with the information below;

- Participant's Name
- Course Title
- · Course Number as 202208392J001

6. Conditions for Participation

[Equipment required for participants] After entering Japan, you shall stay in hotel which JICA Yokohama is going to book instead of staying at JICA Yokohama Centre, due to its center is under the renovation till the end of 2024.



Please note that you will be responsible for preparing your own PC and bringing it to Japan.

The participants of KCCP are required

- (1) to strictly observe the course schedule
- (2) to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners provide
- (3) not to record or share the online contents without permission



Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

- (1) Center: JICA Yokohama Center (JICA Yokohama)
- (2) Program Officer: Ms.Motoko KATAYAMA (<u>victt1@jica.go.jp</u>)

2. Implementing Partner

- (1) Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)
- (2) Research Institute for Urban and Environmental Development, Japan (UED)

3. Expenses

The following expenses will be provided for the participants by JICA:

- (1) Allowances for accommodation, living expenses, outfit, and shipping
- (2) Expenses for study tours (basically in the form of train tickets)

(3) Free medical care 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 course materials.

For more details, please see pp. 16-25 of the brochure for participants titled "KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK," which will be given to the accepted candidates before (or at the time of) the pre-departure orientation.

4. Pre-departure Orientation

A pre-departure orientation will be held at the respective country's JICA office (or the Embassy of Japan), to provide participants with details on their travel to Japan, conditions of participation in the program, and others.



Other Information

Reference

YouTube of "Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan" and Website of "Yokohama JICA Center" are available from the link below.

Part I: Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan		
English ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw	
French ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2yU9lSYcTY	
Spanish ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7l-WlQSDjI	
Russian ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7_ujz37AQc	
Arabic ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iBQqdpXQb4	
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan		
JICA Yokohama	https://www.jica.go.jp/yokohama/english/office/index.html	

Website: JICA English/French/Spanish/Russian

 $https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.html$





Annex

National and Regional Development Policy (JFY2022) Country Report

<u>Only accepted applicants</u> are requested to submit a Country Report on national and regional development and its policy of the respective country. The report should be in accordance to the following Contents of Country Report and be typewritten in English.

<Note>

1. Format

MS Power Point_ ONLY Accepted Applicants are only going to receive the format from JICA Yokohama.

About 10 slides

- The main points of the presentation should be described on each slide.
- Graphs and photographs are welcome as they help the audience understand.

2. Presentation

The Country Report presentation is scheduled to be presented during the middle of the course program.

The time allotted for each presentation will be 25-30 minutes including Q&A.

In addition to the presentation, discussion meetings with course advisor, MLIT officers and person concerned will be held during the program. Its topic will be picked from the common issues based on the reports.



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 closely 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 of 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 the 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 are 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, behind the successful stories, there have been countless failures and errors. However, through Japan's progressive adaptation and application of systems, methods, and technologies from the West in a way that is adapted to its own circumstances, Japan has developed a storehouse of knowledge.

This knowledge is not found elsewhere, from unique systems of organization, administration and personnel management, to approaches of social systems for the improvement of livelihood and governmental organization. It is not easy to apply such experiences to other countries where the circumstances differ, but the experiences can provide useful ideas and clues 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 the Japanese systems, so that the 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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