



# JICA Volunteer Program

Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)

&

Senior Volunteers (SV)

in

Pakistan

Japan International  
Cooperation Agency



## Message from Chief Representative



The volunteers program is one of the principal activities of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as part of International cooperation carried out on behalf of Japanese Government.

Our Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) and Senior Volunteers (SV) have followed three main principles; (a) supporting the people of Pakistan in socio - economic development; (b) strengthening mutual friendship and understanding between our nations (c) sharing the volunteer experiences with Japanese society.

We expect our volunteers to live among the people of host country, enabling them to learn about their needs and then working closely with them to realize their goals.

In the case of Pakistan, I believe our volunteers have built up very close ties with local people, successfully promoted development and fostered the understanding and friendship between Pakistan & Japan. Despite recent security challenges, JICA volunteers are working hard to share & transfer knowledge and experience with counterpart organizations at grass roots level in various cities in Pakistan.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Government & people of Pakistan for their kind cooperation & support to our volunteers.

Sincerely,

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Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) have merged on October 1, 2008 and new JICA became world largest bilateral development agency. New JICA will undertake the integrated management of three modalities of assistance "technical cooperation, ODA loans, and Grant Aid".

JICA uses an array of following development assistance schemes to meet the diverse needs of developing countries around the world. Volunteer program is one of the activities of JICA technical assistance which is people to people cooperation.

1. Technical Cooperation
2. ODA Loans
3. Grant Aid
4. **Volunteer Program**
5. Emergency Disaster Relief

# Introduction to JICA Volunteer Program

Under the umbrella of Japanese ODA, the volunteer's program called "Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)" was launched in 1965.

JICA dispatches volunteers who are eager to share their skills and experiences acquired in Japan with people in developing countries.

The Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) dispatch program assists and responds to requests from developing countries through young people who wish to cooperate in the economic and social development of developing countries.

The volunteers generally spend two years in developing countries, living and working with the local people while taking part in cooperative activities. Furthermore, the experience also benefits the volunteers themselves as they strive to overcome the various difficulties they face in their personal relations and work.

As of end of February 2009, 2,575 JOCVs and 624 Senior Volunteers (SV) are working in 74 countries around the world, making a total of 32,468 JOCVs and 3,705 SVs since the program's inception. Support has been provided mainly in the fields of agriculture, forestry and fisheries, processing, maintenance, civil engineering, industrial development, health and hygiene, education and culture, and sport.

**There are two main types of volunteers scheme under JICA volunteer's program.**

## Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)

JOCVs are Japanese youth between the age of 20 to 39 years. Those who are trained and qualified professionals in variety of technical disciplines, work at the local level in order to best meet host-organization's needs. At the same time, assistance at local level deepens understanding of cultures, traditions, language and builds genuine friendship between volunteers and hosts.



## Senior Volunteer (SV)

The Senior Volunteer Program is a scheme aimed specifically at middle-aged people who have strong interest in technical cooperation activities in developing countries and want to make use of their skills and experience. Under this program, volunteers with extensive skills and substantial professional experience between the ages of 40 and 69 are recruited.

## JICA Volunteer Program in Pakistan

JICA started despatching JOCVs to Pakistan in 1995 and senior volunteers in 2001. As of end of February 2009, 153 JOCVs and 53 SVs were dispatched in Pakistan mainly in the field of Health & Awareness, Literacy & Education, Information Technology, Japanese Language, Tourism, Vocational Training, Agriculture, Sports, Community Development, Industrial sector (Automobile and Textile) and Social Welfare & Special Education.

Despite security challenges, currently, as of end of February 2009, 7 JOCVs and 19 senior volunteers are working in various cities in Pakistan.



Mr. Naya (SV) science education at NISTE



Ms. Yoshioka (JOVC) occupational therapist at Umeed-e-Noor



Mr. Matsukawa (JOVC) at Municipal Auto Workshop, Rawalpindi



Ms. Fujisaki (JOVC) Pharmacist with counterpart at PIMS



Ms. Nagata (JOCV) Special Education Teacher at Allama Iqbal Special Edu. Centre for MR



Ms. Maeda (JOCV) physiotherapist at NIRM



Ms. Yokomizo (SV) Japanese language instructor at PJCA



Mr. Ishihara (SV) science education with counterparts at NISTE

## How to request for a Volunteer

The Government of Pakistan & Government of Japan have exchanged agreement for the dispatch of JOCV volunteers to Pakistan in 1992 and senior volunteers in 2000.

All departments/institutions working under federal and provincial governments and NGO's who were registered with Govt. of Pakistan are eligible to apply for volunteer.

### Requesting for Volunteer

An organization identifies an area for need for volunteer and write request letter with application form to ministry under which it falls with copy to JICA Pakistan office.

JICA Pakistan office, conduct a preliminary site survey to confirm the contents & need of the request and observe security situation.

The parent ministry confirms the request and forwards official request with attached form through proper channel to Economic Affairs Division (EAD), Islamabad.

EAD send official request for volunteer on behalf of Govt. of Pakistan to embassy of Japan and JICA Pakistan office.

### Flowchart for submitting volunteer's request through Government of Pakistan



JOVCV /SV request are basically initiated by Government of Pakistan. The requesting organization is asked to describe in detail (on form) the required number of volunteers, technical fields and other relevant criteria. This detailed information is necessary for JICA to recruit volunteers who will best meet the specific requirement of recipient organization

## Collaboration between Japan and Pakistan

### The Government of Japan shall be responsible for:

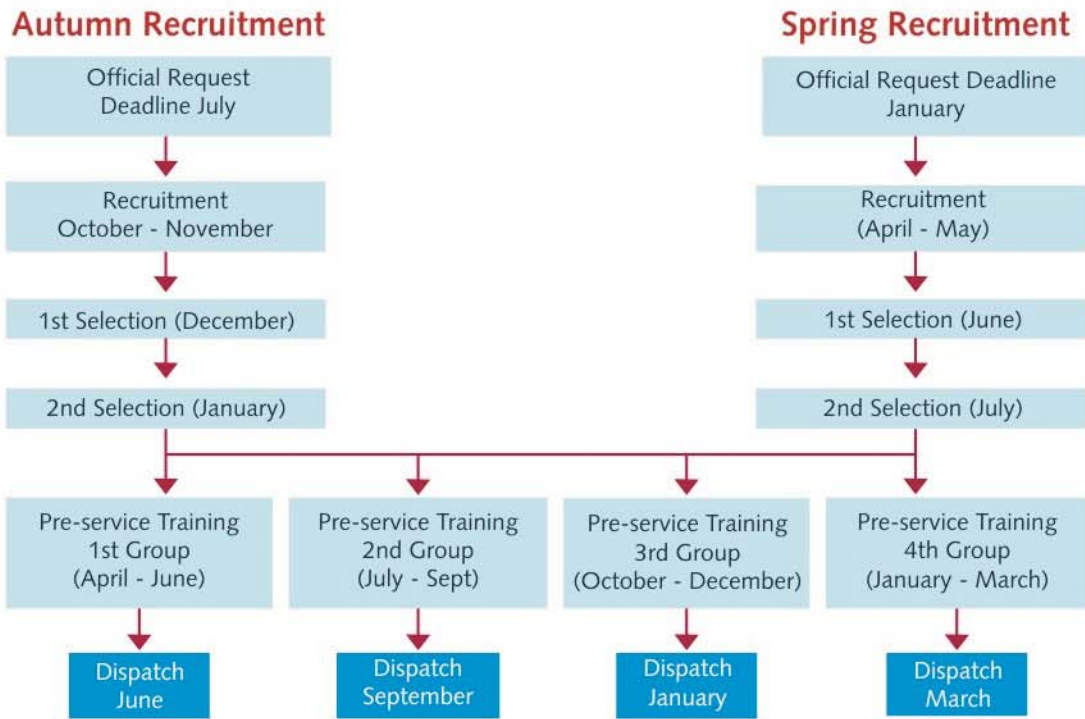
- Travel expense between Japan and Pakistan
- Living allowance during volunteer's assignment period in Pakistan.
- Volunteer's medical care and life insurance

### The Government of Pakistan will grant:

- Exemption from income taxes and charges of any kind in respect of any allowance remitted to volunteers by the JOCV, such as the living allowance.
- Exemption from customs duties, taxes and charge of any kind in respect to equipment, materials and medical supplies.
- Adequate housing accommodation.
- Minimum essential equipment, materials necessary for the performance of volunteer activities.

# Recruitment / Dispatch of JOCV's /SV's in Japan

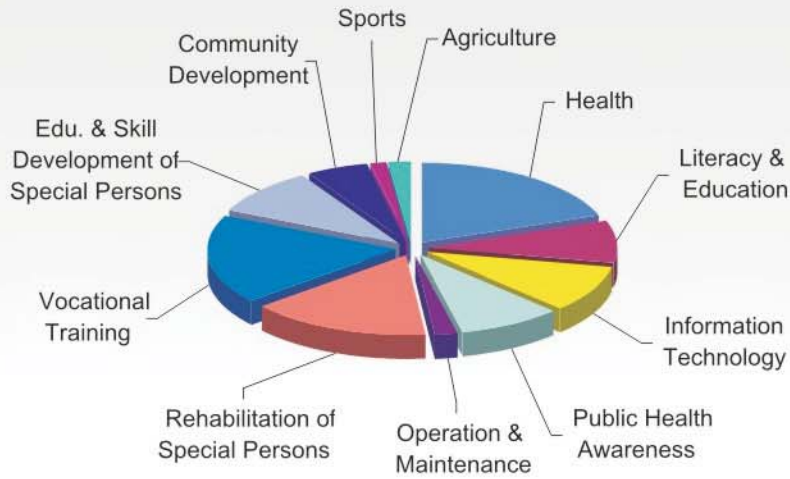
The volunteers are recruited through nation wide campaigns twice a year (Spring & Autumn) and dispatched four times a year



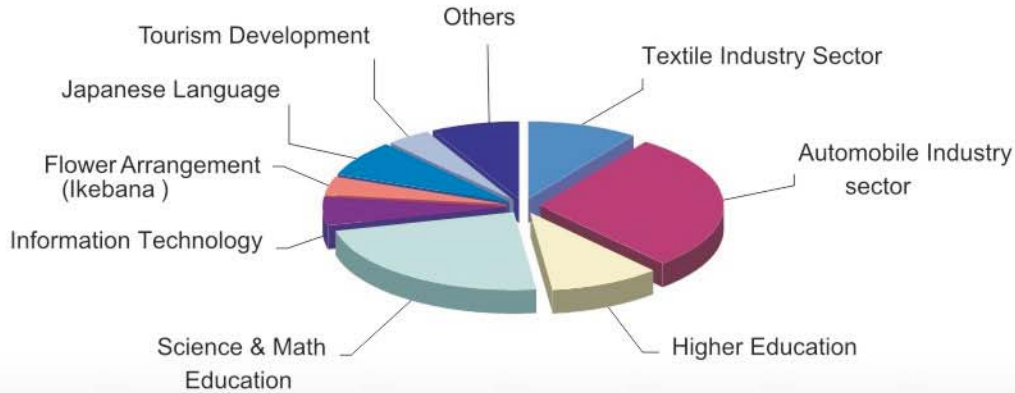
Applicants who have successfully passed selection process undergo 65 days pre-service training in Japan . The training consists of awareness of international cooperation, the society and culture of recipient countries and language proficiency. The JOCVs dispatch to Pakistan learns Urdu language for effective communication with counterparts to share knowledge and experience at grass roots level.



## Sector Wise JOCVs support to Pakistan (April 1995 to March 2009)



## Sector Wise Senior Volunteers support to Pakistan (April 2001 to March 2009)



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