

# JICA YOKOHAMA PROFILE

## Message from the President

On April 1, I assumed the presidency of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as the successor to Dr. KITAOKA Shinichi.

Today's world is beset with multiple crises. Among them, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has left in its wake the whole-scale destruction of Ukraine's land and infrastructure, and resulted in numerous casualties along with an unprecedented number of refugees and internally displaced persons. This war and ensuing humanitarian crisis pose a great challenge to the liberal international order.

Furthermore, the Covid-19 pandemic still has not been resolved and natural disasters thought to be caused by climate change now strike all over the world with seemingly increasing frequency. Likewise, natural disasters caused by crustal movement, as the recent volcanic eruption and tsunami that struck Tonga in January shows, continue to bring serious damage.

In the midst of this pandemic, geopolitical crisis like invasion to Ukraine occurred and has been giving severe impact on the world economy. While this ongoing complex crisis bring a serious threat to all human beings, it severely affects economy and society of developing countries, and disproportionately hit the most vulnerable people.

Under such circumstances, international cooperation is growing in significance more than ever before. As the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan points out, it is vital for Japan to proactively contribute to securing international peace, stability and prosperity through Official Development Assistance (ODA). In view of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP), it is also becoming more important for Japan to establish and maintain close relationships with partner countries in upholding the universal values of freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and the freedom of the high seas.

JICA, as the main implementing agency of Japanese ODA, plays a pivotal role in promoting international cooperation as well as the sound development of Japan and the international socio-economy by contributing to the economic and social development, reconstruction, and economic stability of developing countries. To be more specific, JICA holds up its mission of promoting "quality growth" and "human security." Based on this mission, JICA will focus on securing the foundations of economic growth in developing regions, promoting human-centered development to meet basic human needs, promoting the universal values, and securing a peaceful and stable society.

Furthermore, JICA will proactively leverage its global reach to address new challenges. These challenges include building a sustainable and resilient society, strengthening ties between diverse people and developing regions, contributing to the acceptance of foreign human resources as well as multicultural coexistence, and fostering leaders who have strong ties to Japan and who are well-versed in Japan's modernization experience through the JICA Development Studies Program and the JICA Chair (JICA Program for Japanese Studies).

Through these efforts, JICA will comprehensively contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

As president, I fully intend to carry forward JICA's longstanding tradition of working hand in hand with people of partner countries as we strive to realize our vision of "Leading the world with trust." I seek your continued cooperation as we work towards this goal.



**Akihiko Tanaka**  
President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)  
April 2022

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**Date founded :** October 1, 2003 (as an incorporated  
administrative agency)

**Objectives :** Established as an independent  
administrative institution under the law  
concerning the Independent Administrative  
Institution Japan International Cooperation  
Agency (Law No.136, 2002), JICA aims to  
contribute to the promotion of international  
cooperation as well as to the sound development  
of the Japanese and global economies by  
supporting socioeconomic development,  
recovery or economic stability of developing  
regions.

**Capital :** 8,376 billion yen (as of July.2023)

**Full-time employees :** 1,968 (as of January, 2023)

### History of Agencies Administering ODA

October	1954	Japan joined the Colombo Plan and initiated technical cooperation programs
March	1961	Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan (OECF) was established and took over the South-east Asia Development Cooperation Fund from the Export-Import Bank of Japan
June	1962	Overseas Technology Cooperation Agency (OTCA) established
July	1963	Japan Emigration Service (JEMIS) established
April	1965	Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) program launched
March	1966	OECF made first ODA loan (to South Korea)
August	1974	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) founded
September	1987	International Emergency Relief Team formed
May	1994	Number of Japan-trained technical trainees reached 100,000 participants
October	1999	Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) was established through the merger of the Export-Import Bank of Japan and OECF
October	2003	JICA re-launched as an independent administrative institution
May	2007	Number of countries receiving ODA loans reached 100
October	2008	JBIC's overseas economic cooperation operations and part of the grant aid under the jurisdiction of Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs were integrated into JICA operations
January	2015	Number of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers exceeded 40,000

### Offices in Japan

JICA carries out diverse projects via domestic offices throughout Japan in cooperation with various organizations.



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| ① JICA Hokkaido(Sapporo)/Hokkaido Global Plaza | ⑧ JICA Komagane                  |
| ① JICA Hokkaido(Obihiro)                       | ⑨ JICA Hokuriku                  |
| ② JICA Tohoku                                  | ⑩ JICA Chubu/Nagoya Global Plaza |
| ③ JICA Nihonmatsu                              | ⑪ JICA Kansai                    |
| ④ JICA Tsukuba                                 | ⑫ JICA Chugoku                   |
| ⑤ JICA Tokyo                                   | ⑬ JICA Shikoku                   |
| ⑥ JICA Global Plaza                            | ⑭ JICA Kyushu                    |
| ⑦ JICA Yokohama                                | ⑮ JICA Okinawa                   |

Websites of JICA offices in Japan  
<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/about/organization/domestic/>

### Overseas Offices

Around 90 offices are located worldwide to promote projects in response to local needs.



The latest information is available on JICA's website.  
<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/>

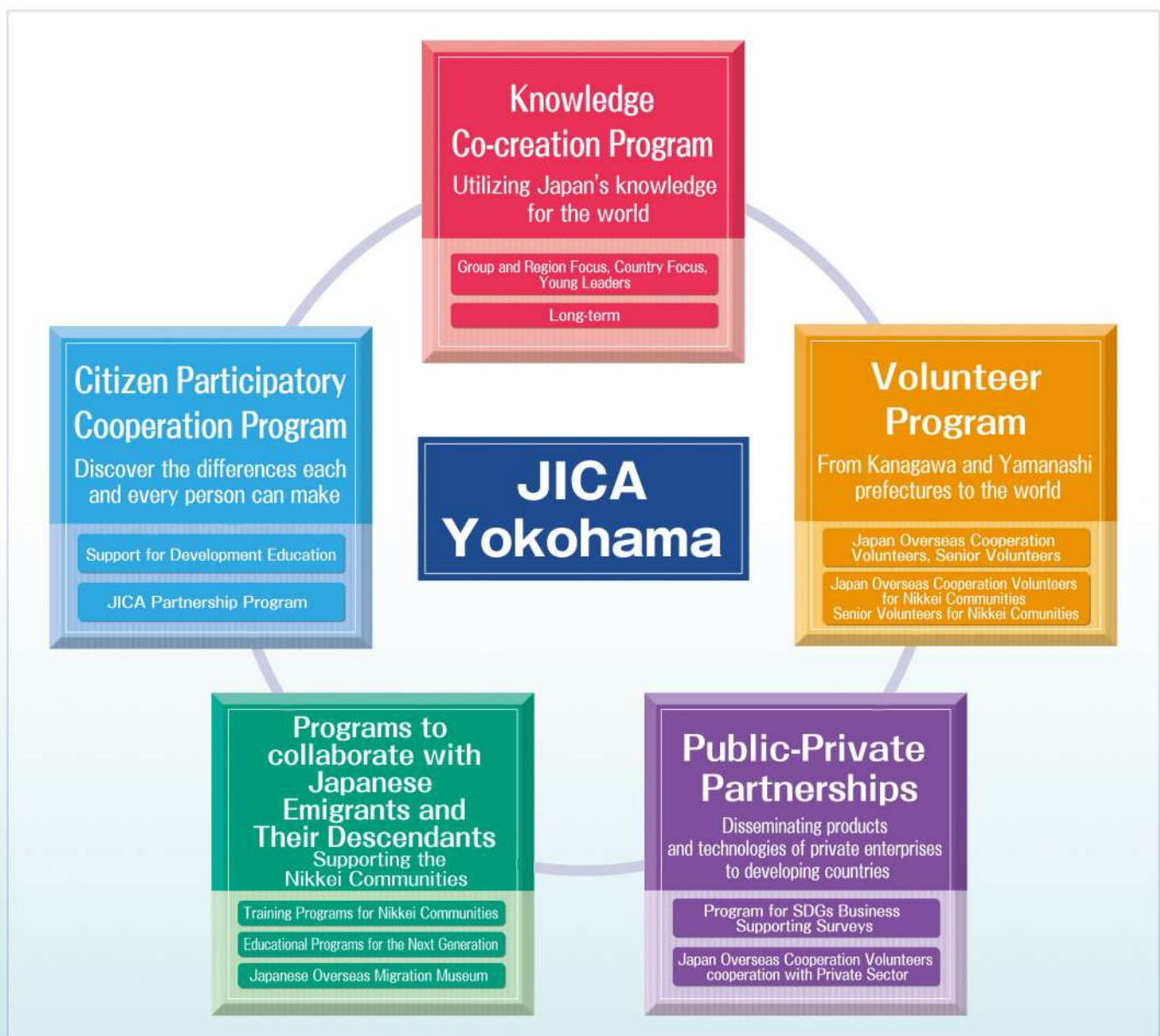




# JICA Yokohama: Introducing Our Work

## Creating Bridges to Connect People with People, People with Countries, and People with the World.

At JICA Yokohama we contribute to the creation of human resources in developing countries with the people of the region by utilizing characteristics of Kanagawa and Yamanashi prefectures. Additionally, in an effort to support the first steps of international cooperation, we offer programs to help bring each individual's hopes and efforts to reality.





# Knowledge Co-creation Program

Utilizing Japan's knowledge for the world



Participants from Africa observing water leakage repairs at a pipeline training facility

JICA Yokohama provides training for engineers and administrative officials, who play a central role in nation-building in developing countries, to share Japan's experiences, technologies, and knowledge. In particular, JICA Yokohama focuses to develop programs that the knowledge and characteristics of Kanagawa and Yamanashi Prefectures (transportation, fisheries, and environmental management) can be utilized. Every year, more than 600 course participants in about 100 training courses in Kanagawa and Yamanashi Prefectures take these opportunities.

## Group and Region Focus, Country Focus, Young Leaders

Training Programs are conducted in cooperation with various organizations, including local governments in Kanagawa and Yamanashi Prefectures, private companies, NGOs, and universities.

### Example 1 Training in the Fisheries Field

Utilizing Kanagawa prefecture's abundant resources

Approximately 40 percent of the fisheries training programs of JICA are conducted by JICA Yokohama. Every year, course participants visit the Kanagawa Prefectural Fisheries Technology Center, the National Research Institute of Fisheries Science, and the Misaki Wholesale Seafood Market of Miura City.



Participants learning about conger pipe fishing (At Shiba Branch, Yokohama City Fisheries Cooperative Association)

They also visit the Shiba Branch of the Yokohama City Fisheries Cooperative Association, which is famous for its mantis shrimp and conger eel fishing, to learn about practical fisheries management.

### Example 2 Cooperation with Yokohama City

Utilizing Yokohama City's knowledge

In October 2011, JICA Yokohama signed a comprehensive partnership agreement with Yokohama City, the first of its kind for a local government. JICA Yokohama is collaborating with Yokohama City to support further development of its partner countries as well as to strengthen the international competitiveness of Yokohama City, which includes the acceptance of training course participants in various fields. Yokohama City has been the host city of the Tokyo International Conference on African



Participants receive an explanation about the various piers of Yokohama port (on the Yokohama Port and Harbor Bureau's port vessel)

Development (TICAD); therefore, the city has strength in the field of development assistance for African countries. Thus, the training courses are focused on water supply, ports, vocational training, and support for female entrepreneurs.

## Long-term

Long-term training is a training program for one year or more, for master's and doctoral program students. The long-term course participants are expected to and acquire comprehensive advanced technologies and knowledge to contribute to the development of their home country.



A participant from India with Diploma of Keio University

### Participant School Visit Program

<Classes become windows to the world>

JICA Yokohama offers opportunities for students and teachers to directly meet and interact with JICA participants, creating circumstances for children to think about their understanding of developing countries, international cooperation and foreign cultures. It is also a good opportunity for the trainees to deepen their understanding of Japanese society and Japanese school education. Would you also be interested in meeting with JICA trainees?





# Citizen Participatory Cooperation Program

Discover the differences each and every person can make



As a place of dispatch for international cooperation from Kanagawa and Yamanashi prefectures, we introduce experiences gained from activities in developing countries and provide support and information concerning international cooperation.

## Support for Development Education

A variety of support programs are available for schools, municipalities and civic organizations to implement "development education" and "international understanding education." Overseas teachers' training for faculty, seminars for development education faculty, and introductory seminars on international understanding for high school students are being conducted. Please take the opportunity to make use of them.



Japanese teachers visiting Brazil to learn about them

### JICA Yokohama Visiting Program

This program aims to have participants become aware Japan's connection to the world by introducing JICA's programs and heightening interest in international cooperation and foreign cultures. Would you be interested in feeling more connected to the world?



### Lecturer Dispatch Program

Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and alumni will visit schools as instructors. Would you be interested in learning about the condition of the world and international cooperation?



### Events and Exhibitions

Visitors can learn about the international cooperation and Nikkei communities with a fun in our arts area. We hold various events throughout the year.



(photo:ken kato)

## JICA Partnership Program

This program supports the international cooperation activities in developing countries by NGOs, municipalities and universities utilizing their experience and technologies. We connect the thoughts of the people of Kanagawa and Yamanashi prefectures with the localities in developing countries.

### Partnership with CSO

JICA collaborates with NGOs and other organizations that have a level of experience in supporting developing countries.

#### Example: Republic of Paraguay

Project of Improving Living Conditions for Rural Women in Paraguay



### Supporting CSO

JICA collaborates with NGOs and other organizations that have little experience in supporting developing countries.

#### Example: Federative Republic of Brazil

Supporting the strengthening of community-based child care systems in the northeastern region of Brazil



### Partnership with Local Governments

JICA collaborates with regional municipalities by adapting proposals for technical guidance and acceptance of human resources at local sites to conduct activities that promote regional development.

#### Example: Republic of Indonesia

Supporting the waste management system for building a recycling-oriented society in Bandung, Indonesia





# Programs to collaborate with Japanese Emigrants and Their Descendants Supporting the Nikkei Communities

Training Programs for Nikkei Communities  
Educational Programs for the Next Generation  
Japanese Overseas Migration Museum



Nikkei communities in Central and South American countries serve as a foundation for friendly and cooperative relations between Japan and contribute greatly to the economic and industrial development. JICA aims to revitalize the Nikkei communities by fostering human resources of Japanese descent and promoting the understandings of the history of Japanese migration and the Nikkei communities.

## Training Programs for Nikkei Communities

About 3.6 million Japanese descendants are estimated to be around in the world (including 2.13 million in Central/South America). In most of the cases, these Nikkei citizens form Japanese communities in their countries, and cooperate to inherit the Japanese culture to the next generation. JICA provides a wide range of training courses based on the proposals from local governments and universities in Japan, in the fields such as elderly welfare as well as agricultural technology.

"Nikkei Supporters" is a new initiative, receiving the Nikkei participants who are active in their Nikkei communities in Central/South America, to the Nikkei cities in Japan, and conduct training courses at local municipalities, schools, companies, and more. Through the direct interaction with the Nikkei people in Japan, it is expected to further assist the understandings of the co-existence of the multi-culture in the region as well as the revitalization of the local community itself. Participants can also obtain better understandings to further contribute to the development of their own society back home, through experiencing the Japanese way of education and social welfare.



Revitalizing the Nikkei Community through "Kimono" culture

## Educational Programs for the Next Generation

To foster the next generation of Japanese communities in Central and South America, JICA provides programs for Nikkei junior high school students, high school students, and university/college students to learn about their roots, such as the history of Japanese migration and Japanese culture. Furthermore, many opportunities are offered for the Nikkei students to experience modern Japan, such as learning experiences at public junior high schools and high schools in Japan, direct interactions with the university students in Japan, as well as homestay experiences.



## Japanese Overseas Migration Museum

The history of Japanese overseas migration stretches over a period of more than 150 years. The purpose of this museum is to educate the public about the emigrants' achievements in their new countries and the current state of their descendants, known as "Nikkei". Particular emphasis is placed on North America (including Hawai'i) and Latin America. The exhibition was designed in order to enhance the understanding of the concept of multiculturalism, based on the experiences of the Japanese who migrated abroad. Their contributions in fields such as agriculture, health services and education in the destination countries are also shown in relation to the SDGs. Tactile exhibits, audio guide and braille explanations are available. Please, feel free to utilize the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum for occasions such as field trips and off-campus learning.



[Hours] 10:00 - 18:00 \*Free admission  
[Closed] Mondays (if it falls on a national holiday, the Museum will be closed the next day)

## Learning Programs

Teaching materials for creating lessons, such as the reference book "Guide to Learning Activities", card games, picture storytelling shows, an emigrant's possessions, and other educational materials designed to foster a wider understanding of multiculturalism through the lens of international migration are available for lending.





# Public-Private Partnerships

Disseminating products and technologies of private enterprises to developing countries



Photo credit: SALAD BOWL CO., LTD / Verification Survey with the Private Sector for Disseminating Japanese Technologies for Advanced Systems of Horticulture and Agri-Business Manager Development in Vietnam

Japanese private sector can provide one of the solution to tackle these issues through their products and technologies although most countries in the world are facing global issues such as keeping continuous economic growth, the poverty reduction, environmental and climate change, food security and natural resources.

Therefore, JICA is strengthening its cooperation with private enterprises as JICA's partners.

## Program for SDGs Business Supporting Surveys

JICA supports the overseas business development for Japanese private companies by using the networks and experience through fostering JICA's operation until now in developing countries. By disseminating the superior products and technologies of Japanese private companies possessed, it contributes for the development of countries.



Technology transfer of water leakage investigation methods to the staff of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewage Board  
Photo credit: SuidoTechnical Service Co., Ltd./ Verification Survey with the Private Sector for Disseminating Japanese Technologies for Water Leakage Monitoring Technology in Bangalore

### Small and Medium Sized Enterprise(SME) Partnership Promotion Survey

We provide support to collect the basic information necessary for considering business models that can contribute to solving issues in developing countries.

#### Example: Myanmar

With regard to Myanmar's railway where operational delays are noticeable due to insufficient maintenance and inspection, we conduct the collection of basic information and research activities through examining the state of the tracks using laser doppler measuring instruments, which leads to the realization of efficient maintenance and the inspection of railway tracks.



Photo credit: ACT Electronics Corp.

### SDGs Business Model Formulation Survey with the Private Sector

We provide support to formulate business models through examining business ideas utilizing various technologies, products and know-hows that can contribute to solving issues in developing countries and the possibility of using them in ODA projects.

#### Example: Brazil

The power generation floor® is a mat which lights up LED when stepped on. The survey was conducted to examine the demand of product and technology in Brazil for disaster and criminal prevention measures.



Photo credit: Soundpower Corporation

### SDGs Business Verification Survey with the Private Sector

Towards the operationalization of business ideas that can contribute to solving issues in developing countries, we provide support to formulate business plans through verifying business models, including demonstration activities of technologies, products, and know-how, promoting understanding of proposed products and examining the possibility of using those models in ODA projects.



Photo credit: Amcon Inc.

#### Example: Philippines

In Cebu City, sludge treatment from household is not treated properly, causing environmental pollution. The survey was conducted to establish a septage treatment plant equipped with a dehydrator, verify the effectiveness of the equipment, and maintain management of the plan.

## Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers cooperation with Private Sector

This system allows companies to send employees to developing countries as Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers to nurture global talents capable of contributing to the company's international development. Local networks can also be established through volunteer activities in developing countries. The country of dispatch, occupation, and dispatch period can be adjusted according to the needs of the company.



Photo credit: Kenshiro Imamura, JICA



# Volunteer Program

From Kanagawa and Yamanashi prefectures to the world



Public health nurse in the Republic of Ghana

JICA volunteers are active in around 91 countries worldwide.

So far, a total of 4,289 JICA volunteers have been dispatched from Kanagawa and Yamanashi prefectures (as of the end of September 2018).

JICA helps to connect the wishes of people wanting to utilize their skills and passions with the smiles of people in developing countries.

## Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers Senior Volunteers

Application Period  
Spring/Fall



Community development in the Kyrgyz Republic

Volunteers live with the people in developing countries, strive for mutual understanding and contribute to solving the issues they face through volunteer activities. The standard length of dispatch is two years. There are nine fields of cooperation (agriculture, forestry and fisheries; health and medicine; trade and tourism; human resources; planning administration; public enterprise; mineral industry; energy; and social welfare) with around 120 different classifications.



Judo in the Kingdom of Bhutan

## Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers for Nikkei Communities Senior Volunteers for Nikkei Communities

Application Period  
Spring/Fall

These activities support Nikkei communities in various Central and South American countries by utilizing the volunteers' skills and experiences. "Nikkei communities" can be summed up in one term, but in reality, their scales and needs differ country by country and region by region. From settlements to urban areas, volunteer activities take place in many different environments.



Nikkei Japanese language school instructor in the Federative Republic of Brazil (Nikkei Community Volunteer)



JICA Yokohama holds events to share volunteer experiences and explanations in various venues in the prefecture and consults people who are thinking about applying. Other events are also held such as application consultations, volunteer seminars for students, and briefing events from returning volunteers. Would you also be interested in utilizing your knowledge and experiences to aid in "nation building and human resource creation efforts" in developing countries?



# Floor Guide

## Port Terrace Cafe

At the Port Terrace Cafe on the third floor, visitors can enjoy global cuisine while appreciating works of art. Also popular are the terraced seating, offering views of Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse and Bay Bridge, and garden.



(photo:ken kato)

Opening hours: Please check the website for current opening hours.

## BOOK PORT (Book Lounge)

Books recommended by the librarians of JICA Yokohama Library are collected here. There are also sofas where visitors can relax while reading.



(photo:ken kato)

Opening hours: 10:00 to 17:30 Closed: New Year holidays [No entry fees]

## Library and JOMM Reference Room

Here you will find books and audiovisual material on international cooperation and development education, as well as reports issued by JICA. You may also have access to rare books and other materials on the history of Japanese overseas migration that cannot be found anywhere else.



(photo:ken kato)

[Number of materials] International Cooperation: around 10,000 books  
Overseas Migration: around 20,000 books  
[Hours] 10:00-18:00

[Closed] Library: Mondays (if it falls on a national holiday, the Library will be closed the next day then the Library will be closed), last day of every month;  
JOMM Reference Room: 12:00-13:00, Sundays, Mondays, national holidays and the last day of every month

[Fees and charges] Free  
\*JOMM=Japanese Overseas Migration Museum

## 2nd-floor Hall

These areas are lent out for free as an exhibition space for international cooperation-themed exhibitions.



Opening hours: 10:00 to 18:00 [No entry fees]

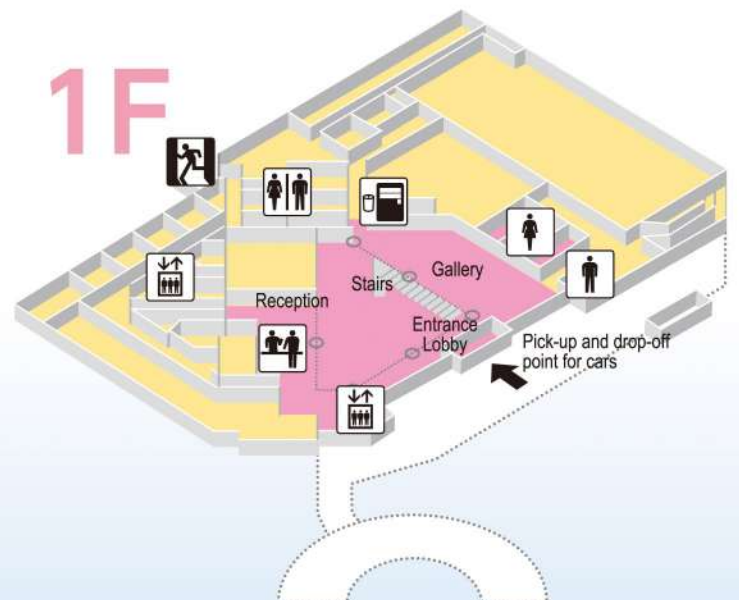
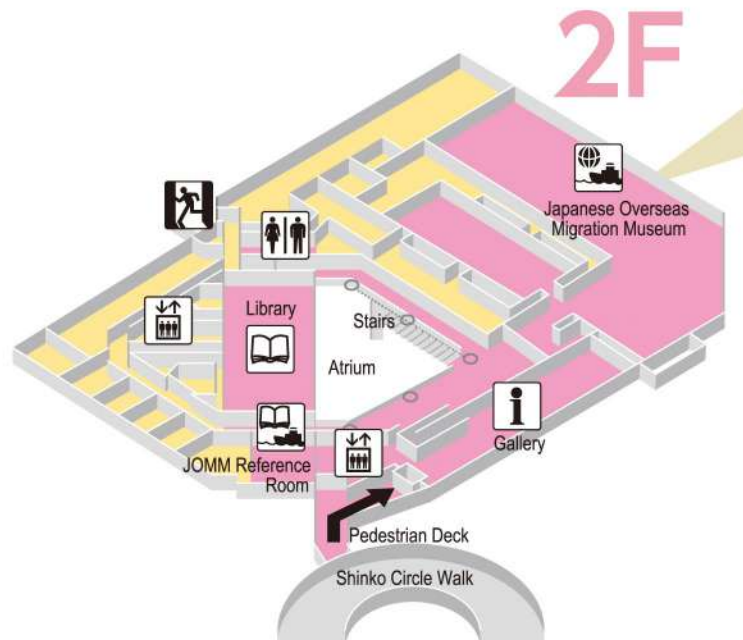
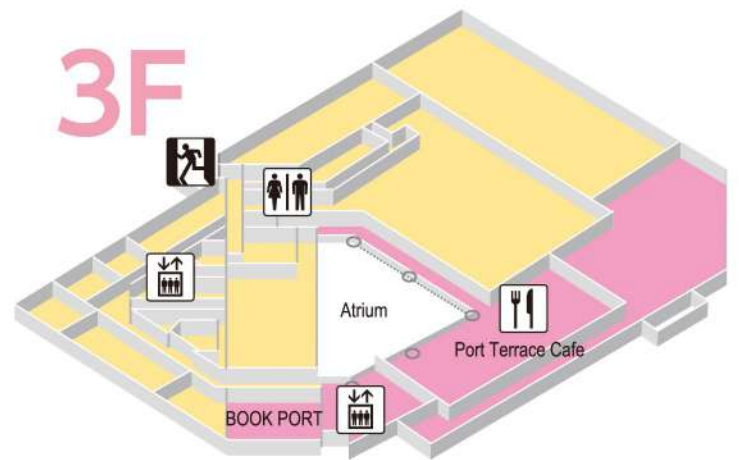
## Gallery (JICA Plaza Yokohama)

There are exhibitions and art experiences offering the opportunity to encounter international cooperation and Nikkei communities through learning while enjoying and looking while relaxing.



(photo:ken kato)

Opening hours: 10:00 to 18:00 [No entry fees]





# Japanese Overseas Migration Museum

[Hours] 10:00-18:00 (last admission at 17:30)  
 [Closed] Mondays (if it falls on a national holiday, the museum will be closed the next day)  
 \*Free admission

Japanese overseas migration started more than 150 years ago. As time passes, however, it becomes more and more difficult for us to imagine life as it was in Japan and in the destination countries back in the days when many Japanese made the decision to start a new life elsewhere. In order to convey the history of the emigrants and Nikkei communities to as many people as possible, the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum displays a wide selection of photos and actual objects used by the emigrants over the course of time. We also offer a variety of resources for students, such as interactive exhibits and educational lending materials. Please feel welcome to make use of the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum for occasions such as field trips and off-campus learning.



**We Join a New World**  
 Once settled, the emigrants engaged in several activities, such as commerce and agriculture. They also contributed to the cultural and economic development of their host societies. In this section we show how this process unfolded using large-scale videos, agriculture-related materials and interactive exhibits



**Space for Learning Activities**  
 Here, students can fill in their worksheets and complete their assignments. Visitors may also use the computers available in the space to search for information about their ancestors if they have emigrant roots.



**Past, Present and Future of Nikkei Communities**  
 Here we try to explain the changes that happened to the communities created by the immigrants, using the case of Brazil as an example. Later on, we offer an outline of the diversification process experienced by immigrants, their descendants and their communities using photos and interview materials.



**History of Overseas Migration**  
 The history of Japanese overseas migrations is divided into five periods and the major events of each period are introduced through easy-to-follow chronological tables, documents, photos and videos.

## Learning Materials

Educational materials for creating lessons in the field of international studies, such as the reference book "Guide to Learning Activities", card games, picture storytelling shows on the subject of emigration, and an "emigrant's trunk" are available for lending.



Card games



Picture storytelling shows

**An exhibition for all visitors**  
 The Japanese Overseas Migration Museum is committed to making its exhibition more accessible to our visitors by introducing audio guides, tactile flooring, braille text explanations, and interactive exhibits.



**Vegetable float from the Rose Festival**







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