



JICA-DSP



# Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR), Ritsumeikan University



## JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP)

Various universities, in collaboration with JICA, have established JICA-DSP among the graduate school degree courses they offer. JICA-DSP consists of class subjects pertaining to the development experience of modern Japan (including the experience of Japan's own development and of its cooperation with other countries through ODA). This program offers JICA scholars a chance to deepen their understanding of Japan's development experience in the respective academic fields.



## Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR)

GSIR is known for its international learning environment with a diverse student population from Japan and abroad. Based in Kyoto, the historical and cultural center of Japan, GSIR has been playing a leading role in the field of international relations and cooperation and welcomes government officials who are enthusiastic to widen their views of politics, economics, and socio-cultural issues in the contemporary world and to build a mutually-beneficial partnership between Japan and their home country.

Ritsumeikan University offers the JICA-DSP

<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/gsir/eng/education/first/curriculum.html/>

# JICA-DSP offered by Ritsumeikan University

## PROGRAM OUTLINE

JICA-DSP provides students the opportunity to learn about the Japanese economy, society, culture, and related issues involved in the process of Japan's modern development. This program enables students to understand Japan systematically, and to effectively utilize their knowledge for economic and social development in their home countries, not only from the perspective of urban development but also with a view of regional and rural development.

## COURSE SUBJECTS

### **Professional Training: International Cooperation**

- Omnibus by external experts and professors about social and economic development, government system, and culture of Japan

### **Japanese Culture**

- Cross-cultural transactions that accompanied Japan's cultural development and evolution over the course of Japan's modernization
- Multifariousness of Japanese culture – in the form of specific examples taken from both highbrow and popular genres

### **Japanese Economy and Business**

- Japanese economic development after World War II
- Mechanisms of high economic growth and challenges faced by the matured economy after the collapse of the bubble economy in the 1990s
- Japanese corporate management, which has sustained and contributed to Japanese economic growth

### **Japanese Diplomacy**

- Overview of Japanese diplomacy
- Historical evolution of Japan's foreign policy, paying attention to both international and domestic environments

### **Japanese Politics**

- Domestic political history of Japan since 1868
- How Western-influenced approaches to political science can sometimes be difficult to apply to the examination of Japan

### **Japan in East Asia**

- Historical developments of Japanese foreign policy since the mid-19th century
- Current bilateral relations with Japan's neighboring countries in East Asia
- Political, economic and socio-cultural aspects of Japanese and East Asian relations in a regional and global context



JICA-DSP in GSIR, Ritsumeikan University provided me exclusive knowledge and opened my eyes to how Japan has been developed. The course gave me great insight into how Japan successfully developed its SME finance and economy, which are valuable lessons to be learned for Laos, where the SMEs, economy, and relevant policies are in the developmental stages. Moreover, the program also offered me a great opportunity to understand, share, and be a part of building great connections and sustainable partnerships between Japan and Southeast Asian countries, including Laos.

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