



Japan International
Cooperation Agency

JICA Chair

JICA Program for Japanese Studies





Background

Japan's unique and considerable experiences in development

Japan is the first country that has modernized into an independent, democratic, prosperous, and peace-loving nation based on the rule of law, without losing much of its tradition and identity from a non-Western background. Therefore, Japan could serve as one of the best examples for developing countries to follow in their own development.



Members of Iwakura Mission (1872)

Japan was defeated in 1945 but recovered very quickly. Furthermore, Japan has extensive experience in development cooperation through official development assistance (ODA), which contributed to remarkable socio-economic progress in recipient countries, especially in Asia.

By sharing Japan's experiences and lessons learned through its modernization, post-war recovery, and development cooperation, Japan can lead development studies globally and thereby contribute to sustainable development.



Objectives

Developing future leaders

- JICA launched the "JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP)" in 2018, in cooperation with various universities in Japan.
- This program offers future leaders of developing countries an opportunity to study not only their specialized academic fields at Japanese graduate schools but also learn about Japan's modernization and development cooperation experiences in light of its historical and cultural background.
- In order to expand the opportunities to learn about Japan's experience, JICA now started the "JICA Chair (JICA Program for Japanese Studies)" in collaboration with leading universities in partner countries.



Activities of "JICA Chair"

The JICA Chair's activities are of the following two types, and partner countries can select or combine relevant tools based on their needs and the availability of resources:

Short Intensive Lectures

To conduct intensive lectures on Japan's development experience by:

- Dispatching short-term Japanese lecturers
- Providing DVDs on topics such as "Japanese Modernization Lecture Series"
- Providing relevant reference materials for Japanese studies in the fields of politics, economics, business, society and culture, literature and arts, history, and more

JICA Chair of Japanese Studies

To establish the JICA Chair of Japanese Studies or strengthen existing research and education programs in leading universities in partner countries:

- Delivering short intensive lectures
- Conducting joint research activities
- Providing research and education opportunities in Japan for young researchers (for academic degrees or on sabbatical)
- Promoting understanding of Japanese culture and language through collaboration with Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and other programs

Japanese Modernization Lecture Series

JICA, with the Open University of Japan, produced the Japanese Modernization Lecture Series program. It covers Japan's modernization experiences from the closing years of the Edo period (1603-1867) to the Meiji period (1868-1912) and thereafter, as well as the nation's political history and development experience after World War II.

Chapters	Lecturer*
1 Meiji Revolution: Start of Full-scale Modernization	Dr. Kitaoka Shinichi, President, JICA
2 Rise and Fall of Party Politics in Japan	Prof. Iokibe Kaoru, The University of Tokyo
3 Japan After World War II	Prof. Tanaka Akihiko, President, GRIPS
4 Economic Growth and Japanese Management	Prof. Itami Hiroyuki, President, International University of Japan
5 Educational Development in Modernization in Japan	Dr. Kayashima Nobuko, Senior Vice President, JICA
6 From 'Japan and Asia' to 'Japan in Asia'	Dr. Shiraishi Takashi, President, Prefectural University of Kumamoto
7 A Japanese Approach to International Cooperation	Prof. Kato Hiroshi, International University of Japan
8 Intellectual and Social Aspects of Modernization in Japan	Prof. Matsuda Koichiro, Rikkyo University

Chapters	Lecturer*
9 Modern Japan and the Wars, Part 1 and 2	Dr. Kitaoka Shinichi, President, JICA
10 Japan and Modern International Law	Prof. Kanehara Atsuko, Sophia University
11 Modernization of Japan's Administrative System	Prof. Makihara Izuru, The University of Tokyo
12 Development of Industries and Industrial Policy	Prof. Okazaki Tetsuji, The University of Tokyo
13 Modernization of Japan: The Fiscal and Monetary Field	President Watanabe Hiroshi, Institute for International Monetary Affairs
14 The Road to a Nation of Science and Technology	Dr. Hasegawa Mariko, President, The Graduate University of Advanced Studies
15 Public Health and Health Systems in Japan a Historical Review	Emeritus Prof. Aoyama Atsuko, Nagoya University

*Designation as at the time of production



JICA Chair's Presence in Partner Countries



Bolivia

In Bolivia, the JICA Chair Programs are offered as diploma courses at universities and graduate schools. Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno (UAGRM), Bolivia's largest national university, which has continued to implement the JICA Chair, has established a diploma course in Japanese-style business management at its Graduate School of Business Administration and a new diploma course for students of the Faculty of Agriculture. With the cooperation of various sectors in Japan that have a wealth of experience and broad knowledge, we are passing on Japan's development experience to the young people who will be future leaders of Bolivia.



Dr. FUNABASHI Gaku, Associate Professor at International University of Japan, delivered the JICA Chair lecture at UAGRM

Mongolia

In Mongolia, which has close ties to Japan, the JICA Chair works to further strengthen this network. The National University of Mongolia, the highest academic institution in Mongolia, has established a graduate school of Japanese language and Japanese studies and is closely connected to Japan and the JICA. In 2022, on the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Mongolia, a series of JICA Chair courses were held, gradually gaining recognition, becoming a credit course in 2023. This program fosters talents that can act as bridges between Mongolia and Japan.



JICA President TANAKA Akihiko delivered a special lecture on the JICA Chair at the National University of Mongolia



Testimonials

Through the JICA Chair Program, not only the students but I too learnt that the factors that made Japan's modernization successful require the development of infrastructure and the cultivation of human resources. We learnt the importance of adjusting and adapting to suit one's own country, rather than adopting overseas systems as they are, from Japan's past history.



Russel Yangin

Papua New Guinea



University official at the University of Papua New Guinea

At the JICA Chair Program held at the University of Dar es Salaam, I learned that cooperation with other countries is important for a nation's development. I want to share the importance of this with other young people.



Kevin Malo

Tanzania



Student at the University of Dar es Salaam

https://www.jica.go.jp/Resource/english/news/field/2022/20230323_11.html



The JICA Chair Lecture Series certainly motivated me to start implementing actions to broaden and deepen my knowledge and understanding of Japan and Indonesia's relationship. I believe that it will support me in working with Indonesia and Japan to reach a better understanding between the two nations and their people.



Thalia Francesca Prasetyo

Indonesia

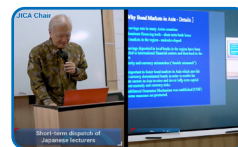


Student at the Universitas Indonesia

<https://www.jica.go.jp/Resource/dsp-chair/english/chair/story/20231024.html>



Know More About JICA Chair



JICA Chair

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbm-J8x6pDw>



Know More About Japanese Modernization Lecture Series

<https://www.jica.go.jp/dsp-chair/english/chair/modernization/index.html>



Overseas Offices

<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/about/basic/structure/overseas/index.html>



JICA Development Studies Program



Sharing Japanese Development Experiences for Future Leaders of Tomorrow

<https://youtu.be/cjhwFSuo4x8?si=MC4u11dwQLMftVm0>



Website/SNS



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