



Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Young Leaders) (Philippines)

General information on

**Disaster Risk Reduction and Community Development
(In Japan)**

**防災とまちづくり(本邦研修)
JFY2023**

Course No.: 202210382J001

Course Period in Japan: October 24, 2023–November 8, 2023

This information pertains to one of the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (Young Leaders) 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.

JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in February 2015, which stated, *"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."* JICA believes that this 'Knowledge Co-Creation Program' will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

I. Concept

The “Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Young Leaders)” is conducted by JICA (the Japan International Cooperation Agency) under a technical cooperation scheme of the Government of Japan, with the purpose of promoting human resource development in developing countries.

Under the program, young leaders, who will become nation-building leaders in the future, are invited to Japan for about 14 days to be provided with opportunities to:

- 1) develop their specialties through experiencing and learning technologies and skills in Japan, and
- 2) increase their willingness to resolve issues on their own.

II. Description

1. Title (Course No.)

Disaster Risk Reduction and Community Development (202210382J001)

2. Course Duration in Japan

October 24 to November 8, 2023

3. Target Regions or Countries

Philippines

4. Target Group

- Government officers currently involved in regional development and disaster reduction management
- Staffs of related organizations who work in the field of regional development and disaster reduction management

5. Number of Participants

13 participants

6. Language

English

7. Objective(s)

Through participation in this course, the participants are expected

(1) Understand the process of reconstruction from natural disaster in Tohoku, including how to organize workshops for supporters and residents in the area; share ideas about reconstruction based on experience; and improve resilience of communities toward disaster.

(2) Learn the basic history of disaster preparedness and education and training system for disaster preparedness in Japan

(3) Learn about Japan' s experience and social background in regional development through site visits and interaction with related personnel in the field.

8. Outline

This course consists of the following components.

(1) Lectures regarding :
a. overview of disaster recovery and reconstruction in Tohoku
b. community business
c. disaster preparedness and reconstruction
d. regional revitalization during the process of disaster reconstruction
(2) Visit to :
a. the governmental agencies concerned
b. tsunami affected areas in Tohoku
(3) Discussions with officers and person who engaged disaster reduction and recovery/ re-construction, etc.

<Tentative Schedule of the Course>

※This course is tentative and the schedule is subject to change without notice.

Date	Venue	Contents	Purpose
Oct 24	Tokyo	Arrival	To develop knowledge about each specialty and to observe current conditions in Japan
Oct 25		Briefing Program orientation Lecture on local administration in Japan	
Oct 26	Iwate Prefecture	Travel to Iwate Prefecture	
Oct 27		Courtesy visit to the governor of Iwate Prefecture Lecture on overview of reconstruction in Iwate Prefecture	
Oct 28		Visit to local farm, renewable energy site	
Oct 29		Self-study	
Oct 30		Lecture on tsunami damage and reconstruction in Iwate	To confirm

Oct 31		Visit to junior high school and disaster prevention base Lecture on disaster prevention education	knowledge gained through the program
Nov 1		Lecture on local attractions and Livelihood Visit to regional community	
Nov 2		Visit to Rikuzen-takata City Lecture on Building a disaster-resilient city	
Nov 3		Visit to Earthquake Tsunami Heritage Museum	
Nov 4		Self-study	
Nov 5		Preparation of Action Plan	
Nov 6		Presentation of Action Plan Evaluation meeting Closing Ceremony	To evaluate the overall program
Nov 7 Nov 8	Tokyo	Travel to Tokyo Departure	

III. Eligibility and Procedures

1. Nominee Qualifications

Applying Organizations are expected to select nominees who meet the following qualifications. Please note that nominees would not necessarily be employed by the applying organizations, as long as they are selected officially by the organizations for their specific purposes. However, the nominees must be either persons who are engaged in the said field or directly related to program subject.

(1) Essential Qualifications

All applicants must satisfy the following:

- 1) Nomination: be nominated by the Government of Philippines in line with the procedures mentioned in 3.(1) below.
- 2) Experience in the relevant field: be involved in a field corresponding to the course mentioned in II. Description.
- 3) Age: be from twenty (20) to thirty-five (35) years of age and be expected to become leaders in their specialized fields in the future.
- 4) Language Proficiency: have a reasonable command of English and good command of spoken and written English.
- 5) Health: must be in good health to participate in the program in Japan. To reduce the risk of worsening symptoms associated with respiratory tract infection,

please be honest to declare in the Medical History (QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS RESTRICTION of the application form) if you have been a patient of following illnesses; Hypertension / Diabetes / Cardiovascular illness / Heart failure / Chronic respiratory illness.

Pregnant applicants are not recommended to apply due to the potential risk of health and life issues of mother and fetus. Because this training includes long bus rides and walking every day, which is both mentally and physically hard on the participants.

(2) Recommended Qualifications

- 1) Experience Visiting/Living in Japan: It's preferable that the applicant has not made any previous visits to Japan
- 2) Educational Background: It's preferable that the applicant hold a Bachelor's degree.
- 3) Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: <1>Women are encouraged to apply for the program. JICA is committed to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, and provides equal opportunities for all applicants regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. / <2>JICA seeks more female applicants due to the past records of fewer applications from women. JICA is committed to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, and provides equal opportunities for all applicants regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

2. Required Documents for Application

- (1) Application Form:** The Application Form is available at **the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan)**.

* 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 for reasonable accommodation.

- (2) Photocopy of Passport:** You should submit it with the application form if you possess your passport which you will carry when entering Japan for this program. If not, you are requested to submit its photocopy as soon as you obtain it.

* The following information should be included in the photocopy:

Name, Date of Birth, Nationality, Sex, Passport Number and Expiry Date

- (3) Country Report:** Country Report on the main issues concerning the targeted field in your country must be submitted. Detailed information is provided in the Annex 1.

- (4) Contact Person at Your Organization for Post-Program Survey about KCCP for Young Leaders**

You will be required to submit 'Contact Person at your Organization for

Post-Program Survey about KCCP for Young Leaders' filled with the information about the appropriate person in your organization to whom JICA will send the questionnaire on the monitoring purpose of the program. The person is expected to be your supervisor or the person in your human resources department, who can observe some changes of your attitudes toward your tasks after participating in the program. See 'ANNEX-2' of 'VI. Annex'.

3. 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).**

(All require material must arrive at **JICA TOHOKU Center in Japan** by August 7, 2023)

(2) Selection

Primary screening is conducted at the JICA overseas office (or the embassy of Japan) after receiving official documents from your government. JICA Center will consult with concerned organizations in Japan in the process of 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 of their duties, positions in the organization and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner to be consistent with Development Cooperation Charter of Japan.

(3) Notice of Acceptance

The JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) will notify the results **not later than September 7, 2023.**

4. Additional Document(s) to Be Submitted by Accepted candidates

Country Report -- to be submitted by **August 7th, 2023** with the Application Form.

5. Conditions for Participation

The participants of KCCP are required

- (1)** to strictly observe the course schedule,
- (2)** not to change the air ticket (and flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging by the participants themselves,
- (3)** to understand that leaving Japan during the course period (to return to home country, etc.) is not allowed (except for programs longer than one year),

- (4) not to bring or invite any family members (except for programs longer than one year),
- (5) to carry out such instructions and abide by such conditions as may be stipulated by both the nominating Government and the Japanese Government in respect of the course,
- (6) to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners to provide the program or establishments,
- (7) not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
- (8) to discontinue the program, should the participants violate the Japanese laws or JICA's regulations, or the participants commit illegal or immoral conduct, or get critical illness or serious injury and be considered unable to continue the course. The participants shall be responsible for paying any cost for treatment of the said health conditions except for the medical care stipulated in (3) of "5. Expenses", "IV. Administrative Arrangements",
- (9) to return the total amount or a part of the expenditure for the KCCP depending on the severity of such violation, should the participants violate the laws and ordinances,
- (10) not to drive a car or motorbike, regardless of an international driving license possessed,
- (11) to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation, and
- (12) to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in schedule.

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

(1) **Center:** JICA Tohoku Center (JICA TOHOKU)

(2) **Program Officer:** Ms. OKUBO Kaori (thictad@jica.go.jp)

2. Implementing Partner

(1) **Name:** Iwate Prefectural Youth Center (ISK)

(2) **URL:** <http://www.iwate-sk.com/>

3. Travel to Japan

(1) **Air Ticket:** In principle, JICA will arrange an economy-class round-trip ticket between an international airport designated by JICA and Japan.

(2) **Travel Insurance:** Coverage is from time of arrival up to departure in Japan. Thus traveling time outside Japan (include damaged baggage during the arrival flight to Japan) will not be covered.

4. Accommodation in Japan

Basically, JICA will arrange the following accommodation(s) for the participants in Japan:

JICA Tokyo Center (JICA TOKYO)

Address: 2-49-5 Nishihara, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0066, Japan

TEL: +81-3-3485-7051 FAX: +81-3-3485-7904

(where “81” is the country code for Japan, and “3” is the local area code)

Please refer to facility guide of JICA TOKYO at its URL, <https://www.jica.go.jp/tokyo/english/office/index.html>

If there is no vacancy at JICA TOKYO, JICA will arrange alternative accommodation(s) for the participants.

5. Expenses

The following expenses will be provided by JICA

(1) Allowances for meals, living expenses, outfits, and shipping and stopover.

(2) Expenses for study tours (basically in the form of train tickets).

(3) Medical care for participants who become ill after arriving in Japan (the costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment are not included).

(4) Expenses for program implementation, including materials.

(5) For more details, please see “III. ALLOWANCES” of the brochure for participants titled “KENSU-IN GUIDE BOOK,” which will be given before departure for Japan.

*Link to JICA HP (English/French/Spanish/Russian):

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

6. Pre-departure Orientation*

A pre-departure orientation will be held at respective country's JICA office (or the Japanese Embassy), to provide Participants with details on travel to Japan, conditions of the course, and other matters.

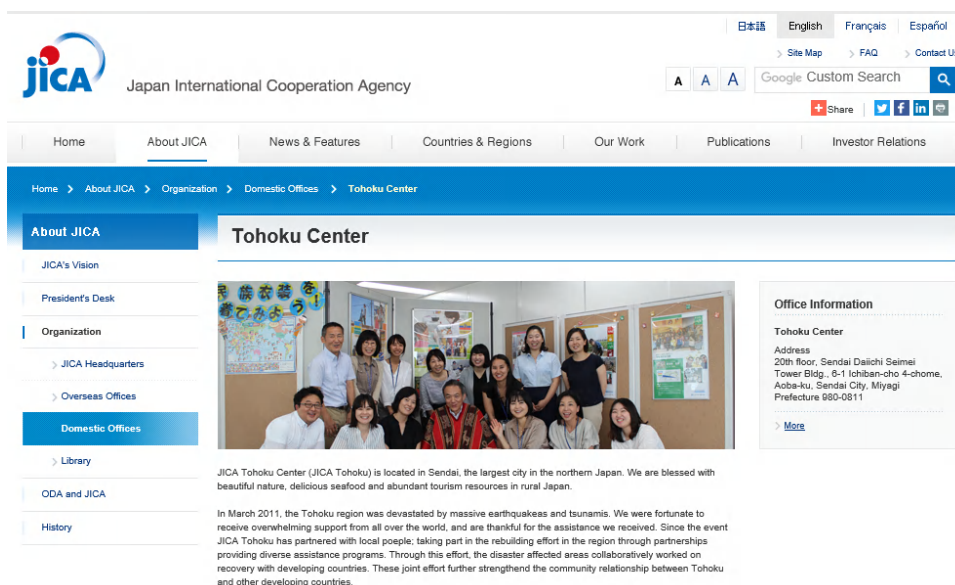
*YouTube of "Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan" and "Introduction of JICA Center" are viewable from the link below.

Image videos of 'Introduction of JICA Center (YouTube)' show the following information of JICA Centers: Location, Building, Entrance, Reception(Front desk), Lobby, Office, Accommodation(Room), Amenities(Hand dryer), Bathroom(Shower and Toilet), Toiletries, Restaurant, Laundry Room(Washing machine, Iron), ICT Room(Computer for participants), Clinic, Cash dispenser, Gym, Neighborhood

Part I: Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan	
English ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Tohoku	https://www.jica.go.jp/tohoku/english/office/index.html
JICA Tokyo	https://www.jica.go.jp/tokyo/english/office/index.html

7. About JICA Tohoku Center

Website: <https://www.jica.go.jp/tohoku/index.html>



The screenshot shows the official website of the JICA Tohoku Center. The header includes the JICA logo and navigation links in Japanese, English, French, and Spanish. The main navigation bar lists various sections like Home, About JICA, News & Features, etc. The current page is titled 'Tohoku Center' and features a large group photo of the center's staff. Below the photo, there is a brief description of the center's location in Sendai and its role in providing disaster relief and development assistance. To the right, there is a section for 'Office Information' providing the address and contact details of the center.

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V. Other Information

1. Climate

Average temperatures and precipitation in Morioka

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Daily High (°C)	1.8	2.9	7.0	14.4	19.7	23.5	26.4	28.3	23.6	17.6	10.6	4.6
Average (°C)	-1.9	-1.2	2.2	8.6	14.0	18.3	21.8	23.4	18.7	12.1	5.9	1.0
Daily Low (°C)	-5.6	-5.2	-2.2	3.0	8.5	13.8	18.1	19.6	14.6	7.3	1.5	-2.4
Precipitation (mm)	53.1	48.7	80.5	87.5	102.7	110.1	185.5	183.8	160.3	93.0	90.2	70.8

2. Computers

The participants are recommended to bring their own laptop/notebook computers (*1) to prepare for Action Plans and presentation slides, and to check personal e-mail.

(*1) Laptop/notebook computers should have antivirus software installed, and must not have file sharing softwares, such as Winny, WinMX, BitTorrent and Gnutella.

3. International Exchange Programs with Local Communities

JICA encourages international exchanges between JICA participants and the local communities. Participants are kindly requested to bring their national costumes, small gifts and visual aids, such as PowerPoint slides, videos and photographs, to introduce their countries.

VI. Annex:

ANNEX 1

Country Report

Applicants are requested to prepare a Country Report (maximum of 1 pages) on the issues stated below. The report must be submitted to JICA Tohoku through JICA Philippines office together with your application form. Please use A4 size paper (21cm x 29.5cm).

Topic 1: Background Information

- a) Your name
- b) Name of your organization
- c) Basic information on the organization you work for
- d) Your duties

Topic 2: Issue Areas

- a) Major challenges and issue areas in your organization, related to regional development
- b) Specific issues or topics you would like to learn about in this program

ANNEX 2- Contact Person at Your Organization for Post-Program Survey about KCCP for Young Leaders

REQUEST FOR POST-PROGRAM SURVEY

JICA conducts the post-program survey about how the ex-participants have been utilizing the knowledge and skills acquired in Japan in their daily work. For this purpose, JICA would like to send the questionnaire to the participants by e-mail after the program.

In addition, considering the purpose of the survey, we also would like to send the questionnaire to the person in their organizations; such as their supervisor or the person in their human resources department who can observe some changes of their attitudes toward their tasks after participating the program.

We would highly appreciate it if you fill in the information about the appropriate person in your organization to whom JICA can send the questionnaire on this purpose. The questionnaire will be directly sent by e-mail to you and the person mentioned below within one year after the program.

We kindly ask for your understanding and cooperation in responding to the survey.

【Name of Nominee】

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【Contact person at your organization】

(Your supervisor or a person in the human resources department, to whom JICA can send the questionnaire after the course)

Name	
Designation / Position	
Department / Division	
E-mail Address	

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 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 to 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 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 for Young Leaders is designed for young leaders expected to become future leaders in their specialized fields. Participants in the program learn about Japan's experience and technologies in the relevant fields that will be required for the future development of their own country. A variety of programs is open to young people in each field in each country.

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, has been accompanied by countless failures and errors behind the success stories.

Through Japan's progressive adaptation and application of systems, methods and technologies from the West in a way that is suited to its own circumstances, Japan has

developed a storehouse of knowledge not found elsewhere from unique systems of organization, administration and personnel management to such social systems as the livelihood improvement approach and governmental organization. It is not easy to apply such experiences to other countries where the circumstances differ, but the experiences can provide ideas and clues useful 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 Japanese systems, so that integration of their findings might help them reach their developmental objectives.



Contact Information for Inquiries

For inquiries and further information, please contact the JICA overseas office or the Embassy of Japan. Further, address correspondence to:

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