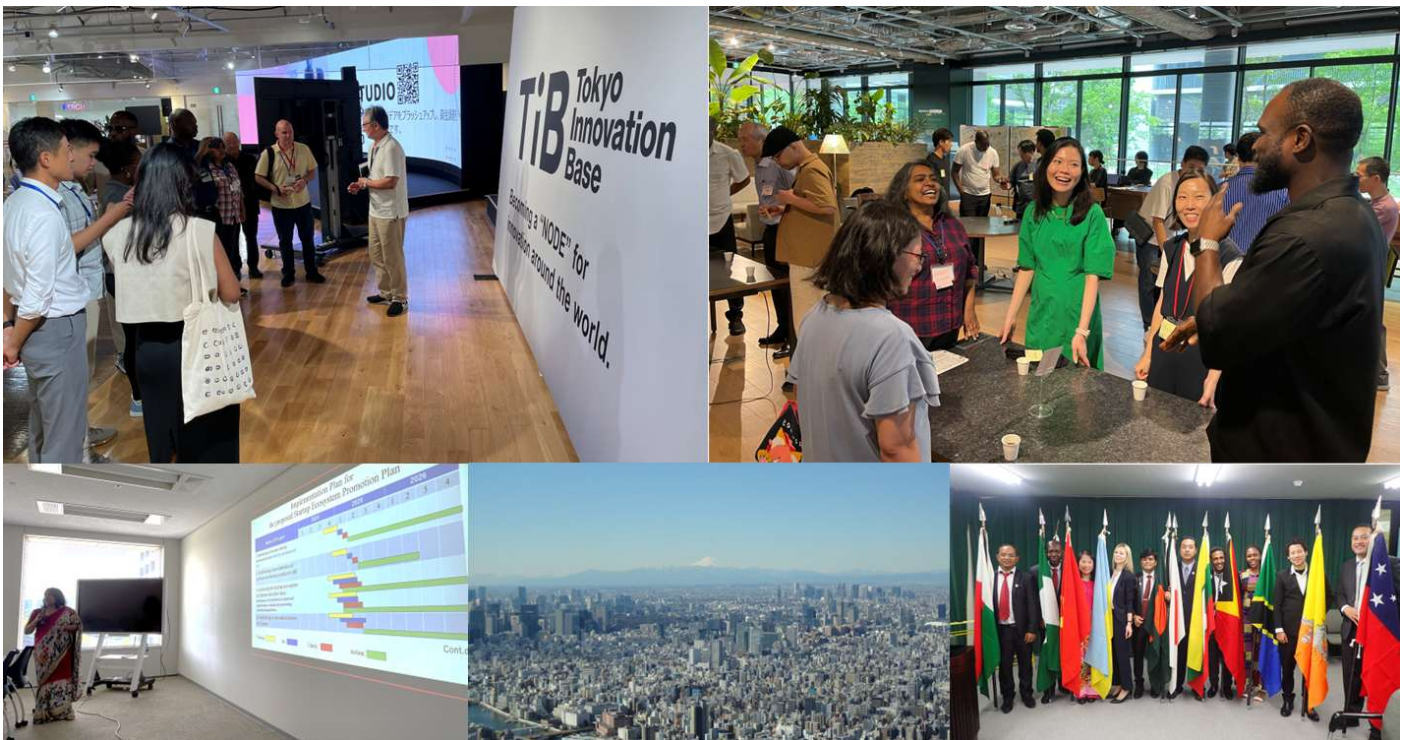




Online and Face-to-Face (in Japan)

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

Enhancement of Startup Ecosystem in Metropolitan Area



Course Number: 202515027J001

Course Period: (Pre-online) June 15 - June 19, 2026

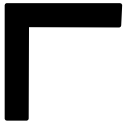
(In-Japan) July 12 - August 1, 2026

**Expected arrival date and departure date*

(Post-online) August 6, 2026



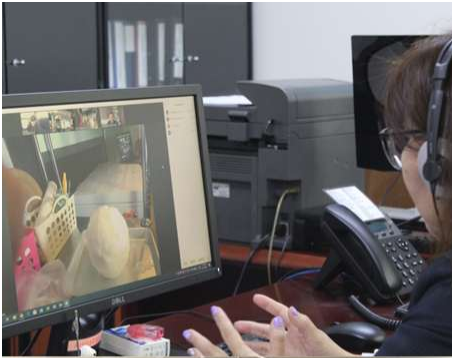
NOTE: Adobe Acrobat Reader DC and Google Chrome are recommended as PDF viewer. JAWS and NVDA are recommended as screen reader.
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 NOTE: Depending on the circumstances, some or all of the program periods may be changed or cancelled after the application has been accepted.



How do we develop Startup Ecosystem?

Understand the policies and measures for building and developing startup ecosystems in Japan and the Tokyo metropolitan area to formulate and implement policies in participant's own countries, and build relationship with startup ecosystem actors and consider future collaboration.

Outline



This program is designed for personnel from startup-related central ministries, local governments, public/private incubators/accelerators/innovation hubs, and other relevant organizations in metropolitan areas where the startup ecosystem is relatively in the middle to late growth stage.



Participants will visit and receive lectures from public/private startup ecosystem actors (central/local ministries and agencies, investors such as venture capitals (VC), incubation and acceleration facilities, research and educational institutions such as universities, companies which invest in or have business collaboration with startups, Japanese startups, etc.) and formulate an action plan while exchange information and opinions between participants.



Format: On-demand, online, face-to-face (in-Japan)

***After completion of the online program, participants can participate in the in-Japan program.**



Language: English

Course Capacity:
15 participants (15 countries)



JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in June 2023, stated that “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.” We believe that this ‘Knowledge Co-Creation Program’ will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

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For What?

Background

Population growth, large markets, social issues, and the potential for digital transformation often converge in developing countries.

When these factors come together, they can accelerate technological innovation. In fact, some social issues have already been addressed by innovative startups, highlighting the importance of promoting and nurturing them.

However, the startup ecosystems needed to support such growth are still not fully developed in many developing countries.

JICA supports the creation and development of startup ecosystems to build an environment where innovative startups can be continuously and independently created and nurtured.

This program enables participants to learn how to establish and enhance startup ecosystems and entrepreneurship, identify challenges in their own countries, and develop measures to enhance their startup ecosystems.

Objectives

- Understand the policies and measures for building and developing startup ecosystems in Japan and the Tokyo metropolitan area comparing the startup ecosystems of other major cities in Japan, and while exchanging information and opinions with its actors and among the participants, be able to formulate and implement policies and measures that suit to their own countries and cities.
- Build relationships with Japanese actors and consider future collaboration.
- Formulate an action plan to enhance startup ecosystem for achieving above objectives.



To Whom?

Job Areas and Organizations

This program is designed for;

- **central ministries and agencies (such as Ministry of Innovation and Technologies or Industry) or local governments related to startups,**
- **public or private incubators/ accelerators/hubs,**
- **industry associations,**
- **universities in charge of supporting entrepreneurs or promotion of startup ecosystems,**
- **startups, etc.**

which is located or operating in the metropolitan area where the startup ecosystem is relatively in the middle to late growth stage.

The target is personnel who are involved in the planning, implementation and management of policy measures at the target organization.

*More than one year work experience would be appropriate.

*Participation of the semi-higher official is also welcomed.

[note] The applying organization with the best intention to utilize the opportunity of this program will be highly valued in the selection.

[note] Participants who have successfully completed both Online and In-Japan program will be awarded a certificate by JICA.

Targeted Countries

Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, India, Laos, Malaysia, Serbia, South Africa, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe



When?

Program Period



Online (5 days)

June 15 – June 19, 2026



In-Japan (3 weeks)

July 13, 2026 (Commencement)

- July 31, 2026 (Completion of in-Japan program)

**Expected arrival date: July 12, 2026*

**Expected departure date: August 1, 2026*

**Please note that arrival and departure dates may vary depending on the flight schedule.*



Online (1 day)

August 6, 2026

***To be announced**



Tokyo metropolitan area

JICA Tokyo Center

Where?

Participants can join the online program from their workplace or home.

However, participants are requested to have an adequate IT environment and to participate from a location where they can concentrate on lectures, discussions, and presentations.

If participants require any support, they may consult with the JICA local office.

For the in-Japan program, participants will mainly stay at the JICA Tokyo Center.

The program will also include visits to regions outside the Tokyo metropolitan area to deepen their understanding of initiatives aimed at strengthening the startup ecosystem by learning about the differences in approaches across various regions.

How?

How to Learn

• Online

- Self-study
- Making & presentation of country report
- Lectures
- Discussions

• In-Japan

- Lectures
 - Groupworks
 - Site visits
 - Discussions
 - Individual consultation
 - Making & presentation of action plan
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Language

English

Commitment to the SDGs



Program Structure

Place and time to attend for online program

(1) Place

The place where participants will take the program (On-Demand / Online) depend on their environment.(e.g., home, office). If participants are unable to secure an appropriate place to take the program, please consult with the JICA Office.

(2) Time for live-streaming program

The online program will be live-streamed mostly between 17:00 and 20:00 (Japan time). The corresponding time in each country is as follows.

The detailed schedule will be provided with the Acceptance Notification.

Japan	17:00 - 20:00
Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana	8:00 - 11:00
Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe	10:00 - 13:00
Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina	10:00 - 13:00 (Summer Time)
Ethiopia	11:00 - 14:00
Georgia	12:00 - 15:00
India	13:30 - 16:30
Bangladesh	14:00 - 17:00
Laos, Vietnam	15:00 - 18:00
Malaysia	16:00 - 19:00

Chile	Due to the time difference, there will be no live lectures. However, participants are requested to study independently on demand using the recordings of the live sessions that will be provided.
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(3) Time for on-demand program

Participants will be able to access on-demand materials (such as archived lecture videos and other on-demand resources) at any time and from any location.

(4) Circumstance for internet connection

The online program will be conducted via Zoom platform. A stable and secure internet connection is required to access the platform. An internet speed of approximately 3 to

5 Mbps for both downloading and uploading is recommended (with at least 0.5 to 1.5 Mbps). Please refer to the following URL for instructions on how to measure an internet speed.

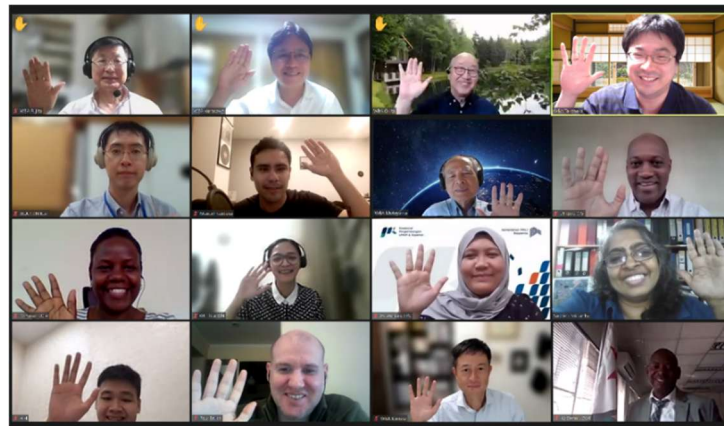
<https://www.speedtest.net/>

Since the lecturers will be sharing materials via Zoom's screen-sharing function, participants are kindly requested to join Zoom from a computer whenever possible. Mobile phones are not recommended.

If participants are unable to arrange an adequate internet connection, environment, or necessary devices, please consult with the JICA office

(5) Attendance requirement

Participation in the online program is an essential requirement for completing the course. Partial attendance is NOT permitted.



Program Schedule (tentative)

Preparation	
<u>Not later than</u> May 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Announcement of program schedule and assignments
May 26 to June 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparation of Country report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Country information, Related policies and institutions for enhancement of startup ecosystem, Challenges, etc. ▪ Understanding of JICA's initiatives in own country
June 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submission of Country report

On-demand Program	
Anytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture of fund-raising strategies ▪ Lecture of exit strategies

Online Program	
June 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program orientation ▪ Lectures on the promotion policies on the enhancement of startup ecosystems by Japanese government (1) ▪ Review/discussion
June 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of country report ▪ Review/discussion
June 17	
June 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lectures on the promotion policies on the enhancement of startup ecosystems by Japanese government (2) ▪ Review/discussion
June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lectures on the promotion policies on the enhancement of startup ecosystems by local government ▪ Review/discussion ▪ Orientation for in-Japan program



In-Japan Program	
July 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arrival
July 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JICA briefing ▪ Program orientation ▪ Introduction of JICA’s activities on the Startup Promotion
July 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Trends in venture business in Japan ▪ Exercise: “Business Plan & Evaluation” (1)
July 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Functions of venture capital ➢ Intellectual property rights strategies ▪ Site visit to a startup facility in Tokyo (1)
July 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exercise: “Business Plan & Evaluation” (2) ▪ Site visit to a startup facility in Tokyo (2)
July 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Site visit to a major city in the metropolitan area (Tsukuba City, Ibaraki Prefecture)
July 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NO PROGRAM
June 19	
July 20	

July 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exercise: “Business Plan & Evaluation” (3) ▪ Site visit to a startup company (1)
July 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case study of a Japanese incubator ▪ Site visit to startup facilities in Tokyo (3) ▪ Lecture on entrepreneurship education programs offered by Japanese universities
July 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Site visit to a major city in a rural region (Nagano prefecture) ▪ Japanese cultural tour
July 24	
July 25	
July 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NO PROGRAM
July 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Site visit to a major city in the metropolitan area (Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Women career support
July 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individual consultation for action plan formulation
July 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formulating action plan
July 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Action plan presentaion
July 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Action plan presentaion ▪ Evaluating session ▪ Closing ceremony
August 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Departure

Post-online Program	
August 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To be announced later

*This schedule is tentative and may be subject to change. Details will be announced with the Acceptance Notification.

Management Members

Implementing Partner

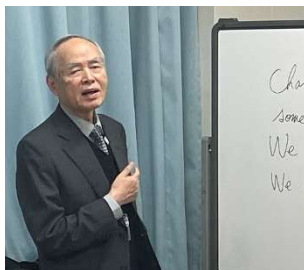
World Business Associates Co., Ltd. (WBA)

Course Leader

Mr. MOTOYAMA Junichiro, MBA, Ph.D.

It will be an exciting opportunity for me to see you at this Co-creation Program and to learn together with you on the Enhancement of Startup Ecosystem in Metropolitan Area.

I will be at your guide and facilitator throughout the entire course of this Program as the Course Leader. See you soon online and in Japan.



Course Leader

Mr. OKITA Fumio, MA

This course provides you significant learning and findings of various subjects in both remote and in-Japan program. I will support and assist you through whole program with my experiences in the field of business and industrial developments as a developer and a business consultant.



Voice

Past Program Alumni Comments



PANAWALA, P.V. Sachie

Sri Lanka (National Innovation Agency)

It was a privilege to participate in the JICA programme on “Enhancement of Startup Ecosystem in Metropolitan Area”, in 2024. The course offered a well-balanced blend of policy insight, institutional exposure, and practical ecosystem engagement. What stood out most was its systemic perspective - understanding that a startup ecosystem does not thrive on isolated interventions, but on coordinated action among government, academia, private sector, financiers, and support organizations.

The programme was structured, field-oriented, and forward-looking, with valuable site visits and candid discussions that allowed us to see how metropolitan ecosystems evolve through long-term vision, regulatory clarity, and consistent stakeholder collaboration.

One of the most important lessons I gained is that ecosystem development requires both strategic patience and decisive policy alignment. Infrastructure alone is not enough; enabling regulations, risk-tolerant financing, talent mobility, and strong intermediary institutions are equally critical. The metropolitan context also demands agility — cities must function as innovation laboratories where policies can be piloted, refined, and scaled.

To future candidates, I encourage you to approach this programme not merely as a training course, but as a strategic opportunity. Engage actively, ask difficult questions, and reflect on how the lessons can be realistically contextualized to your own country. The true value of the course lies not only in what you learn, but in how you translate that learning into institutional reform, ecosystem coordination, and measurable impact.



Saulo Manuel SANTANA HERNANDEZ

Mexico (Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology of Jalisco Government)

*affiliated with Zapopan Municipality Government at the time of their KCCP

The experience of being overseas to learn is always full of learning, but walking through the culturally rich of Japan, I resume my learnings in three main areas:

1. Network improvement: The range of collaborations and the understanding of other startup ecosystems overseas and its importance in improving the local policies to acquire new links with countries that would be out of your network in another way.
2. The relevance of public policies: In the program, we analyze a lot of policies that improve the capability of the startups to survive from a vision of integrated collaboration between the different levels of power in the government merged under two points:
 1. An exit profile for startups in an integrated plan in the country, taking care of the potential and characteristics of each region
 2. A definition of startup and a strategy in collaboration with all the sectors involved in the ecosystem
3. The importance of a strategic vision that includes all the actors in the startup ecosystem: the localization of each actor and their contribution to the ecosystem as an angular piece of the project related to the startup promotion.



Take the chance! This opportunity is not only for cultural exchange but taking the moment to connect and develop projects overseas breaking the chains of distance and improving and sharing knowledge about innovation and startup development through real and high-impact policies.

Eligibility and Procedures

1. Expectations to the Applying Organizations

- (1) This course is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operation. Applying organizations are expected to use the program for those specific purposes.
- (2) This course is enriched with contents and facilitation schemes specially developed in collaboration with relevant prominent organizations in Japan. These special features enable the course to meet specific requirements of applying organizations and effectively facilitate them toward solutions for the issues and problems.
- (3) Applying organizations are expected to nominate the most qualified candidates to address the said issues or problems, carefully referring to the qualifications described in section III-2 below.
- (4) Applying organizations are expected to be prepared to make use of knowledge acquired by the nominees for the said purpose.

2. Nominee Qualifications

Applying organizations are expected to select nominees who meet the following qualifications.

(1) Essential Qualifications

1) **Current Duties:** be involved in support and promotion of entrepreneurs and startup ecosystems in the metropolitan area where the startup ecosystem is relatively in the middle to late growth stage.

*Since this course aims to become able to propose policies and initiatives for building a startup ecosystem in the participant's affiliated organization, participation of the semi-higher officials (equal to the level of director in a ministry or above) is also welcomed.

<public sector>
a. Administrative officers in charge of support and promotion of entrepreneurs and startup ecosystems
b. Staffs of business associations or educational institutes in charge of support and promotion of entrepreneurs and startup ecosystems
<private sector>
Staffs of the organizations related to startup ecosystems such as incubators/accelerators/hubs, industry associations, VCs, etc.

2) **Educational Background:** be a graduate of university

3) **Language Proficiency:** have a sufficient ability of English for lectures, discussion, presentation, etc. (TOEFL iBT 60 or above) Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC etc, as much as possible. **This program includes interactions and discussion with Japanese startup-related actors. Participants need to have a sufficient English ability for establishment relationship with them.**

4) **Technical Requirements :**

a Technology Proficiency

- Basic computer skills such as, sending/receiving email with attachments, and using a web browser.
- Online course is delivered using the following services, Web Conferences (Zoom), Cloud Storage (GIGAPOD), and YouTube. Online tutorial and support by JICA will be limited. The ability to be self-directed in learning new technology skills are required.

b Internet Connection

- High Speed Broadband Connection (at least 2Mbps).
- *Internet access charge incurred for this course shall be borne by your organization.

c Hardware (Minimum Requirement)

- Regular access to a computer, either from your home or from your office.
- Operating System: Windows or Mac OS (Updated version is preferred).
- Processor: Intel Core 2 Duo or higher; 2GHz or higher
- Memory: 4GB of RAM or higher

- Hard Drive Space: 5GB free disk space
- Browser: Google Chrome is preferred browser. (Edge, Firefox, Safari can be used)
- Others: Webcam Microphone, and Audio output Device (Speaker or Headset)

d Software (which may be required)

- Zoom Client for Meeting (<https://zoom.us/download>).

*In case you are using your office computer and use of Zoom is not authorized by your IT administrator, please notify JICA at the time of application.

5) Health: must be in good health to participate in the program in Japan. Participant's health and safety should be most respected. Pre existing conditions and pregnancy may lead to health problems that were not present prior to arriving in Japan due to stress from international travel, changes in climate, and a new living environment. In recent years, regrettable cases have occurred, including the exacerbation of symptoms after arrival and, in the case of pregnancy, stillbirth. Some participants have also incurred substantial out of pocket medical costs. If any of the conditions below may apply, please take a moment to consider whether to participate, and continue after confirming your agreement to the points below.

① Questionnaire ("QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS AND RESTRICTION")

If any of the following apply, you must state them accurately in the questionnaire, even if they do not affect your current work or daily life.

- a. Chronic diseases (e.g., hypertension, diabetes)
- b. Conditions currently under treatment
- c. Past illnesses that have resolved (including serious conditions affecting the heart, liver, or brain; tuberculosis, etc.)
- d. Pregnancy (for female applicants)

② Medical certificate

Please submit a medical certificate issued by a doctor that your condition is stable and that, from a medical standpoint, there is no problem with your participation in KCCP in Japan.

Applicable cases:

- a. Chronic diseases (e.g., hypertension, diabetes)
- b. Conditions currently under treatment
- c. Past illnesses that have resolved (including serious conditions affecting the heart, liver, or brain; tuberculosis, etc.)

③ Reporting changes

If pregnancy or any health issues are identified after submitting the form, please report them to JICA promptly.

④ Insurance coverage

Medical and additional living expenses related to pregnancy and pre existing conditions are NOT covered by insurance arranged by JICA. Such costs must be borne entirely by the participant; JICA assumes no liability.

* Please understand that insurance coverage applies only to sudden illness or injury occurring during your stay in Japan.

* Medical expenses in Japan could be a significant financial burden when not covered by insurance.

6) Attendance: Participants are required to attend ALL components of the online program, including both on-demand and live sessions. Failure to fulfill this requirement will result in ineligibility to participate in the In-Japan program. If the time zone makes full participation in the live sessions difficult, please consult with the JICA local office in advance. Participants must ensure a quiet and focused environment for the online program.

Remarks:

(1) Female candidates: Each Organizations is requested to strongly encourage female candidates to apply for the course to accelerate the realization of gender equality and women's empowerment.

(2) Disabilities: Persons with disabilities who meet the required qualifications also have an opportunity to apply. Reasonable accommodations will be considered for participants with disabilities. Some programs of the course might have difficulty for persons with disabilities to participate due to environmental and other conditions. "Reasonable accommodation" means necessary and appropriate modification and adjustments not imposing a disproportionate or undue burden, where needed in a particular case.

(2) Recommended Qualifications

1) Expectations for the Participants

- Participants are expected to understand the objectives of the Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP) and to take an active role in exchanging information and engaging in mutual learning.
- Participants should be proactive in building networks with fellow participants and members of the Japanese startup community.

2) Experience in the relevant field: have more than one (1) year's experience in the field of promotion of entrepreneurs or startup ecosystems.

3) Age: are preferred to be between twenty-five (25) and forty-five (45) years

4) Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: 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.

3. 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

*It is recommended that your passport be valid for more than 6 months after the last day of the program.

(3) **English Score Sheet:** to be submitted with the application form, if the nominees have any official English examination scores. (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS)

(4) **Questionnaire:** to be submitted with the application form.

4. 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 required material must arrive at JICA Center in Japan by **May 11, 2026**)

(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 the 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 **May 25, 2026****.

5. Additional Document(s) to Be Submitted by Accepted Candidates

Country Report: to be submitted by **June 8, 2026**

Accepted candidates are required to prepare a Country Report and present it at Online program. The Country Report should be sent to JICA by due date. The format of Country Report will be sent with Acceptance Notification.

6. 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 Japanese laws or JICA's regulations, or the participants commit illegal or any type of immoral conduct including sexual harassment, 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 "3.Expenses", "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.
- (13) to promptly notify JICA in the case that there are any changes in the health status since the time of application (such as changes requiring medical attention due to illness or discovery of pregnancy).

Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

- (1) Center: JICA Tokyo Center (JICA TOKYO)
- (2) URL: <https://www.jica.go.jp/tokyo/english/office/index.html>
- (3) Program Officer: ABE Kumiko (Ms.) (tictip@jica.go.jp)

**In case of contact through e-mail, please add the course number “202515027J001” with your mail subject.*

2. Implementing Partner

- (1) Name: World Business Associates Co., Ltd.
 - (2) URL: <https://www.wba.co.jp/en>
 - (3) Course Leader: MOTOYAMA Junichiro (Mr.), Director & Senior Consultant
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3. Expenses

The following expenses in Japan will be provided by JICA

- (1) Allowances for meals, living expenses, 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 “KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK,” (English/French/Spanish/Russian).

*Link to the Website:

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/accept

or

<https://jica-van-cms.jica.go.jp/custom/kccp/kccp01.html>

4. 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.

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 Tokyo	https://www.jica.go.jp/tokyo/english/office/index.html

If the link of these youtube URLs has expired, please access the URL below and search the necessary information from the key word.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/JICAChannel02>

5. Reference

KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK

For more detailed terms and conditions

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

Video: JICA Predeparture Briefing

For more information on life in Japan and KCCP

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw>

Website: JICA “The Knowledge Co-Creation Program”

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

Website: JICA Tokyo

<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/domestic/tokyo/index.html>

PDF: Facility Guide for JICA Tokyo

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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 (Group & Region Focus) has long occupied an important place in JICA operations. About 400 pre-organized courses cover a wide range of professional fields, ranging from education, health, infrastructure, energy, trade and finance, to agriculture, rural development, gender mainstreaming, and environmental protection. A variety of programs is being customized by the different target organizations to address the specific needs, such as policy-making organizations, service provision organizations, as well as research and academic institutions. Some programs are organized to target a certain group of countries with similar developmental challenges.

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.

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