

**FAST FACTS**  
 1954  
 Year when JICA implemented its first training program in the Philippines

41,354  
 Number of Filipinos trained by JICA as of 2016

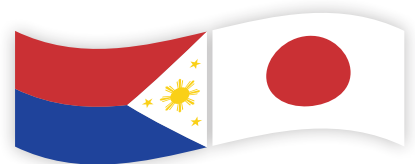
1,800  
 Members of the JICA Alumni Association of the Philippines, Inc. as of January 2018

Above from left: KCCP-Young Leaders on Water Resource Management Course, 2017; JICA Alumni Association of the Philippines (JAAP) officers during the 2016 Regional Activity in Roxas City

As Philippines' partner for development, JICA is committed to help the country pursue inclusive growth through the following country assistance pillars: achieving sustainable economic growth through further promotion of investment; overcoming vulnerability and stabilizing bases for human life and production activity; and peace and development in Mindanao.

To assist partner countries in narrowing the development gaps, JICA implements a comprehensive strategy on capacity building aligned with its country assistance pillars or schemes. Over the years, such capacity building activities have helped meet the supply and demand of human resources not only in the Philippines but also in the ASEAN region and fostered cooperation among countries.

## Country Assistance Policy



Group Training Course in Maintenance Construction Machinery in Tokyo, Japan, May - August 1981



Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Batch 13, International University of Japan (photo courtesy of National Economic and Development Authority)

Since the beginning of diplomatic relations between Japan and the Philippines in 1956, the friendship and cooperation of the two countries have evolved into a strategic partnership. Their strong partnership is further affirmed through active people-to-people exchanges, and the continuous sharing of Japanese knowledge and experiences through Japan's capacity building programs in the Philippines.

## Japan-Philippines Cooperation on Capacity Building

Pre-departure orientation seminar for the KCCP - Young Leaders, Science and Mathematics in Basic Education, 2017



The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is the executing agency of Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA).

JICA envisions a free, peaceful, and prosperous world where people can hope for a better future and can explore their diverse potentials. JICA's commitment is based on its Development Cooperation Charter where they work with partner countries to achieve human security and quality growth.

JICA is the world's largest bilateral aid agency working with over 150 countries and regions. It has 15 branch offices across Japan and about a hundred overseas offices including the Philippines.

JICA is steadfast in sharing Japanese expertise and technology for long-term development impact. A key development partner of the Philippines since the 1960s, JICA also acts as a bridge towards stronger bilateral relations and lasting partnership between Japan and the Philippines.

# Training Programs



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Above, from left: JDS Batch 15, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies; In-Country Training Program 2013, Farmers Field School Training in Maguindanao; Third Country Training Program- Extension Capacity Development for Rice Food Security in Africa, 2017 (photo courtesy of International Rice Research Institute)

## Training Programs



### IN JAPAN

#### Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

This is a type of technical cooperation that aims to provide trainees unique knowledge and experiences about Japanese society and organizations. Participants visit Japan to understand better the development issues in their country and gain a new perspective on social conditions different from their own.

Please visit: [https://www.jica.go.jp/philippine/english/activities/activity02\\_03\\_01.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/philippine/english/activities/activity02_03_01.html) for additional information

Program Partners in the Philippines

- Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
- Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
- Department of Education (DepEd)

*"I will forever be grateful to the Government of Japan and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for giving me the opportunity to have visited and studied about Japan, its people and government and most of all, it instilled in me the value of time."*

- Mayor Lloyd M. Antiporda, Local Government Unit of Buguey, Cagayan, Group and Region Focus Training – Local Governance 2015

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

The program began as Youth Invitation Program (formerly ASEAN-Japan Friendship Program for the 21st Century) in 1984 for ASEAN countries, and it eventually expanded to 120 other nations. Through the years, the program has helped nurture the friendship and mutual trust between Japan and participating countries around the world.

Today, the program continues to enrich the experiences of the youth by introducing them to Japanese technology and practices during their almost 3-week stay in various prefectures all over Japan. The program exposes the youth to the issues and challenges facing their sector and prepares them for future global challenges.

Eligibility

- Between 20-35 years old
- Never been to Japan

Please visit: [https://www.jica.go.jp/philippine/english/activities/activity02\\_03\\_02.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/philippine/english/activities/activity02_03_02.html) for additional information

*"Having visited Japan's schools while also exploring their museums and cities and seeing how they live, I learned about different approaches on contextualizing lessons so students can relate to them."*

- Eileen Villaruz, Master Teacher II – Iligan City National High School, KCCP - Young Leaders, Science and Mathematics in Basic Education, 2017

#### Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Long-Term)

- Innovative Asia for master's and doctoral degrees in Japanese universities in the field of science and technology and engineering
- Global Public Leadership Program for master's and doctoral degrees in Japanese universities targeting young researchers or academicians engaged in policy making

Please visit: [https://www.jica.go.jp/english/countries/asia/innovative\\_asia.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/countries/asia/innovative_asia.html) for additional information

#### Graduate Degrees

Japan offers graduate degree programs to develop the Philippine government's human resources in partnership with leading Japanese universities and organizations. Among these are:

#### JAPANESE GRANT AID FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP (JDS)

This scholarship is given to qualified young government and non-government individuals who can play vital roles in Philippine development in the future.

The program is managed by the Japan International Cooperation Center or JICE.

Please visit: <http://jds-scholarship.org> for additional information

*"The Japanese scholarship is not just about career advancement. It's also about developing the values we need to contribute to development."*

- Francis delos Reyes, Head of the Project Management Office of the Development Bank of the Philippines, JDS Batch 2012, International University of Japan

#### ASEAN UNIVERSITY NETWORK / SOUTHEAST ASIA ENGINEERING EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (AUN/SEED-NET)

Japan provides engineering professionals and academic institutions opportunities for advancement of personnel and collaboration under the AUN/SEED-Net initiative.

The program has partnered with selected academic institutions from ASEAN member-countries and Japanese universities.

Please visit: <http://www.seed-net.org/> for additional information

Below, from left: JDS Batch 13, Kobe University (photo courtesy of National Economic and Development Authority); KCCP – Young Leaders, Regional Revitalization in Disaster Prone Area, 2017; JAAP during the 28th Executive Council Meeting in Lao PDR, 2016



### WITH OTHER COUNTRIES

#### Third Country Training Program (TCTP)

The program aims to foster technical cooperation among developing countries where the host country shares technical knowledge, skills, and ideas applicable to the development needs and conditions of participant countries. These knowledge, skills, and ideas were acquired from Japanese counterparts of concluded technical cooperation projects.

The Philippines hosts courses under TCTP.

JICA provides participating organizations expert dispatch and other necessary support during the training.

*"The course was very important both on practical and theoretical aspects, particularly the hands-on-training. I became confident and well-equipped with skills and knowledge on growing rice. Upon my return to my home country, I shared lessons on integrated rice crop management with my colleagues."*

- Wandimagagne H Mariam, from Ethiopia, Season-Long Rice Farming Extension Training for African Farmers, 2011-2015

#### Trainings Held for Specific Field/Area Category, 2016



13,777

Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries



7,617

Human Resources



8,000

Planning and Government



4,808

Public Works and Utilities



3,421

Health



1,526

Mining and Manufacturing



700

Business and Tourism



479

Social Welfare



421

Energy



605

Others

SOURCE: JICA Operations Management Division



### IN THE PHILIPPINES

#### In-Country Training Program (ICTP)

This training aims to promote self-help efforts of the Philippines through sharing of expertise and techniques honed through JICA's cooperation activities. Philippine institutions share their development expertise in local language and context.

*"I did not know anything about planting other crops before the JICA training. Through the training, I learned about the appropriate farming practices so we can maximize our yields. It was an important insight that I hope my co-workers can realize. It is still us who should decide and there is no harm in trying."*

- Almasan Datumaas, ICTP 2013, Farmers Field School (FFS) Training in Lanao del Sur

## Our Alumni

The alumni of JICA Training Programs did not only enrich their academic and social pursuits, they were also able to broaden their networking horizons and moreover, became instruments of stronger ties between Japan and the Philippines through their development activities.

The JICA Alumni Association of the Philippines, Inc. or JAAP was established to unify the three large alumni networks of Japanese scholars in the Philippines:

- Philippine-Japan Fellows Association (PHILJAJFA),
- Philippine-ASEAN-Japan Friendship Association for the 21st Century (PAJAJFA), and
- Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Alumni Association

Over the years, the alumni association had initiated programs and activities that strengthened not only the relations among Filipino JICA scholars, and their Japanese counterparts, but also with JICA scholars from other countries.

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