



Japan-Mexico Training Program for the Strategic Global Partnership

**General information on
Professional Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
(DTM&H) 「熱帯医学・衛生学」
JFY 2025**

Course No.202413392-J010

**Course Period in Japan: From 29th March 2026 to 14th June 2026
in Philippine from 14th to 28th June 2026**

This information pertains to one of the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (Group & Region Focus) 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 June 2023, 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

Background

In 1971, the Japan-Mexico Exchange Program has started, which mutually accepts students and young engineers from Mexico and Japan; in February 2010, based on the “Japan-Mexico Joint Statement Strategic Global Partnership in the 21st Century¹”, the Exchange Program was renewed into the Japan-Mexico Training Program for the Strategic Global Partnership. This program contains long-term courses (between three months and twelve months period) that have existed before, and short-term courses (less than three months period) have been newly established since then. Currently, JICA accepts 50 Mexicans trainees annually under this scheme.

For what?

The aim of this course is to equip medical doctors with the knowledge and skills to practice medicine and promote public health in resource limited regions. It also aims to spark research interest in global health and encourage students to go for higher degrees such as Masters and PhDs in related fields.

The course was established in 2019 and is taught by lecturers from Japan, the UK, the Philippines and many other countries. Nagasaki University welcomes applications from doctors who are planning to work with international health missions, work in travel clinics, or from those with a general interest in the field. The course is approved by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH), which means graduates can apply to sit the CTropMed exam or the Royal College of Physicians UK DTM&H exam.

For whom

Lectures are given by international experts and researchers in the field of tropical medicine and hygiene.

How?

This training program is offered in combination of lecture, laboratory work, group discussion, and self-study. Total learning time is approximately 300 hours.

II. Description

1. Title (Course 202413392-J010)

Professional Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (DTM&H)

2. Course Duration in Japan

1st April to 12th June 2026

29th March 2026: Arrival in Japan
30th March 2026: Briefing at JICA Kyushu center
31st March 2026: Move from KICA Kyushu center to Nagasaki City
1st April to 12th June 2026: Technical Training Program
14th June 2026: Departure from Japan to Philippine
16th June to 26th June 2026 Technical Training Program
28th June 2026 Leaving from Philippine to Mexico
(This schedule is tentative. It may change depending on the flight schedule)

3. Target Regions or Countries

Mexico

4. Eligible / Target Organization

【Pre-requisites】

Medical doctors with 2 or more years of work experience.

【English language requirements】

As the course is taught fully in English, students should have good English language ability, but it does not have to be perfect. The course provides a good opportunity to improve your medical English.

5. Capacity (Upper Limit of Participants)

Two (2) participants

6. Language

English

7. Objective(s)

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8. Overall Goal

The overall goal of this training program is to strengthen the knowledge of doctors for public health on infectious diseases in Mexico with a partnership with Japan.

9. Output and Contents

This course consists of the following components.

Details on each component are given below.

In addition, the detail information of the Professional Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (DTM&H) is shown on the following web page.

<https://www.tmg.h.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/en/short-courses/dtmh>

III. Eligibility and Procedures

1. Nominee Qualifications

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

- (1) Experience in the relevant field: more than 2 years of work experience
- (2) Educational Background: Medical doctor
- (3) Language Proficiency: Intermediate English with some knowledge of medical English
- (4) 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.

JICA promotes gender equality. Women are encouraged to apply for the program.

2. Required Documents for Application

(1) Application Form: The Application Form is available at **the JICA overseas office**.

* If you have any difficulties/disabilities which require assistance, please specify necessary assistance 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)

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 required material must arrive at JICA Center in Japan by **December 18, 2025**)

(2) Selection

After receiving the documents through proper channels from your government, the JICA office (or the Embassy of Japan) will conduct screenings, and then forward the documents to the JICA Center in Japan. Selection will be made by the JICA Center in consultation with concerned organizations in Japan.

The applying organization with the best intention to utilize the opportunity of this program will be highly valued in the selection. Qualifications of applicants who belong to the military or other military-related organizations and/or who are enlisted in the military will be examined by the Government of Japan on a case-by-case basis, consistent with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan, taking into consideration their duties, positions in the organization, and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner

(3) Notice of Acceptance

The JICA overseas office will notify the results **not later than mid-January 2026**.

(4) Additional Document(s) to Be Submitted by Accepted Candidates

The accepted candidate may be required to prepare and submit an Inception Report. Please follow the instructions to be notified individually after the approval.

(5) Conditions for Participation

The participants of KCCP are required

- to strictly observe the course schedule,
- not to change the air ticket (and flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging by the participants themselves,
- to understand that leaving Japan during the course period (to return to home country, etc.) is not allowed,
- not to bring or invite any family members,
- 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,
- to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners to provide the program or establishments,

- not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
- 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",
- 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,
- not to drive a car or motorbike, regardless of an international driving license possessed,
- to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation, and
- to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in schedule.
- In case of natural disaster or any possible contingency, trainees could not trip to Japan, and this course would be offered remotely or canceled.

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

(1) Responsible JICA domestic office: JICA Kyushu center

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TEL: +81-93-671-6311 FAX: +81-93-671-0979

URL: <https://www.jica.go.jp/kyushu/english/office/index.html>

(2) Program Officer: Shizuki Goto (Ms.) (Goto.Shizuki@jica.go.jp)

2. Implementing Partner

(1) Name: Nagasaki University

3. URL: 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

JICA will arrange appropriate accommodations in Japan for the participants. It will probably be the international dormitory at the university. If there is no vacancy, JICA will arrange alternative accommodation(s) for the participants.

※Meal will not be served at the accommodation; therefore, participants need to cook yourself in the room. There are canteens at the university and restaurants and shops are available around the accommodation. So highly self-disciplined candidates are expected to be selected.

5. 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 "KENSU-IN GUIDEBOOK," 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/training/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
French ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2yU9ISYcTY
Spanish ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7l-WIQSDjl
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Kyushu	https://www.jica.go.jp/kyushu/english/office/index.html

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 are 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.



Contact Information for Inquiries

For inquiries and further information, please contact the JICA overseas office.

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