

## Seven Chapters on Japanese Modernization, a TV Program Jointly Produced with the Open University of Japan

JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP) invites future leaders from partner countries to Japan, and offers them the opportunity to learn about Japan's modernization and development experiences, which differs from those of Europe and the U.S., and its wisdom as a country that provided cooperation toward the progress of developing countries after World War II. Japan is the very first country and still is one of the very few countries that has modernized from a non-Western background to establish a free, democratic, prosperous, and peace-loving nation based on the rule of law, without losing much of its tradition and identity.

### Now on Air on a Channel of the Open University of Japan

To promote JICA-DSP, JICA signed minutes of understanding with the Open University of Japan in 2019. Since then, the two organizations have been working to produce the content that serves as learning material on the modern history and experience of Japan. As part of such efforts, they produced a lecture series program titled *Seven Chapters on Japanese Modernization* and began to broadcast it in April 2019 on a channel of the Open University of Japan (BS 231, also known as "BS Campus ex").

This program 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 experience after World War II. JICA president Dr. Shinichi Kitaoka and other prominent experts serve as lecturers, introducing all these Japanese

experiences with ample historical material.

### A Program Organized to Review Japan's Modernization History and Provide a Future Vision for Japan's ODA

Chapter 1 examines the relevance of the Meiji Revolution as well as Japan's experiences in building a modern state. Chapter 2 reviews the emergence, rise, and fall of party politics in prewar Japan.

Chapters 3 and 4 shed light on Japan's defeat in World War II and politics subsequently renewed as well as on Japanese-style business management and economic development amid a changing economic environment.

Chapter 5 focuses on education, providing an overview of the mechanism and characteristics of the development of human resources that supported postwar Japan.

Chapter 6 examines the hitherto position

of Japan chiefly in relation to China and other East Asian countries as well as Southeast Asian countries and explores future directions for the nation. Finally, Chapter 7 sheds a new light on the philosophy, policy, and characteristics of Japan's ODA with case studies.

### Available On-demand from Fiscal 2020

Starting in fiscal 2020, the Open University of Japan will make these lectures available as an internet-based online course, providing a learning opportunity for JICA scholars. Going forward, JICA and the Open University of Japan will jointly produce subsequent series not only for foreigners to learn about Japan but also for Japanese citizens aspiring to play a part in the international community to better express Japan's experiences and expertise in English.

### Outline of Seven Chapters on Japanese Modernization on a BS Channel of the Open University of Japan

#### Main Features of the Program

- Covering Japan's experiences both in modernization from the late 18th century and in politics after World War II
- Some of the greatest minds of the times giving easy-to-understand lectures
- Lectures are given in English

#### Lecture Titles and Lecturers

Chapter 1	"Meiji Revolution: Start of Full-Scale Modernization" Dr. Kitaoka Shinichi, President, JICA
Chapter 2	"Rise and Fall of Party Politics in Japan" Prof. Iokibe Kaoru, The University of Tokyo
Chapter 3	"Japan after World War II" Prof. Tanaka Akihiko, President, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)
Chapter 4	"Economic Growth and Japanese Management" Prof. Itami Hiroyuki, President, International University of Japan
Chapter 5	"Educational Development in the Modernization of Japan" Dr. Kayashima Nobuko, Senior Vice President, JICA
Chapter 6	"From 'Asia and Japan' to 'Japan in Asia'" Dr. Shiraishi Takashi, President, Chancellor, Prefectural University of Kumamoto
Chapter 7	"A Japanese Approach to International Cooperation" Prof. Kato Hiroshi, International University of Japan

