



Cover photo: Supporting transition education for children with special needs at Tigbauan Central Elementary School

Assisting Leyte Provincial Hospital in institutionalizing the SS method

Supporting ICT education in Cebu Technological University

Helping improve dairy farm management in Dumaguete, Negros Oriental

Preparing students from Cavite State University for their on-the-job training

Introducing livelihood opportunities for members of a women's association in Basesy, Samar



**OUR GOALS**

To cooperate in economic and social development, as well as reconstruction of developing countries;

To deepen mutual understanding, goodwill, and coexistence in cross-cultural societies;

To give back the volunteer experience to society.

JOCVs make sure its assignments are relevant by working with local partner institutions (LPs) like government agencies, non-profit organizations, local government units, and academic institutions across various sectors, thereby contributing to lasting change. The program offers both long-term (two years) and short-term (less than one year) volunteering assignments. \* Aside from JOCV, another category is the Senior Volunteers for those with specialized knowledge and skills for project that requires expertise

**Our Goals and Partnership Approaches**

The JOCV Program believes that it can make the most difference by developing a relationship of trust with people, partners, and communities to create meaningful outcomes.

**About the Program**

The Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) Program of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is a notable component of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) where Japanese citizens work hand-in-hand with local communities to support socio-economic development of partner countries. It brings the best of Japanese skills and culture to create great things, transform lives, and contribute to world peace and prosperity.

As recipients of the 2016 Ramon Magsaysay Award, Asia's Nobel Peace Prize equivalent, the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) are recognized for their integrity in public service and pragmatic idealism towards advancing the lives of developing communities.



### JICA VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

# Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers

Working Passionately with Communities



Recovery after Typhoon Yolanda was challenging for members of the Amandeyahan Women Association in Basesy, Samar. But the JOCV's everyday work with counterparts showed lessons on how caring for others can make a big difference.

### SAMAR PROVINCE

Chris Martin Magbana, Special Education Teacher, Tigbauan Central Elementary School

*The work of the JICA volunteer assigned, and value team work, to us inspired us to innovate, and friendship.*



Children with special needs in Tigbauan Central Elementary School often require assistance in their transition education and in building their skills to become independent individuals. Thanks to a JOCV, self-help materials and other teaching tools were shared with teachers from this school.

### ILILO PROVINCE

### Case Stories



Introducing organic farming techniques to farmers in San Remigio, Antique



The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is the executing agency of Japan's 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 about 150 countries and regions. It has 15 domestic offices across Japan and about a hundred overseas offices worldwide 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.

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*Before the volunteer came, the members were not too active. When the JOCV arrived to assist us, we were able to organize ourselves and work productively in the processing center.*

Theima Sansan, President, Amandeyahan Women Association, Samar Province

# Our Support to SDGs

We commit to the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** as part of our strategic intent to help end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.



To assist our partners, JOCVs align their work with specific SDG Goals, while also building self-reliance of communities. JOCVs are deployed in areas where their value and skills can create the most impact, while building the capacity of their partners too.

PHOTOS, from left to right: (a) Introducing Japanese cuisine to Senior High School Tech-Voc students in Pasig City; (b) Developing a mobile application to boost community disaster preparedness in La Trinidad, Benguet; (c) Promoting healthy lifestyle to residents of Matag-ob, Leyte; (d) Assisting in marketing products developed by Differently-Abled Persons in Leganes, Iloilo; (e) Teaching the importance of proper hygiene to students in San Isidro, Leyte

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



We look forward to deploying JOCVs to partner institutions where they are appropriate.

Scan this code to find out how you can submit a request for volunteer.

## Volunteer Assignments

We focus on the following areas as foundation of our volunteer assistance in the Philippines.

### Strengthening a Foundation for Sustainable Economic Growth

JOCVs work with the community to enhance their administrative capacity and to develop human resources for quality growth.



#### Industrial Promotion and Capacity Building of Administrative Capabilities

JOCVs provide technical assistance to develop various skills of local people, improve product quality, develop new products/ alternative industries, utilize available raw materials, establish networks and market products.

- Marketing
- PC Instructor
- Mechanical Engineering
- Information Communication Technology, etc.
- Tourism
- Handicrafts
- Electronic Engineering
- Cooking
- Design



### Ensuring Human Security for Inclusive Growth

JOCVs deployed to various areas in the country assist in enhancing basic social services. They provide technical assistance in the fields of education, health, environment, agriculture, and social welfare. Likewise, they extend support to promote a more responsive environment to the socially vulnerable members of the community.

#### Strengthening Safety Net

Improving Community Health Services

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Public Health Nursing
- Nutrition, etc.

Basic Education Support

- Science Education
- Primary School Education, etc.
- Mathematics Education

Support for Vulnerable Groups and Communities

- Social Work
- Environmental Education
- Welfare and Education for Persons with Disabilities, etc.
- Youth Activities
- Community Development

#### Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

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#### Productivity Improvement and High-Value Addition in Agriculture

- Vegetable Growing
- Veterinary Medicine
- Agricultural Products Processing, etc.
- Animal Husbandry
- Community Development



## Demarcation of Cost

COST DEMARCATION	LPI	JICA
Round Trip Travel Cost (Japan to Philippines)		✓
Housing Accommodation	✓ (if possible)	✓
Official Domestic Trips	✓	
Operational and Equipment Cost (including project activities)	✓	
Living Allowances		✓
Medical, Health, and Life Insurance		✓

The Local Partner Institution's (LPI) responsibility includes expenses for the project activities and assignment of counterpart personnel for the effective transfer of knowledge and skills of the volunteer.

## Recruitment and Deployment Schedule

The recruitment process will take a minimum of 1.5 years from the receipt of request to deployment of volunteer.

PROCESS	SPRING	AUTUMN
Request / Consultation	Whole Year Round	
Submission Deadline to JICA PP	February	July
Recruitment Period in Japan	April	October
Selection Result	October	April
Pre-Development Training in Japan	January   April   July	July   October   January
Deployment	July   October   January	January   April   July

\* The success of the recruitment is based on the available volunteers for the requested field.