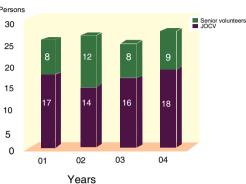
Volunteers anxious to make use of their skills and experiences acquired in Japan are sent to developing countries where they work together with local people at the grass roots level. The two major programs include the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (ages 20 to 40) and the Senior Volunteers (ages 40 and above).

Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)

The dispatch of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) Program 5 assists and promots the overseas activities of young people (ages 20 to 40) who wish to cooperate in the economic and social development of developing countries. The JOCV program started with the Royal Government of Bhutan in 1988. JOCVs generally spend two years in



country, living and working with Bhutanese people while taking part in techinical activities. Short-term JOCVs (less than 11months) have also been dispatched. Cooperation is mainly provided in these fields: agriculture, forestry, manufacturing, machinery maintenance and operation, civil engineering, architecture, health and welfare, education, IT services, and sports.

Senior Volunteers

The Senior Volunteers Program is aimed specifically towards middle-aged people who have a strong desire in cooperation activities in developing countries. Under this program, volunteers with extensive skills and professional experience between the ages of 40 and 69 are recruited. The Senior Volunteer Program started in 2001 in Bhutan and the numbers of requests have increased prominently. Cooperation is provided in various fields: cultural preservation, education, planning and administration, public works, IT services, machinery maintenance and operation, agriculture, forestry, and health.



Current situation of JICA Volunteers

Agriculture and Rural Development 13% ■

Balanced Infrastructure

Development 17%

Other Fields 11% ■

Improvement of Government Functions 20%

☐ Improvement of Social Service 39%



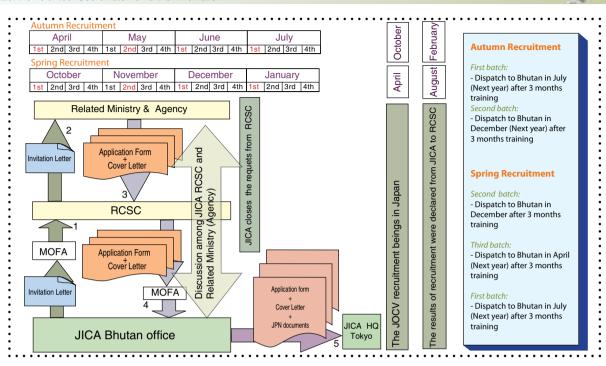






JICA Volunteer Program

The time frame for JOCV and Senior Volunteer are slighty different. Short-term volunteers have a separate procedure as well. JOCV and Senior volunteer have the same application form. Please mention which type of volunteer you are requesting for in your cover letter. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator for further infomation.



Senior Volunteers

