



# **【Online】 Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus)**

**General Information on**

**Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction  
課題別研修 総合防災**

***JFY 2021***

**Course No. 202003277J001**

**Online Course Period: From January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to February 15<sup>th</sup> 2022\***

**\*these are tentative schedule and exact date will be announced.**

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 February 2015, which stated that *“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 believe that this ‘Knowledge Co-Creation Program’ will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

# I. Concept

## Background

On March 11, 2011, the Great East Japan Earthquake and the following Tsunami caused an unprecedented level of damage to Japan. As a result, disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) is considered prime importance more than ever before. Further, the “Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030” was adopted as a post- Hyogo Framework for Action at the UN 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan, 2015, promoting activities on DRR worldwide. According to the Sendai Framework for DRR, there are 4 Priorities for Action.

1. Understanding disaster risk;
2. Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk;
3. Investing in DRR for resilience;
4. Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Besides these Priorities for Action, there are seven global targets. Among the seven global targets, Target (e), “Substantially increase the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies by 2020”, is recognized as a critical keystone to achieving the other targets, is expected to be completed by 2030.

Furthermore, the United Nations member states adopted the “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals” and emphasized that DRR is one of the fundamental factors for sustainable development. For example, Sustainable Development Goal 11, “Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable, “mentioned the importance of “holistic disaster risk management at all levels is emphasized.” Hence DRR is recognized as a critical issue in international cooperation to strengthen worldwide resilience toward natural disasters.

This program emphasizes the importance of knowledge and tools in the critical components for **DRR** strategies to reduce disaster risks; namely, 1) Natural Disasters and Risk Assessment, 2) Risk Preparedness and Risk Reduction, 3) Risk Reduction System, and 4) Risk Communication, making contributions to No.1 and No.2 of the Priorities for Action in the Sendai Framework for DRR. As an output of this program, participants will formulate local DRR plans (as the Zero-draft for a city/municipality selected by each participant before this program begins). In addition, we expect participants will disseminate the formulation method of local DRR plans and accelerate the formulation of local DRR plans in their home countries.

The target year of Sendai Framework’s Target e) is 2020. Therefore, after 2020, DRR should be expedited through the implementation of national and local DRR plans toward 2030. However, the local DRR plans have not been formulated/ implemented in many countries, even though the target year is over. Thus, steady formulation or implementation of the national and local DRR plans in each country is still crucial in ensuring mainstreaming of DRR.

### **For what?**

This program aims to strengthen governmental institutions in charge of disaster risk reduction to mitigate the human and economic damage caused by natural disasters through lectures and workshops on DRR and formulating a local DRR plan.

### **For whom?**

This program is designed for administrative officials responsible for the natural disaster risk reduction and involved in; mitigation and preparedness either in central or local government. We encourage both the officials at a local and national level, including planning and treasury-related ministries, to participate. It is even more critical for them to know the practical method to reduce risks and integrate them into their national development plans to secure the necessary budget and financing.

### **How?**

Through online interactive learning and self-study, participants shall have opportunities to learn about Japan's experiences and skills related to comprehensive DRR focused on the DRR system of national and local government levels against various disasters through online lectures/study materials. Furthermore, participants will also go through formulation exercise on local DRR plan so that the participant will contribute to the promotion of local DRR plans by putting the knowledge and ideas acquired and discussed during the program into their ongoing activities.

### **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

JICA is committed to achieving the SDGs. This program is to contribute to following goals.



### **Reference**

- ◇ Disaster Management in Japan (issued by Cabinet Office, Government of Japan)  
[http://www.bousai.go.jp/1info/pdf/saigaipamphlet\\_je.pdf](http://www.bousai.go.jp/1info/pdf/saigaipamphlet_je.pdf)
- ◇ Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction  
[http://www.unisdr.org/files/44983\\_sendaiframeworkchart.pdf](http://www.unisdr.org/files/44983_sendaiframeworkchart.pdf)
- ◇ JICA Disaster Reduction Learning Center  
[https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our\\_work/thematic\\_issues/disaster/disaster.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/thematic_issues/disaster/disaster.html)
- ◇ Practical Guide for Developing Local Disaster Risk Reduction Plans toward 2020  
[https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/field/2017/c8h0vm0000bqngel-att/practical\\_guide.pdf](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/field/2017/c8h0vm0000bqngel-att/practical_guide.pdf)  
[https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our\\_work/thematic\\_issues/disaster/c8h0vm0000bvqtv9-att/materials\\_01.pdf](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/thematic_issues/disaster/c8h0vm0000bvqtv9-att/materials_01.pdf)

## II. Description

### 1. Title (Course No.)

**Comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction (202003277J001)**

### 2. Course Period(Tentative)

From January 11th, 2022 to February 15th 2022\*

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<Important Note>

-Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please note that there is a possibility the course period may be changed, shortened or the course itself to be canceled.

-A certificate of completion for this course will be issued upon completing all lectures, participation in online workshop sessions, and submission of assignments.

### **Response to the time difference during the online program**

Online discussion sessions are planned during the online program to have interactive communication between lecturers and participants.

All participants will be connected at the same time at the Webinar in following time zones.

Japan: 14:00 - 17:00

Bangladesh: 11:00 - 14:00

Brazil: 2:00 - 5:00

Indonesia (Jakarta):12:00 - 15:00

Iran: 8:30 - 11:30

Philippines: 13:00 - 15:30

Fixed schedule will be shared to the accepted participants with the Notice of Acceptance.

### 3. Target Regions or Countries

Bangladesh, Brazil, Indonesia, Iran, and Philippines

### 4. Eligible / Target Organization

(1) Departments/organizations of national or local government involved in policy development, budgeting and/or implementation in disaster risk reduction: Especially those who are responsible for natural disaster risk reduction and involved in disaster prevention and mitigation; and

(2) National ministries or local governmental departments in charge of planning or treasury.

### 5. Capacity (Upper limit of Participants):7 participants

### 6. Language: English

### 7. Objective(s)

To formulate a local DRR plan as the Zero-draft\* to improve/enforce DRR system in each participant's organization to achieve the global targets of the Sendai Framework.

\*Zero-draft is supposed to be one potential resource to advance DRR activities in each country.

## 8. Overall Goal

DRR system of each country is improved based on national and local DRR plans and the damage caused by disasters is reduced.

## 9. Expected Module Output and Contents

This program consists of the following components. Details on each component are given below:

<b>(1) Preliminary phase in a participant's home country</b> (November 2021 to December 2021) <i>Participating organizations make required preparation for the Program in the respective countries.</i>	
Modules	Activities
Preparation for the online course	<p><b>1) Preparation for country report and its presentation.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-To research existing Regional/ Local DRR plan (actual plan or one developed by ex-participants of past program) and prepare Country Report*.</li> <li>-To prepare a presentation material based on the existing Regional/ Local DRR plan*. (See "VI. ANNEX")</li> </ul> <p><b>2) Prepare for exercise and workshop program during the core phase.</b></p> <p>To collect information necessary for formulation of local DRR plan*.</p> <p>Necessary information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Existing municipal DRR plan</li> <li>II. Municipal development policy/plan</li> <li>III. Geographical map</li> <li>IV. Population data, population distribution data/map</li> <li>V. Map of critical infrastructure (transportation, public facilities, etc.), map of building distribution</li> <li>VI. Record of past disasters with damage data</li> <li>VII. Hazard/risk analysis report/data/map</li> <li>VIII. (for flood) River water discharge model data/map</li> <li>IX. (for earthquake) Geophysical survey report/data/map</li> <li>X. (for tsunami) Tsunami simulation data/map</li> </ol> <p>* <u>Accepted participants are supposed to prepare for the above. Detail of the exercise will be explained at the time of acceptance notice.</u></p>

<b>(2) Online course</b> (January 2022 to February 2022) <i>Participants attend online course from respective countries</i> <b>This course will be conducted jointly with another course.</b>		
Modules	Subjects/Agendas	Methodology

(1)	<p>To understand roles of national and local governments in disaster risk reduction in Japan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Japan's law/regulation, system and policy/plan for disaster risk reduction and management</li> <li>➤ Roles of line ministries for disaster risk reduction and management</li> <li>➤ Local government's(Hyogo prefecture, Kobe city) roles, responsibilities and policy/plan for disaster risk reduction and management</li> </ul>	<p>&lt;Online self–study&gt;          -Viewing of Pre-Recorded Lecture Video          -Reporting</p> <p>&lt;Online Interactive Learning&gt;          -Presentation          -Discussion</p>
(2)	<p>To understand importance of “Build Back Better” and mitigation/ preparedness through analysis of past natural disaster cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Importance and maintain method of lessons learned from the natural disaster</li> <li>➤ Based on philosophy of “Build Back Better” and “Pre-investment”, consider application of Japanese experience in own country</li> </ul>	<p>&lt;Online self–study&gt;          -Viewing of Pre-Recorded Lecture Video          -Reporting</p> <p>&lt;Online Interactive Learning&gt;          -Presentation          -Discussion</p>
(3)	<p>To formulate a local DRR plan to improve/enforce disaster risk reduction and DRR system in each country, utilizing contents of the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Country Report presentation</li> <li>➤ learning 8 steps for formulation of local DRR plan</li> <li>➤ Review meeting</li> <li>➤ Formulation exercise of local DRR plan</li> <li>➤ Presentation of local DRR plans</li> </ul>	<p>&lt;Online Interactive Learning&gt;          -Lectures          -Discussion</p>

## III. Eligibility and Procedures

### 1. Expectations to the Applying Organizations

- (1) This course is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operation. Applying organizations are expected to use the program for those specific purposes.
- (2) This program is enriched with contents and facilitation schemes specially developed in collaboration with relevant prominent organizations in Japan. These special features enable the program to meet specific requirements of applying organizations and effectively facilitate them toward solutions for the issues and problems.
- (3) As this program is designed to facilitate organizations to come up with concrete solutions for their issues, participating organizations are expected to make due preparation before dispatching their participants to Japan by carrying out the activities of the Preliminary Phase described in section II-9.
- (4) Participating organizations are also expected to make the best use of the results achieved by their participants.
- (5) Applying organizations are expected to nominate the most qualified candidates to address the said issues or problems, carefully referring to the qualifications described in section III-2 below.

### 2. Nominee Qualifications

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

#### (1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) Current Duties:
  - Officials working in a department/organization in charge of policy development, budgeting or implementation for disaster risk reduction at national or local government.
- 2) Educational background: To be university graduates or equivalent.
- 3) Work experiences: those who have practical experience of more than two (2) years as an administrator in the field of disaster risk reduction.
- 4) Language: have a good command of spoken and written English. This program includes active participation in discussions and formulation of local DRR plan, thus requires high level of proficiency in English. Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC, etc., if possible.
- 5) Technical Requirements for the Online Course (Computer)

#### Technology Proficiency:

-Basic computer skills such as sending/receiving email with attachments and using a web browser.

-Online course may be delivered using the following services, Web Conferences (Zoom), Cloud Storage (Gigapod, Cornerstone), Online Whiteboard (Miro) and

YouTube. (Online tutorial and support by JICA will be limited. The ability to be self-directed in learning new technology skills are essentially required.)

**Internet Connection:**

-High Speed Broadband Connection (at least 2Mbps).

\* Internet access charge incurred for this course shall be borne by your organization or you (depend on your situation).

**Hardware (Minimum Requirement):**

- Regular access to a computer, either from your home or from your office.

- Operating System: Windows or Mac OS (Updated version is preferred).

- Processor: Intel Core 2 Duo or higher; 2GHz or higher

- Memory: 4GB of RAM or higher

- Hard Drive Space: 5GB free disk space

- Browser: Google Chrome is preferred browser. (Edge, Firefox, Safari can be used)

- Others: Webcam Microphone, and Audio output Device (Speaker or Headset)

**Software (which may be required):**

-Zoom Client for Meeting (<https://zoom.us/download>)

\*In case you are using your office computer and use of Zoom is not authorized by your IT administrator, please notify JICA at the time of application.

6) Health: must be in good health to participate in the program.

7) Attendance Requirement:

Participation in all online programs is an essential requirement for the completion of the course. If you have any difficulties participating in the online program, please let us know. Therefore, we will offer alternative measures, such as sharing lecture materials instead. For more detailed “completion requirements,” see V. Other Information.

**(2) Recommended Qualifications**

1) Age: between the ages of twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) years

2) Gender Consideration: JICA promotes gender equality. Women are encouraged to apply for the program.

**3. Required Documents for Application**

**(1) Application Form:** The Application Form is available at **the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan)**

**(2) Photocopy of Passport or ID:** 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.



\* Photocopy should include the followings:

Name, Date of Birth, Nationality, Sex, Passport Number and Expire Date

**(3) English Score Sheet (Photocopy):** to be submitted with the application form, if the nominees have any official English examination scores. (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS)

#### 4. 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 **November 26, 2021**)

##### **(2) Selection**

Primary screening is conducted at JICA office (or the embassy of Japan) after receiving official documents from your government. JICA Center will consult with concerned organizations in Japan in the process of final selection. Applying organizations with the best intentions to utilize the opportunity will be highly valued.

The Government of Japan will examine applicants who belong to the military or other military-related organizations and/or who are enlisted in the military, taking into consideration of their duties, positions in the organization, and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner to be consistent with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan.

##### **(3) Notice of Acceptance**

The JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) will notify the results **no later than December 10, 2021.**

#### 5. Additional Document(s) for Accepted Participants

Country report -- to be submitted by **December 23, 2021.**

Before beginning of this course, only accepted participants are required to prepare a Country Report (detailed information is provided in the VI. ANNEX "Country Report"). The Country Report should be sent to JICA Office by December 23, 2021 (Please CC following address [Nagata.Yoshiaki.2@jica.go.jp](mailto:Nagata.Yoshiaki.2@jica.go.jp)).

Accepted participants are also expected to collect the necessary information to formulate a draft local DRR plan during the program (also see VI. ANNEX).

#### 6. Conditions for Participation

Participants of KCCP are required

**(1)** to strictly observe the course schedule

**(2)** not to change the program topics

- (3)** not to record or share the online contents without JICA's permission
- (4)** not to bring or invite any family members
  
- (5)** 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,
- (6)** to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners or establishments with which the participants undertake study or training,
- (7)** to refrain from engaging in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain,
- (8)** to discontinue the course, in case of serious illness or injury, and when JICA will determine that you are unable to further participate the course..
- (9)** to discontinue the course, should you commit illegal or immoral conduct.
- (10)** to observe the rules and regulations at the place of your accommodation and not to change the accommodation designated by JICA,
- (11)** to comply with the use conditions of copyrighted works by each copyright holder, when using texts and other materials distributed for KCCP.
- (12)** to refund the allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a schedule change.

## IV. Administrative Arrangements

### 1. Organizer

(1) Disaster Risk Reduction Team 2, Global Environment Department, JICA

**Contact Person:** Ms. SASAOKA Kaoru (jicage-drr@jica.go.jp)

(2) Program Division 1/Disaster Reduction Learning Center (DRLC), Kansai Center (JICA Kansai)

**Contact Person:** Mr. Yoshiaki NAGATA (Nagata.Yoshiaki.2@jica.go.jp) and Mr. OHARA Takuya (Ohara.Takuya@jica.go.jp)

### 2. Implementing Partner

(1) **Name:** Asian Disaster Reduction Center(ADRC)

(2) **URL:** <https://www.adrc.asia/>

(3) **Description:**

The Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) was established in Kobe, Hyogo prefecture, in 1998 with the mission of enhancing the disaster resilience of its member countries, building safe communities, and creating a society where sustainable development is attainable. ADRC works to build disaster-resilient communities and to establish networks among countries through personnel exchanges and a variety of other programs.

### 3. Reference information

A pre-departure orientation will be held at the respective country's JICA office (or Japanese Embassy). JICA pre-departure briefing video is viewable from the link below.

<b>Part I: Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan</b>	
English ver.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw</a>
French ver.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2yU9ISYcTY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2yU9ISYcTY</a>
Spanish ver.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7l-WIQSDjl">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7l-WIQSDjl</a>
Russian ver.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7_ujz37AQc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7_ujz37AQc</a>
Arabic ver.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iBQqdpXQb4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iBQqdpXQb4</a>
<b>Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan</b>	
JICA Kansai	<a href="https://www.jica.go.jp/kansai/english/office/index.html">https://www.jica.go.jp/kansai/english/office/index.html</a>

## V. Other Information

### 1. Completion requirements:

Participants who have completed the program will be awarded a certificate by JICA.

Specifically, it means:

- (1) Submitting feedback sheets on all self-study materials
- (2) Participating in all online lectures
- (3) Participating in country-report presentations and discussions
- (4) Participating in formulation exercise and presenting own draft local DRR plans

If it is difficult for you to 1) participate in the online lectures or various presentations and discussions or 2) submit any feedback sheet, please consult with us individually.

## **VI. ANNEX:**

### **1. Country Report**

#### **<Purpose of Country Report>**

A country report is basic and essential information for the Japanese lecturers as well as the other participants in the program.

#### **<Preparation>**

Please prepare a country report covering the items shown in the outline below as much as possible. The report should be typewritten in English on A4 size paper in single spacing, 5 – 6 pages, including charts, figures, and photographs.

**Please submit this Country Report no later than December 23, 2021 to the JICA office.**

#### **<Outline of Country Report>**

##### **(1) Information of participant**

- 1) Name
- 2) Country
- 3) Organization / Position

##### **(2) Your responsibilities and duties**

- 1) Functions of the department/section that you belong
- 2) Your responsibilities and duties at current position
- 3) Your experiences related to DRR in your previous positions (if any)

##### **(3) National and local plan/strategy for DRR in your country**

- 1) Outline of National plan/strategy for DRR
- 2) Budget allocation for DRR (2018-2020)
- 3) Outline of local plan/strategy/regulation for DRR
- 4) Annual Plan
- 5) Role of your organization and organization chart

##### **(4) Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction\***

Describe the status and future prospect of the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in your country or region regarding the four priority actions and the seven global targets. (Ex: situations on the formulation of the regional disaster management plan, prior investment for disaster risk reduction, the preparation of laws and systems, etc.)

If necessary, check with the following documents

\*SENDAI FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION:

<English>

[https://www.unisdr.org/files/43291\\_sendaiframeworkfordrren.pdf](https://www.unisdr.org/files/43291_sendaiframeworkfordrren.pdf)

##### **(5) Current situation of DRR and mitigation in your country or region.**

Please briefly describe current status, initiatives and/or discussions of DRR and mitigation in your countries/ area. The description should be made from the perspective of your organization and its duties.

A: Understanding vulnerability

- Amount of damages and frequency of occurrence of 3 types of disasters with greater economic damage.
- Amount of damages and frequency of occurrence of 3 types of disasters with greater human damage.
- Three regions (including the metropolitan area) with greater economic and human damage in case of the type of disaster with greater economic damage.
- Overview of the local DRR plan in planning process in 3 regions mentioned above

B: Step 0 of the local DRR plan formulation exercise

- As Step 0 of the local DRR plan formulation exercise, mention the selected city, the type of disaster selected and the profile of the selected city.

Profile:

Name of the city, map, population, surface area, important infrastructure (government facilities, schools, hospitals, etc.) and main economy

C: Execution of the (national and regional) DRR plan

- Legal framework for the development of the DRR plan, administrative division for development (national, local, communal), progress in the preparation and availability of budget (national, local)
- Method of coordination with other institutions and departments in the preparation of the DRR plan.
- Review intervals

D: Investment in disaster risk reduction

- Responsible government institutions for each type of disaster, infrastructure situation and development of infrastructure improvement plans (if there are cases of coordination with disaster management plans to improve infrastructure or develop improvement plans, present cases) .
- System to execute the improvement of infrastructure and financing

Reference information on disaster risk reduction in Japan

“Measures against Disasters in Japan”, prepared by the Cabinet Office (in Japanese and English)

[http://www.bousai.go.jp/1info/pdf/saigaipamphlet\\_ie.pdf](http://www.bousai.go.jp/1info/pdf/saigaipamphlet_ie.pdf)

- ✧ Please find minimum one existing regional/ local DRR plan formulated by ex-participants of KCCP courses (“PROMOTION OF MAINSTREAMING DISASTER RISK REDUCTION” or “COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION” in 2018, 2019, and 2021) or formulated by the technical cooperation projects in your country, and attached them to your report.

## 2. Presentation Material

**Accepted participants** will carry out the presentation of each Country Report for maximum ten minutes per one person (country), recommended to use Microsoft Power Point, at the first phase of the program period for other participants and Japanese officers including the lecturers from concerned institutions.

**Please summarize your Country Report to ten (10) Power Point slides (at most) for the presentation and send it to JICA Office by December 23.**

## 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 is 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, 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 enquiries and further information, please contact the JICA overseas office or the Embassy of Japan.

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