



JICA Kansai PROFILE







Japan International Cooperation Agency Kansai Center

Mission

JICA, in accordance with the Development Cooperation Charter, will work on human security* and quality growth.

Vision

Leading the world with trust

JICA, with its partners, will take the lead in forging bonds of trust across the world, aspiring for a free, peaceful, and prosperous world where people can hope for a better future and explore their diverse potentials.

* A concept that focuses on each and every individual through protection of individuals from serious and wide-ranging threats to their survival, daily lives, and dignity and empowerment of people for sustainable self-reliance and community building, so that all people can reach their full potential.

Organization Overview

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Establishment October 1, 2003



Domestic offices



Overseas offices



Social Media Accounts



JICA's website

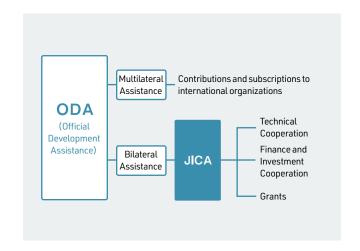
ODA and **JICA**

In 1954, Japan launched the Official Development Assistance (ODA) as a means of contributing to the international community.

Among the ODA modalities, JICA is centrally responsible for Technical Cooperation, Finance and Investment Cooperation, and Grants*, which are bilateral.

As one of the world's largest bilateral aid agencies, JICA operates in approximately 150 countries and regions of the world through its near-100 overseas offices.

*Excluding Grants that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides due to diplomatic necessity.



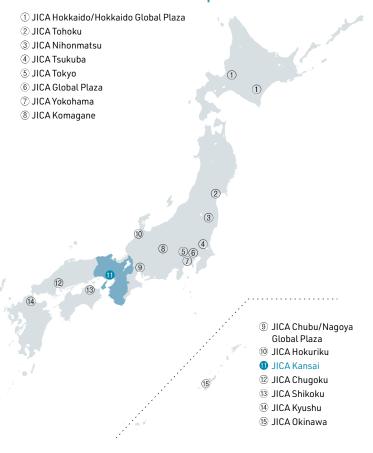
Roles of Domestic Offices

JICA has established 15 domestic offices across Japan as nodes that connect developing countries and Japan.

These offices serve the purpose of providing foreign participants in Knowledge Co-creation Programs, coming to Japan from developing countries, with opportunities to learn skills and learn from Japanese experiences in relevant fields, and to provide training for volunteers, while also being a vehicle to enjoy exchanges with local people.

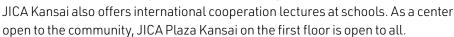
JICA offices in Japan also provide information on JICA projects and international cooperation, support the development of global human resources, and promote a wide range of collaborative projects with local governments, NGOs, universities, and private companies.

Offices and Global Plazas in Japan



About JICA Kansai

As one of its domestic operation centers, the Japan International Cooperation Agency Kansai Center (JICA Kansai) serves as JICA's general contact point in the Kansai region (Shiga, Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo, Nara, and Wakayama Prefectures). Based in HAT Kobe in the eastern part of Kobe City, with the cooperation of the local community, JICA Kansai implements a variety of international cooperation projects, combining the strengths of the six prefectures in the Kansai region to tackle the diverse challenges faced by developing countries.





Message from the Director General

Izuru Kimura Director General JICA Kansai



I owe Kansai a lot because I was born and raised in Hyogo Prefecture. I feel encouraged that I have had the opportunity to further deepen the relationship between the Kansai region and developing countries through working together with the local community. I ask for your guidance and support as I devote myself to the efforts.

JICA Kansai marked a new milestone in 2022: 10 years since the launch of our new Kobe premises and organization. April 2012 marked the constructive integration of the Osaka International Training Center (later the Osaka International Center), established in 1967, and the Hyogo International Center, established in 1973. I would like to cherish every encounter and effort we make in the course of weaving a more meaningful history.

As a general contact point for JICA projects in Shiga, Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo, Nara, and Wakayama prefectures, JICA Kansai works with local residents to develop international cooperation projects to build bridges between the Kansai region and developing countries. With the understanding and support of local residents, we draw on the outstanding technologies and knowledge in the region to offer a wide range of programs, including accepting participants in Knowledge Co-creation Programs and international students from developing countries and conducting international cooperation programs in collaboration with local governments, NGOs/NPOs, private companies, and universities and other institutions. We also support development education and global human resource development to promote people's understanding of developing countries and international cooperation.

JICA's organizational vision is "Leading the world with trust." In a world where complex crises, such as the coronavirus pandemic and conflicts, continue and divide us more and more, we recognize that the trust set forth in this vision is an increasingly important factor for the sustainable development of regions and countries. Through all our projects, JICA works toward a free, peaceful, and prosperous world where people can believe in a brighter future and pursue diverse possibilities. With diverse partners, we connect the world with trust.

Expo for SDGs is one of the objectives of World Expo 2025 (Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan). While we focus on initiatives toward 2030, the target year for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations, and other efforts that look beyond that, we hope to work together with the local community to create opportunities for mutual development through involvement with various members of developing countries and connections with the world during and after the preparation for the Expo.

JICA Kansai plans to open an exhibition space featuring developing countries and international cooperation in the exhibition room, along with a restaurant where you can enjoy foods from developing countries. Please feel free to drop in when you come by the area. We at JICA Kansai are committed to connecting developing countries and the Kansai region with trust. Together we will contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

History

JICA Kansai was born when two regional offices, one in Hyogo and the other in Osaka, merged in 2012.

JICA Hyogo	JICA Osaka				
July 1964 Japan Emigration Service, Hyogo Prefecture Office was established.	July 1964 Japan Emigration Service, Osaka Office was established.				
August 1973 Overseas Technical Cooperation Agency, Hyogo International Center was opened.	April 1967 • Overseas Technical Cooperation Agency, Osaka International Training Center was opened.				
October 1973 Japan Emigration Service, Kobe Branch was established.	October 1973 • Japan Emigration Service, Osaka Branch was established.				
August 1974 • Kobe Branch and Hyogo International Center of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) were established.	August 1974 • Osaka Branch and Osaka International Training Center of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) were established.				
July 1979 Kobe Branch was closed and merged with Osaka Branch.	April 1980 Osaka Branch was renamed the Kansai Branch.				
	April 1994 • Osaka International Training Center was reorganized into Osaka International Center.				
April 2002 • Hyogo International Center was closed, and relocated to HAT Kobe and re-opened as JICA Hyogo International Center.	October 1996 Kansai Branch was closed and consolidated into Osaka International Center.				
April 2007 Disaster Reduction Learning Center (DRLC) was established in JICA Hyogo.					
	March 2012 • Osaka International Center was closed. (Integrated with JICA Hyogo based in Kobe)				
JICA Kansai					
April 2012 Kansai International Center was established by integrating Hyogo International Center and Osaka International Center.					
July 2018 Kansai International Center was renamed Kansai Center.					

JICA Kansai Center Story

The JICA Kansai website introduces the history of JICA Kansai along with the thoughts of all concerned. (Articles are in Japanese)

https://www.jica.go.jp/Resource/kansai/office/story/index.html

Welcome to JICA Kansai!

At JICA Kansai, the exhibition room, library, 1st floor lobby, and cafeteria are designated as "JICA Plaza Kansai" to provide information on international cooperation and the SDGs in an integrated manner. Visitors can get up close and personal with developing countries and JICA projects, and deepen their understanding of the SDGs, international cooperation, and foreign cultures.



1st floor lobby





Exhibitions are sometimes held in conjunction with the monthly ethnic dishes in the cafeteria and the theme of the exhibition room.

1st floor lobby



JICA Kansai Website



JICA Kansai Facebook



JICA Kansai Twitter



URL ► https://www.jica.go.jp/domestic/kansai/index.html

URL ► https://www.facebook.com/JICAKansai

URL ► https://twitter.com/jica_Kansai

Introducing Our Facilities

Exhibition Room





Full of fun and educational exhibits, the Exhibition Room introduces the SDGs and JICA projects, folk crafts from around the world, ethnic costumes, and a scene from a developing country with kiosks.

① Take a photo at the SDGs display board as a memory of your visit. ① Graphic exhibits introduce JICA's efforts along with the geography and history of different countries.

JICA Kansai Cafeteria





"Eat and experience!" The cafeteria offers monthly ethnic dishes, weekly and daily specials, and halal dishes for Muslims. Children's chairs are also available, so those with children are welcome.

*No smoking.

Library



The library has books and other materials on international cooperation and global understanding. There are many easy-to-understand books for students who visit the facility.

Seminar Room



Local governments, schools, NGOs, NPOs, and other organizations involved in international cooperation for developing countries can use the Seminar Room under certain conditions for events related to international cooperation.

Gymnasium/Auditorium



This space is used for major events and sometimes by participants in Knowledge Co-creation Programs, who want to exercise in their free time.

Briefing Room



The Briefing Room is where we hold opening and closing ceremonies for Knowledge Co-creation Programs. It is also used for seminars and lectures.

What method of international cooperation is right for you?

Aside from Overseas Cooperation Volunteers who actively take part in efforts abroad, we also offer a wide range of activities that allow you to interact with and learn from people from developing countries while in the Kansai region.

Join us at JICA Kansai if you want to participate in activities to help people!

	Local governments, NGOs, universities, etc.	Those involved in school education	Private companies	Anyone who wants to participate in international cooperation
Communicating knowledge and skills of the Kansai region Knowledge Co-creation Program JICA Development Studies Program	•		•	
Using Kansai-based companies' technologies to solve issues in developing countries Public-Private PartnershipsP.10				
Contributing to the improvement of living conditions and environments in developing countries Civil participation and cooperation programsP.11	•			
Learning at schools and in the region about what is happening in the world and how it relates to Japan Support for international understanding education and development educationP.12	•			•
Volunteering in a developing country JICA VolunteersP.13	•	•		•
Aiming for a prosperous society where people live together in harmony Support for the Acceptance of Foreign Human Resources / Multicultural and Inclusive CommunityP.13	•	•	•	•

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Knowledge Co-creation Program

Kansai's knowledge and technologies for the world

Knowledge Co-creation Program (Short-term Program)

With the objective of developing human resources who will play key roles in carrying out nation-building efforts in developing countries, JICA invites over 8,000 government officials and engineers from around 150 countries and regions to participate in training every year. Participants are expected to not only acquire the nation-building skills and knowledge necessary to contribute to the development of their own countries, but also to deepen their understanding of Japanese traditions and culture through their experiences in Japan.

JICA Kansai utilizes the unique regional characteristics of Kansai's six prefectures with the cooperation of various bodies, including local governments, universities, private companies, NGOs, and the relevant ministries and agencies. Every year, JICA Kansai accepts around 1,000 participants to attend roughly 130 courses in various fields such as disaster prevention acquired through lessons learned from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, economic development including the promotion of SMEs and investment, waste disposal and water quality conservation, tourism, infrastructure and ICT, health and medical care, and education.



Online training connecting 10 African countries



Hands-on skill training in construction equipment training program

Disaster Reduction Learning Center (DRLC): A Joint Project with Hyogo Prefecture



In April 2007, JICA and Hyogo Prefecture jointly established the Disaster Reduction Learning Center (DRLC) within the then JICA Hyogo to develop human resources in the field of disaster prevention in developing countries. The DRLC conducts a number of programs, including training and awareness events, in cooperation with disaster prevention agencies, local governments, disaster prevention organizations, and commu-

nities in various parts of the country.

Japan's knowledge and efforts in disaster mitigation and preparedness, developed or acquired from experiences and lessons learned from past disasters such as the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake and the Great East Japan Earthquake, are applied to disaster prevention measures in developing countries.



 $Learning\ disaster\ risk\ reduction\ methods\ through\ disaster\ site\ visits$



Visiting the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution

JICA Development Studies Program

Cooperating with Local Universities to Develop Future Leaders



① Long-term training program participant is experimenting virus detection in African rice (ABE Initiative at Kyoto University) ② Visiting terraced rice paddy field conservation activities conducted by the students from Wakayama University ③ Presentation at academic conference: Acting as a bridge between Japan and India (Kyoto University-Japan-India FRIENDSHIP Program)

Bridge to the Future: Development of Human Resources

JICA Kansai hosts international students (long-term training participants) studying in Master's and Doctoral programs at universities in the Kansai area. Most of these students are government officers and researchers in developing countries. And their research activities are in various fields such as engineering, agriculture, business administration, and ICT. Through this project, students can study in their area of expertise and expand their knowledge through learning development experiences* in Japan and the unique features of each region. The students are expected to contribute to developing their own countries and to become a bridge between their countries and Japan.

Some programs also offer internship opportunities at Japanese companies, through which students can learn the company's technologies, business style, and management philosophy. After their internship, they are expected to actively play a role in "navigating" the economic activities of Japanese enterprises in their countries.

*JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP)

JICA-DSP offers future leaders from partner countries 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.

JICA-DSP is co-organized by various universities in Japan and JICA for the participants from partner countries. This program offers participants an opportunity to study the respective academic fields in master's or doctor's degree courses at Japanese graduate schools and to deepen the understanding of Japanese development experiences

Collaboration with Universities in the Kansai Region

The development challenges that the developing countries are facing are becoming more complex and diverse, making it crucial for JICA to collaborate with universities, the hub of knowledge and wisdom. JICA actively cooperates with universities in a variety of projects, including global human resources development through the dispatch of university students to JICA Volunteers and International Cooperation Lectures, promotion of the acceptance of JICA long-term training participants, and making intellectual contribution and strengthening international networks through JICA Partnership Program and technical cooperation projects, and Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development (SATREPS*).

*SATREPS

Through this program, JICA collaborates with Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) and Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED) to solve global issues and improve the level of science and technology based on the needs of developing countries.

Public-Private Partnerships

Kansai Companies' Technologies to Solve Challenges in Developing Countries

Making the Most of Corporate Technologies and Knowledge

There is growing expectation that diverse challenges faced by developing countries can be tackled not only through conventional ODA, but also through private businesses. The Kansai region is home to many private companies with outstanding products and technologies that have the potential to solve various issues in developing countries, such as water purification, waste treatment, agricultural promotion, health and medical care, and disaster prevention.

JICA is implementing "SDGs Business Supporting Survey," which supports the creation of businesses by Japanese private companies that contribute to solving problems in developing countries. JICA Kansai supports companies in the Kansai

region by providing consultation services to companies that are considering to apply for "SDGs Business Supporting Survey." For those who applied to the Survey and are selected, JICA Kansai supervises and follows up the survey during the contract period and after completion of the survey.

JICA Kansai also collaborates with corporate support agencies and financial institutions in the Kansai region to provide assistance to meet the diverse needs of companies seeking to expand business overseas. These efforts include holding seminars and events to disseminate information on business in developing countries, as well as creating opportunities to share information and experiences between companies.



Conducting a business survey of Smart Lectures (an integrated paper-digital teaching material that combines printed materials and instructional videos) in the Philippines by utilizing the "SDGs Business Supporting Survey" (SHINKOSHUPPANSHA KEIRINKAN Co., Ltd.)



Conducting a business survey for disposable vaginal delivery kits and cesarean delivery kits at Vietnam Public Hospital utilizing the "SDGs Business Supporting Survey" (Daiei Co., Ltd.)



Jointly hosted the "7th Corporate Exchange Meeting" with Osaka Municipal Waterworks Bureau, under the theme of "water- and environment-related business"

Supporting JICA Exchange Students on Internship Program

In terms of foreign nationals, JICA offers internship programs at Japanese companies for long-term JICA exchange students from developing countries in Africa, Asia, and other regions (internship period varies from weeks to months). Those who are interested in offering internships to JICA exchange students may contact JICA Kansai.



Tsujiplastics Co,. Ltd. expanded its business to Niger after accepting students from Africa through "ABE Initiative."

Access JICA's overseas business support menu from this QR code.



Civil participation and cooperation programs

Sharing Kansai's Knowledge with the World

JICA Partnership Program

The JICA Partnership Program is a joint initiative by JICA to carry out activities for which Japanese NGOs, universities, private companies, and local governments make proposals based on the knowledge and experience they have accumulated through their activities.

In the Kansai region, in addition to disaster prevention projects

Technical instruction at a glass workshop in Palau using waste glass

that draw on the knowledge of reconstruction following the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, environmental, ICT, and human resource development projects have also been proposed among many others. The results from these proposals and projects have been passed on to the Kansai region as well.



Crop production training in Malawi ©Yuki Yadani

Cooperation with Local Governments

Local governments in Japan provide a variety of public services to improve the livelihood of its residents, such as waterworks and sewage maintenance, waste disposal, disaster risk reduction, and community development.

JICA aims to take full advantage of the experience of local governments in order to respond to the diverse needs of developing countries while simultaneously catering to the needs of local governments.

Some specific examples of these efforts include: Knowledge Co-creation Program conducted in collaboration with local governments and extra-governmental organizations; the JICA Partnership Program, which is founded on the know-how of local governments; JICA Volunteer Program for local government officials, Development Education Program that is provided in collaboration with their respective boards of education; and support for local businesses in expanding overseas



 ${\sf JICA\,Kansai\,joins\,an\,SDGs\,event\,hosted\,by\,the\,Hyogo\,Prefectural\,Government}$

Support for international understanding education and development education

Connecting classrooms with the world: JICA Kansai's education support program



In a world where globalization is advancing, it is imperative for people to acknowledge that the various problems facing humanity are the very problems that we ourselves face as well, and we must reflect on our lifestyles and engage in solutions. Leveraging its knowledge, experience and human resources in international cooperation, JICA Kansai conducts development education support programs in local and school educational settings with the aim of promoting understanding and participation in international cooperation and fostering human resources who will play a key role in the future of the Earth. JICA Kansai supports the promotion of international under-

standing in schools and the region through programs such as: the International Cooperation Lectures, where former JICA Volunteers and JICA participants visit schools to share their experiences of international cooperation activities; the JICA Kansai Visit Program, which can be utilized for school study trips; JICA's Essay Contest on International Cooperation for junior and senior high school students; the Study Tour Program for Teachers, where participants actually visit developing countries to create learning materials; and the Seminar for Development Education Instructors, where participants learn about development issues and social systems.

International Cooperation Lectures

Former JICA Volunteers and JICA participants from developing countries visit school classrooms to talk about the situation in developing countries, its relationship with Japan, and the need for international cooperation, together with their own experiences and personal stories.

These lectures are used not only for international understanding education and comprehensive learning, but also for learning about human rights, peace, the environment, multicultural coexistence, and careers, as well as for teacher training at schools and other settings.



JICA Kansai Visiting Program

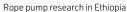
We offer a program that provides opportunities for visitors to JICA Kansai to learn about international cooperation and foreign cultures to raise awareness about the connections between Japan and the world. It is also frequently used for school field trips, school excursions, and teacher training.

The exhibition room displays traditional clothes and folk crafts. Here, you can see, touch, and feel the essence of the developing countries. There is also a section where visitors can experience water-container carrying and other aspects of life in developing countries.



Dispatch of JICA Volunteers | Venturing out into the world from Kansai!







Group nutrition guidance in Fijian communities

JICA Volunteers

JICA Volunteers live alongside local residents in developing countries, speak the local language, respect local customs,

and contribute to regional, social, and economic development through community-based efforts.

Types of JICA Volunteers

Туре	Age group	Name	Activity period
General Volunteers	Ages 20 to 69	Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, Volunteers for Nikkei Communities	Generally 2 years
Senior Volunteers	Ages 20 to 69	Senior Volunteers, Senior Volunteers for <i>Nikkei</i> Communities	Senerally 2 years

^{*} Senior Volunteers: People from ages 20 to 69 can apply, but they must have at least 15 years of work experience.

Private-sector Partnership Volunteer Program

With growing interest in developing business in emerging countries and SDGs business, more and more companies are faced with the need to secure human resources with a global mindset and capabilities, and are considering the JICA Volunteer Program as an option to cultivate young employees and managers. In response to these needs, JICA has launched the Private-sector Partnership Volunteer Program, which allows the dispatch country,

requirements, occupation, and dispatch period to be tailored according to the needs of the individual private

This program provides opportunities to develop global leaders, build local networks, and understand business practices and potential markets, which benefit both employees who want to improve their business skills and companies seeking to develop leaders.

Support for the Acceptance of Foreign Human Resources / Multicultural and Inclusive Community

Aiming for a prosperous society where people live together in harmony!

In line with the Government of Japan promoting the acceptance of foreign human resources and the establishment of society of harmonious coexistence, JICA is promoting the exchange of human resources between developing countries and Japan, and supports appropriate acceptance of foreign human resources in Japan as well as the establishment of a multicultural and inclusive society in each region. JICA Kansai is working with relevant local organizations to improve the disaster prevention capabilities of foreign residents and to assist them in learning Japanese. As part of the initiatives to facilitate multicultural and inclusive society, JICA Kansai also utilizes lectures given by JICA Volunteers with experience of international cooperation activities in different parts of the world.



Providing disaster prevention seminars for Vietnamese people in Japan

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

JICA Kansai's Initiatives to Achieve SDGs

The SDGs are goals adopted at the United Nations Summit on Sustainable Development in September 2015. JICA has established three principles for cooperation to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.

- (1) Aiming for peace, stability, and prosperity of the international community, JICA will achieve human security and high-quality growth. The SDGs will accelerate and promote this mission, and JICA will provide leadership and actively work to achieve the goals.
- (2) Leveraging Japan's own experience with development cooperation, JICA will play a central role in achieving the 10 goals among the SDGs. [10 goals: Zero hunger; Health; Education; Water and sanitation; Energy; Economic growth; Infrastructure and industrialization; Cities; Climate actions; and Forests and biodiversity]
- (3) In order to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs, JICA will utilize knowledge in Japan, collaborate with domestic and international partners, and innovate to ensure impact toward the achievement of the SDGs.



xhibits and books for hands-on learning about the SDGs are available in the exhibition room and library.

JICA Kansai also leads efforts to achieve the SDGs in the Kansai region, with the mission of connecting developing countries and the Kansai region with trust and contributing to the achievement of the SDGs hand-in-hand.

Kansai SDGs Platform

Bringing together the power of the Kansai region to realize a sustainable world

The Kansai SDGs Platform was established in December 2017 as a platform to promote the achievement of the SDGs with the participation of various actors, including private companies, community groups, NPOs and NGOs, universities and research institutes, and local governments and government agencies in the Kansai region. In the enterprising Kansai region, where traditions are

preserved but new things are also created, we expect to see a surge in future-oriented initiatives.

JICA Kansai serves as the administrative secretariat for the Kansai SDGs Platform, together with the Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Union of Kansai Governments.

Activities

- Supporting efforts to achieve the SDGs by promoting collaboration among member organizations
- ♦ Holding events such as symposiums and workshops
- Cooperation in events organized by member organizations

(Event announcements on website, etc.)

- ♦ Introducing activities of member organizations (through websites, etc.)
- Subcommittee activities that specialize in the topics of interest



https://kansai-sdgs-platform.jp/ Kansai SDGs Platform





























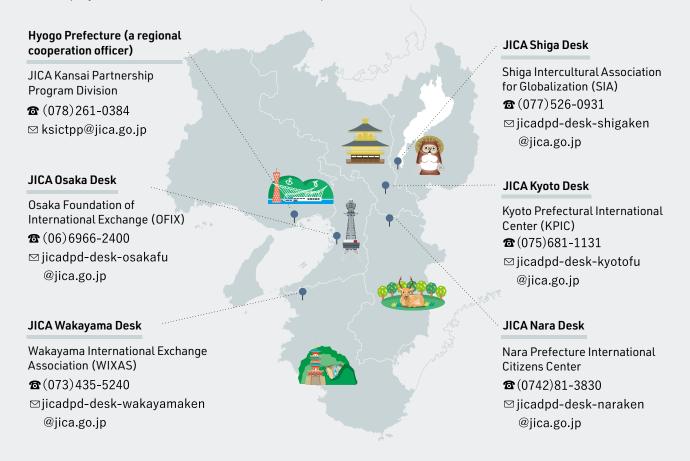






JICA Desk in the Region

JICA Desks are located in five of the Kansai prefectures (excluding Hyogo), with coordinators for international cooperation. For Hyogo Prefecture, a regional cooperation officer is assigned within JICA Kansai. If you are interested in JICA projects or collaborations with JICA Kansai, please feel free to contact our office.



JICA Collaboration Desk

JICA Kansai has set up JICA Collaboration Desk in Umeda, Osaka, as a consultation point for "SDGs Business Supporting Survey" to help Japanese companies based in Kansai region expand their operations overseas.

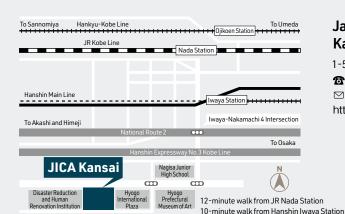
For companies interested in overseas expansion in developing countries, please feel free to contact the JICA Collaboration Desk.

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