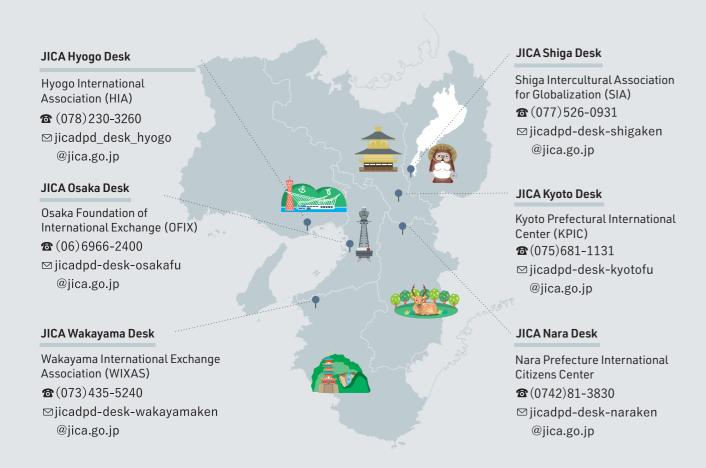
JICA Desk in the Region

JICA Desks are located in all six Kansai prefectures, with coordinators for international cooperation. 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.

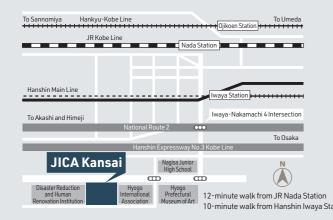
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JICA Kansai PROFILE







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

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Name

Location Headquarters (Kojimachi)

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Headquarters (Takebashi)

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Takebashi Bldg., 1-4-1 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

☎ (03)5226-6660 through 6663

Headquarters (Ichigaya)

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10-5 Ichigaya-Honmuracho, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo

1 (03) 3269-2911

Establishment October 1, 2003

Domestic offices



Overseas offices



Social Media Accounts



JICA's website

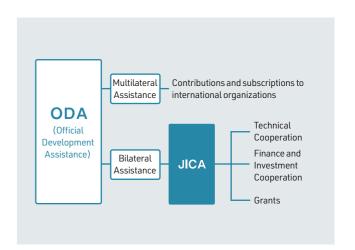
ODA and **JICA**

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.



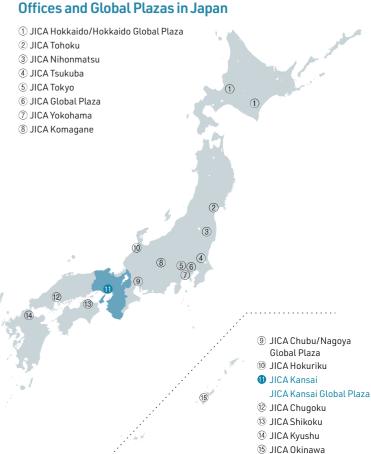
Roles of Domestic Offices

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.



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.



JICA Kansai also offers international cooperation lectures at schools. As a center open to the community, JICA Kansai Global Plaza on the first floor is open to all.

Message from the Director General





Based in Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture, JICA Kansai serves as the regional office for the Kansai area within JICA, the agency responsible for implementing the Japanese government's Official Development Assistance (ODA). We collaborate with a wide range of stakeholders in international cooperation, including local governments, private companies, universities, and NGOs/NPOs across the Kansai region (Shiga, Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo, Nara, and Wakayama), to implement international cooperation projects that create value to both partner countries and the Kansai region.

Specifically, we annually invite over 1,000 mid-level government and business leaders from developing countries who play key roles in their countries' development to Kansai. We offer training programs that share Kansai's expertise and know-how in fields such as disaster prevention, manufacturing, and environmental management. We also conduct the SDGs Business Supporting Survey to assist Kansai-based private companies in expanding overseas. Moreover, we operate the JICA Volunteers program. We visit many schools in Kansai to communicate the significance and necessity of global connections. In recent years, we have also supported local governments and private companies in promoting the acceptance of foreign human resources and building multicultural and inclusive communities. In addition to sharing knowledge, these initiatives also serve the important purpose of "building relationship of trust". JICA's organizational vision is "leading the world with trust." In a world where compound crises,

such as pandemic, climate change, and conflicts, continue to deepen divisions both domestically and internationally, the "trust" set forth in the vision has become an increasingly important factor for the sustainable development of regions and countries. Against such a backdrop, 2024 marked the 70th anniversary of the ODA. The year 2025 coincides with several milestones: the 30th anniversary of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (January), the 60th anniversary of JICA Volunteer Program (April), the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II (August), the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai (April to October), and the 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9) (August). In the context of JICA, the theme of Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, "Designing Future Society for Our Lives," relates to our mission of working on "human security" and "quality growth." We are grateful to all those who have been involved in the history of international cooperation in Kansai region. Making the most of the historic milestones and international events in 2025, we will remain committed to expanding and deepening relationships through individual efforts as well as contributing to a meaningful history of mutual cooperation between Kansai and the world.

The first floor of JICA Kansai is open to the public as the "JICA Kansai Global Plaza" (open year-round except during the New Year holidays, free of charge), featuring exhibits and resources on developing countries and international cooperation, as well as a cafeteria where you can enjoy the world's cuisines. Please feel free to drop by.

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 Kansai Global Plaza" 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 Kansa Website



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



JICA Kansai

URL ► https://www.instagram.com/jica_kansai



JICA Kansai X(formerly Twitter)



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.

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.

Gymnasium/Auditorium



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

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

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.

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	•	•	•	•

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 progra

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-

Learning disaster risk reduction methods through disaster site visits

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



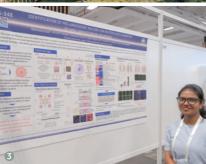
Visiting the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution

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, such as water purification, waste treatment, agricultural promotion, health and medical care, and disaster prevention.

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

through consultation services to companies that are considering to apply for the project, supporting the implementation of adopted surveys, and follow-up after completion.

JICA Kansai also collaborates with corporate support agencies and financial institutions in Kansai to provide assistance to meet the diverse needs of companies seeking to expand business in developing countries. These efforts include holding seminars and business matching programs to provide information regarding business in developing countries and JICA's corporate support menu, as well as holding business networking events to promote exchanges and sharing experiences between companies



SDGs Business Validation Survey for Installation of Drainage Sheet to Prevent Rainfall-Induced Road Collapse in Cambodia implemented by Tanaka Co., Ltd



SDGs Business Needs Confirmation Survey for regional disaster mitigation needs by automatic closing of sluice gates and emergency shutoff of water supply using seismometers in Indonesia implemented by IMV CORPORATION



The 8th Business Networking Event co-organized with the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, under the theme of health and medical care (medical devices)

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."

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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 addition to disaster prevention projects drawing on



Technical instruction at a glass workshop in Palau using waste glass

knowledge from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, various projects have been implemented in the Kansai region. These projects include improving water quality, ensuring a water supply, and protecting the environment. These projects have contributed to the growth of developing countries and benefited the region.



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: the Knowledge Co-creation Program, conducted in collaboration with local governments and nongovernmental organizations; the JICA Partnership Program, founded on the know-how of local governments; the JICA Volunteer Program for local government officials; the Development Education Program, provided in collaboration with their respective boards of education; and support for promoting acceptance of foreign human resources and multicultural, inclusive communities.



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



JICA implements programs that support education for international understanding and development. These programs aim to help students and citizens understand global diversity and issues, recognize Japan's relationship with the world, think independently, and participate in initiatives that address these issues.

Leveraging its knowledge, experience, and human resources in international cooperation, JICA Kansai works on programs that promote international understanding and support development education. These programs aim to foster understanding and participation in international cooperation, as well as develop human resources who will play a key role in the future of the Earth. Specifically, we implement the following programs:

- International Cooperation Lectures: Former JICA Volunteers and JICA international students (long-term training participants) visit schools to share their experiences with international cooperation activities.
- JICA Kansai Visit Program: This program can be used for school extracurricular activities.
- JICA Essay Contest on International Cooperation: This contest is for junior and senior high school students.
- Study Tour Program for Teachers: Teachers visit developing countries and share their experiences with Japanese children and students.
- Seminars for Development Education Instructors: Participants learn about development issues and social systems.

International Cooperation Lectures

Former JICA Volunteers and JICA international students (long-term training participants) from developing countries visit school classrooms to talk about the situation in developing countries, their relationships 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

This program provides visitors to JICA Kansai with opportunities to learn about international cooperation and foreign cultures, raising awareness of the connections between Japan and the rest of the world. The program is also frequently used for school field trips, excursions, and teacher training.

The exhibition room displays traditional clothing and folk crafts. Here, you can experience the essence of developing countries through sight, touch, and feel. Visitors can also experience water pumping and other aspects of life in developing countries in a designated section.



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





Rope pump research in Ethiopia

Group nutrition guidance in Fijian communities

JICA Volunteers

JICA Volunteers live and work in local communities in assigned developing countries. They speak the local language, respect

local customs, and contribute to regional social and economic development.

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	Inteers Ages 20 to 69 Senior Volunteers, Senior Volunteers for Nikkei Communiti				

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

JICA Volunteers (Partnership Program)

The JICA Volunteer Program (Partnership Program) contributes to solving issues in developing countries and addressing local issues in Japan. It supports human resource development within partner organizations by strategically and systematically dispatching JICA

Volunteers in collaboration with various Japanese organizations, including local governments, private companies, universities, industry associations, and NGOs. These organizations submit proposals for dispatches.

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 collaborates with local organizations to enhance disaster preparedness among foreign residents and promote the acceptance of foreign human resources in sectors experiencing labor shortages. As part of its initiatives to promote multicultural and inclusive communities, JICA Kansai organizes on-demand lectures by former JICA Volunteers, who have participated in international cooperation activities around the world. These lectures leverage the volunteers' experiences.



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.



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
- Subcommittee activities that specialize in the topics of



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



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