



JICA-DSP



# Graduate School of Economics, Kyoto University



## JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP)



Various universities, in collaboration with JICA, have established JICA-DSP among the graduate school degree courses they offer. JICA-DSP consists of class subjects pertaining to the development experience of modern Japan (including the experience of Japan's own development and of its cooperation with other countries through ODA). This program offers JICA scholars a chance to deepen their understanding of Japan's development experience in the respective academic fields.

## Graduate School of Economics

The Graduate School of Economics offers programs that broaden the knowledge and global perspectives of students and enhance their problem-solving capabilities. With the aim of producing world class academic and professional economists, this long tradition of postgraduate education is based on six main areas: Economic Theory, Applied Economics, Political Economy, Economic Policy, Management and Accounting, and Economic History and Thought. It maintains a strong commitment to developing close communication between leading researchers, both within Japan and overseas, with whom a free and constructive exchange of ideas is nurtured, generating research based on unique, free, and diverse ideas. The globalization of research and education is strongly promoted, and as part of its mission, the International Program for the East Asian Sustainable Economic Development Studies (EA Program) was established in 2009, offered at both MA and PhD levels. JICA scholars form part of this international program. Its admission and curriculum policies are oriented towards "sustainability" studies, mainly of East Asian economies (but not exclusively, as far as comparative perspectives are considered), and place a specific focus on the environmental, social, and governance aspects of development policy, industry policy, and business management.

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# JICA-DSP offered by Kyoto University



## PROGRAM OUTLINE

This course is designed to provide students with a critical and practical opportunity to learn about Japan's international development assistance as well as the history and current state of industrial policy and economic development in the Asia Pacific region, including Japan, from an international comparative perspective with international students from a variety of countries and regions. Students potentially become top leaders in their countries and will play a central role in developing countries' policy making and administration based on Japan's development experience.



## COURSE SUBJECTS

### International Development Assistance Policy

- Diverse overview of Japan's international development assistance policy and practice of the Japanese government, business actors, and civil society organizations based on actual cases
- Learning from case studies related to ODA and private sectors in collaboration with JICA, private companies, NGOs, and so on

### Economic Development and Policy in the Asia-Pacific

- Overview of political, economic, and social issues in Japan and the Asia-Pacific region
- Discussion on development and industrial policies from diverse aspects
- Basic knowledge about historical and social contexts of the Asia-Pacific region
- Theoretical and analytical frameworks used in key literature in the fields of history, political economy, urban development, and rural sociology



As a JICA scholarship student at Kyoto University, I am privileged to study, discuss, and enhance my critical thinking on the interests, objectives, and strategies that formulate the current practice of the Japanese foreign policy including the international development assistance. Such knowledge helps me identify the norms and ideology that are shaping Japan's identity and interactions with other agencies and nations. What I learned from the course of 'International Development Assistance Policy' can be used as a reference point to leverage FDI in Thailand in a more equitable, responsible, and sustainable manner.

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