

Overview

Background: Japan's unique and considerable experiences of development

Japan is the first country that has modernized from a non-Western background to establish a free, democratic, prosperous, and peace-loving nation based on the rule of law, without losing much of its tradition and identity. In that sense, Japan could serve as one of the best examples for developing countries to follow in their own development.

At the same time, Japan has extensive experience of development cooperation through official development assistance (ODA) toward Asian countries, most of which have achieved remarkable socio-economic progress.

By sharing Japan's experiences and lessons learned through its modernization and development cooperation, Japan can lead development studies globally and thereby contribute to sustainable development.

Objectives: Developing future leaders

JICA launched the "JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP)" in 2018, in cooperation with various universities in Japan, with an aim to develop future leaders of developing countries.

This program offers an opportunity to study the respective academic fields at Japanese graduate schools, and Japanese studies that explores Japan's modernization and development cooperation experiences in light of its historical and cultural background.

In order to expand the opportunities of such Japanese studies in partner countries as well, JICA now started the "JICA Chair (JICA Program for Japanese studies)" in collaboration with leading universities in partner countries.

Contents: Activities of "JICA Chair"

JICA Chair's activities include short intensive lectures conducted by lecturers, dispatched from Japan, on Japan's development experiences, in the fields of politics, economics, public administration, law and others.

JICA will also provide reference materials for Japanese studies and research and education opportunities to faculty members of universities who wish to establish or strengthen courses or programs of Japanese studies.



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Activities

Activities include the following two types. Partner countries can select or combine relevant tools based on their needs and the availability of resources.

1. Short Intensive Lectures

To conduct intensive lectures on Japan's development experience by using the following items:

- 1) short-term dispatch of Japanese lecturers,
- 2) providing DVDs ("Seven Chapters on Japanese Modernization," etc.), and
- 3) providing relevant reference materials for Japanese studies.
(politics, economics, business, society and culture, literature/arts, history, etc.)

2. JICA Chair of Japanese Studies

To establish a JICA Chair of Japanese Studies or strengthen existing research and education programs in collaboration with leading universities in partner countries by using the following items:

- 1) short intensive lectures mentioned above,
- 2) conducting joint research activities, and
- 3) providing research and education opportunities in Japan for young researchers
(for academic degrees or on sabbatical).
- 4) Japanese affairs will also be introduced along with Japanese language classes
in collaboration with JICA Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and others.

"Seven Chapters on Japanese Modernization"

JICA, with the Open University of Japan, produced a DVD lecture series titled, "Seven Chapters on Japanese Modernization." These lectures provide an overview of Japan's modernization history, starting from the Meiji Era. The title of each chapter is provided below. JICA plans to add eight more chapters to this series, including chapters on governance, industrial and health policies.

Chapters		Lecturers
1	Meiji Revolution: The Start of Full-Scale Modernization	KITAOKA Shinichi
2	Rise and Fall of Party Politics in Japan	IOKIBE Kaoru
3	Japan after World War II	TANAKA Akihiko
4	Economic Growth and Japanese Management	ITAMI Hiroyuki
5	Educational Development in Japan's Modernization	KAYASHIMA Nobuko
6	From "Japan and Asia" to "Japan in Asia"	SHIRAIISHI Takashi
7	A Japanese Approach to International Cooperation	KATO Hiroshi

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8	Intellectual and Social Aspects of Modernization in Japan	MATSUDA Koichiro
9	Modern Japan and the Wars (Part 1) Modern Japan and the Wars (Part 2)	KITAOKA Shinichi
10	Japan and Modern International Law	KANEHARA Atsuko
11	Modernization of Japan's Administrative System	MAKIHARA Izuru
12	Development of Industries and Industrial Policy	OKAZAKI Tetsuji
13	Modernization in Japan-The Fiscal and Monetary Field	WATANABE Hiroshi
14	The Road to a Nation of Science and Technology	HASEGAWA Mariko
15	Public Health and Health Systems in Japan - a Historical Review	AOYAMA Atsuko

Short intensive lectures: University of Rwanda (Preparation Stage)

Following a meeting between Rwandan President Paul Kagame and JICA President KITAOKA Shinichi, JICA is preparing to dispatch Japanese researchers to the University of Rwanda to deliver lectures regarding Japan's development experiences. Responding to Rwanda's request, these researchers will provide lectures on the role that Japanese ODA has played in supporting Africa's economic development, as well as

lectures on Japan and Asia's development experiences in collaboration with a Japanese university and a research institute. JICA will also provide DVDs. Related materials will be donated by courtesy of the Nippon Foundation.



JICA President Kitaoka and Rwanda President Kagame

Brazil-Japan Development Research Program "Fujita-Ninomiya Chair"

In December 2018, JICA concluded a memorandum with the Faculty of Law at University of Sao Paulo (USP) and established the "Fujita-Ninomiya Chair" that conducts research on Japan's development experiences, which includes providing a historical overview of Japanese emigration. It aims to cultivate leaders in Brazil by expanding students' knowledge of Japan's development

history. The program includes lectures at the International and Comparative Law Department, lectures by visiting Japanese lecturers, as well as trainings in Japan for young researchers from USP.



Professor Masato Ninomiya of USP