JICA NEWSLETTER

Let's learn about the characteristics of each region of Japan through various programs organized by JICA Domestic Center!

JICA domestic centers provide JICA scholars with the opportunity to learn about Japan's modernization and its development history. Through the Japanese Local history and Development program, which enables JICA scholars to deeply understand Japanese development experiences through learning its local history and development. They will also give you tips on how to solve development issues in your own country.



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Chubu Center: Tea Industry Case Study in Midwestern Shizuoka

Chubu Center held a Regional Understanding Online Program (Tea Industry Case Study in Midwestern Shizuoka). The program included lectures on the history of tea and the development of the Makinohara plateau, methods of promoting green tea overseas, and understanding the tea production methods of private companies. The participants learned history and culture, PR and marketing, and the business and corporate structure of the tea industry in Shizuoka Prefecture from academic, governmental, and business professionals.

From the participants:

"The JICA staff made various efforts to make it feel like a face-to-face event, even though it was online."

"The main lecture about "Makinohara Plateau Development", from Prof. Nakamura of Shizuoka Sangyo University was full of useful content."



With matcha sweets, smiling group photo

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Tsukuba Center: "Development Experience in Lake Kasumigaura"

Tsukuba Center held study program tour on a day trip bus in Ibaraki Prefecture. They learned about water utilization and flood control measures from the mid-Edo period (1700-1750) to the period of rapid economic growth (1955-1973), and the subsequent overcoming of environmental pollution

environment and healthy material cycles, which are the goals of the SDGs.

"It was very interesting to learn about the old life and culture of the Japanese people at the Kasumigaura Museum of History."

(deterioration of water quality) and gained an understanding of the history and culture of Kasumigaura region and its development. The program was also a good study case of how to think about a rich

From the participants:

Observation of traditional fishing method "Hobiki boat"

"The Soft power of the History and Culture of Okinawa"

Okinawa Center held a program of the Ryukyu Kingdom (1429-1879), beginning with the maintenance of independence through trade with East and Southeast Asia, Okinawa Prefecture during the Meiji Restoration (1889-1890), and the Ryukyu Islands (government) under US military rule after the World War II. It was also a valuable opportunity to learn about the history of Okinawa Prefecture, which

underwent major changes from its reversion to mainland Japan to its status, and the soft power that was born and developed in the process, both through classroom lectures and observation tours.

From the participants:

"I thought that by strengthening soft power I learned, we can improve regional (national) strength by promoting the attractiveness of the region and attracting people, which can also be applied to my own country."





Shurijo Castle Shureimon Gate (the Ryukyu University once existed at the Shurijo Castle ruins)

Ms. Tshwarelo Mocheko Botswana / SDGs International University of Japan

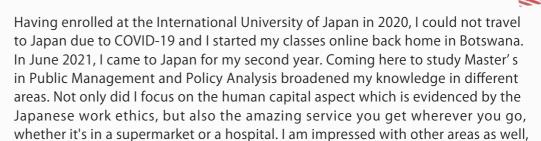


Message to juniors!

Be open to learn new things that are not only related to your study area. Accumulate as much knowledge as you can so you are able to contribute to your country development. Enjoy your study here in Japan, have fun!

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* Congratulations on your graduation!



such as the efficient transport system, the health system as well as agricultural activities.

I believe with all the knowledge I accumulated here that I will be able to effectively contribute to our policy initiatives and processes back in Botswana through *my work.

*Botswana Government under the Directorate of Public Service Management, which is an HR Agency of the public service



Received her diploma



With the Ambassador and staff of the Embassy of Botswana



Hajimemashite! (Nice to meet you!) I'm Rumi Kawabe from JICA, in charge of Online Japanese Learning Program. If you want to know more about Japanese culture, I recommend learning Japanese. I spent four years in the Middle East and learning Arabic allowed me to deepen their culture and widen the possibility to meet different type of people.

I hope that leaning Japanese will be a key to your fruitful student life.





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