This program is designed for middle-ranking officials of central and local government responsible for local administration. It covers a wide range of subjects regarding the systems and practices of local administration, finances and taxes of Japan. By comparing Japan’s cases to their own, participants will analyze issues of their local government systems and propose applicable solutions.

### Objective

Each participant will make a plan to improve general performance of the local units of governments of the country he/she comes from.

### Outcome

1. To analyze problems regarding local governance in participating countries in comparison with Japan and other participating countries.
2. To consider the applicability of local government measures of Japan and other participating countries and create a plan for solving problems.
3. To write a Perspective Report describing medium-term policy issues regarding local governance and their countermeasures.
4. To submit a revised Perspective Report reflecting the results of consideration and discussion by the participant’s organization within 3 months after the repatriation.

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**[Activity in Preliminary Phase in participant’s home country]**

Preparation of Inception Report for identifying and analyzing problems

**[Activity in Core Phase in Japan]**

1. Presentation of Inception Report for identifying and analyzing problems
2. Lectures/workshops on basic and specialized issues on Japanese administration systems:
   - Japanese Government and Politics
   - Local Government System in Japan
   - Local Public Finance and Tax System in Japan
   - Central—Local Government Relations
   - Local Public Service System
   - Prevention of Corruption
   - Administration Reform
   - Disaster Prevention Measures etc.
3. Visits: central government offices, local governments
4. Discussion, preparation and presentation of Perspective Report

**[Activity in Finalization Phase in participant’s home country]**

Submit a revised Perspective Report reflecting the results of consideration and discussion by the participant’s organization within 3 months after the repatriation.

### Target Organization / Group

**Target Organization**

Central and Local government responsible for local administration

**Target Group**

1. Civil service personnel of central and local government who are engaged in local administration.
2. Have more than 5 years’ experience in local administration.

### Remarks and Website

http://www.soumu.go.jp/jitidai/english.htm