

Training and Scholarship Programs





Japan's **Country Development** Cooperation Policy

The Philippines and Japan share strong and deep-rooted ties evident in their rich history of development collaboration. As the country's top partner, JICA continues to provide extensive cooperation to the Philippines' self-help efforts toward sustainable, resilient, and inclusive socio-economic growth.

JICA is committed to collaborate with the Philippines in addressing its development gaps through its priority area

1. Strengthening the Foundations for Sustainable Economic Growth
2. Ensuring Human Security for Inclusive and Resilient Growth
3. Promoting Peace, Stability, and Development in Mindanao

Capacity Development as a Foundation for Cooperation

Since the beginning of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and Japan in 1956, the friendship and cooperation of the two countries have evolved into a strategic partnership.

Their strong partnership is further affirmed through active people-to-people exchanges, and the continuous sharing of Japanese knowledge and experiences through JICA's training and scholarship programs offered to Filipinos.



Development in Numbers

Approximately **43,000** Filipino participants in JICA programs as of 2024

Training program was first implemented for the PH in **1954**

More than **2,700** members in the JICA Alumni Association of the Philippines as of 2024

In 2024, **55%** of the participants from the Philippines are female



Around **50** Japanese Universities accepted Filipino scholars since 2002

 JICA Okinawa

15 domestic offices in Japan handling the implementation of trainings together with Japanese institutions and communities



Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The people of Japan impart genuine lessons about their country's development experience and history to the world through the **KCCP**. As a technical cooperation, it creates multi-cultural platforms of interaction-based learning wherein people from around the globe acquire knowledge and skills together. The participants gain deeper understanding of societal issues and a heightened mastery of skills to address them throughout the programs. Upon completion, they are expected to become catalysts, inspiring their colleagues to solve development challenges and make meaningful change happen. KCCP schemes such as GRF, YL, CF, and LTP are offered to the Philippines.



The **KCCP Long-Term Programs (LTP)**, which are a variety of **scholarships** for different sectors, provide opportunities for higher academic pursuit in Japanese universities. One LTP is the **SDGs Global Leader Program (SDGs GLP)** that allows mid-level government officials to obtain advanced degrees, boost their capacities on policymaking and implementation, and contribute to the socioeconomic development of the Philippines under the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

KCCP Group and Region Focus (GRF) trainings aim to share Japan's unique knowledge and experiences through basic, mid-level, and advanced sectoral knowledge directly sourced from Japanese nationals and organizations.

Another **KCCP** scheme for **training** is the **Young Leaders (YL)** program, which aims to develop the technical knowledge and skills of the Filipino youth participants through cooperative programs that discuss the sectoral foundations of Japanese society with the local community and fellow Filipino participants.



Country Focus (CF) trainings, meanwhile, are offered to direct counterparts of JICA projects in the Philippines to boost their capacities and ensure that specific projects are handled by people equipped with the appropriate skills and knowledge from Japan.



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The Project for Human Resource Development by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS Project)

The **JDS Project** provides young policymakers and institution builders with graduate degree programs to boost their individual capacities toward socio economic development and nation building. Tailor-fit to the recipient country's capacities and development plans, it is a **scholarship** fostering a robust platform that improves the partnership and friendship of the Philippines and Japan.

JICA Development Studies Program

Japan is the first country to modernize 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. Further, it also boasts an extensive experience in collaborating with developing countries through its Official Development Assistance (ODA). Together with esteemed professors and leading experts, JICA shares Japan's development history with the world through the JICA Development Studies Program. Participants of JICA **scholarships** can deepen their understanding of Japan's modernization experience by attending university classes, online lectures, and local study visits.

JICA Chair

JICA chair extends the opportunity of learning Japan's experience with partner countries through short and intensive **lectures** or the **establishment of centers** for Japanese Studies in collaboration with leading universities around the globe.





Summary of Programs

Scheme	Duration	Slots	Location
Group and Region Focus (GRF)	Less than 1 year	1-2 slots per course	Hybrid, Japan, and/or partner country
Young Leaders (YL)	Less than 1 year	13-15 slots per course	Japan
Country Focus (CF)	Less than 1 year	Slots depend on the course	Hybrid, Japan
Long-Term Program (LTP)	Master's: 1-2 years Doctorate: 3 years	Slots depend on the program	Japan
JDS Project	Master's: 2 years	20 slots	Japan



JICA Alumni Association of the Philippines, Inc. (JAAP)

The participants of JICA's training and scholarship programs created alumni networks to further enrich their academic and social pursuits by broadening their individual networks with like-minded "Grassroots Ambassadors" who fortify the deep ties between the Philippines and Japan through their activities.

In 2013, three large Filipino JICA alumni networks from different programs merged and established JAAP. It aims to foster stronger relationships among Filipino JICA participants, the Government of Japan, and other JICA alumni from other countries through various development-oriented projects.

JAAP continues to initiate programs and activities that enable its members to share their knowledge and experiences from Japan directly to Filipino communities thereby strengthening mutual understanding and friendship between the two countries.





The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is the executing agency of Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA).

JICA envisions a free, peaceful, and prosperous world where people can hope for a better future and explore their diverse potentials. JICA's commitment is based on its Development Cooperation Charter where they work with partner countries to achieve human security and growth.

It is the world's largest bilateral aid agency working with about 140 countries and regions. JICA has 15 domestic offices across Japan and about a hundred overseas offices worldwide including the Philippines.

JICA is steadfast in sharing Japanese expertise and technology for long-term development impact. A key development partner of the Philippines since the 1960s, JICA also acts as a bridge towards a stronger bilateral relations and lasting partnership between the Philippines and Japan.

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