JICA Development Studies Program
(JICA-DSP)

Background

Japan, as the first non-Western nation to become a developed country, built itself into a country that is free, peaceful, prosperous and democratic while preserving the tradition. Japan will serve as one of the best examples for our partner countries to follow in their own development.

Also, Japan and JICA could significantly contribute through ODA to the success story of development in Asia, and then have shared knowledge and expanded activities in other regions.

JICA Development Studies Program offers good opportunity to partner countries to share and apply the above mentioned experience/knowledge.

This JICA program is a part of the government’s activities to commemorate 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration.

Program Overview

JICA Development Studies Program is a program that invites future leaders from partner countries to Japan to complete master’s or doctor’s degrees at Japanese graduate schools, where they learn about Japan’s experiences with its own modernization and development experience with Japanese development cooperation to other countries.

Students will not only study in their respective academic fields, but will also learn much from modern Japan’s experience of development, which differs significantly from the history of growth and development found in the West. Students can study the ‘Japanese experiences’ systematically, including even negative ones, so that they may use this knowledge to contribute to the development of their own countries.
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1. **DSP Offered by Various Universities (with credits)**

   - **Required subjects**: Politics, Law, Governance, International Politics, Diplomacy, etc.
   - **Elective subjects**: Economics, Finance, Industrial Development, Management, etc.
   - **Social Development**: Education, Health, Land Development, Agricultural Economics, Environment, Disaster Risk Reduction, etc.
   - **Science and Technology, Innovation**: Engineering, Science, Agricultural science, Medical Science, IT, Monozukuri (Japan’s manufacturing), etc.

2. **Short-term Introductory Course: Understanding the Japanese Development Experience (within a week)**

   This short program, as an entry point to participants, presents illustrative cases and effective lessons reflecting the Japanese experience of modernization and economic development. The materials are focused on three aspects: history, economy, and policy. This Program is managed by JICA.

Participants

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