JICA’s Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (K CCP) is an essential part of the technical cooperation of JICA to developing countries and is usually held in Japan. For K CCP, participants are invited from various developing countries to learn Japanese know-hows and expertise in various fields such as health, education, agriculture and civil engineering through first-hand experience. The participants are expected to apply the knowledge and skills acquired through the programs to contribute the development of their various countries.

In Liberia, JICA has hosted more than 570 Liberians at the K CCP despite a 13-year hiatus due to the civil conflict. After the JICA Liberia Field office resumed its operation, JICA Alumni Association of Liberia (JAALIB) was established in 2009 by some determined ex-participants of the K CCP in order to build a network among the K CCP alumni members and promote and further strengthen a greater bond of friendship between the Government and people in Liberia and Japan. The group has carried out several activities such as street sweeping activities; however, it has become less active on grounds of enormous challenges and constraints: lack of communication and commitment among members.

In May 2017, Mr. Joseph R. N. Anderson, Acting Chairman of the JAALIB, and volunteers of ex-participants from government ministries and agencies, along with JICA, held a first meeting at JICA Liberia Field office for reestablishing the JAALIB. This is because majority of K CCP ex-participants have expressed their interest in its reactivation. Then, a constitutional committee was set up, chaired by Ms. Margaret T. Sarsih, former Assistant Minister for Planning and Programing at Ministry of Public Works, to review the pervious constitution which was used as a foundation to create a new constitution for the group. The new constitution was drafted through extensive discussion by volunteers of ex-participants and finally presented in the general meeting for all JAALIB members from across the country, which was held on November 25, 2017 in Monrovia with 70 ex-participants in attendance.

In January 2018, the JAALIB election commission, with observers from JICA Liberia Field office, conducted a fair and successful online election to select its new officials. The elected members were officially certificated and installed on February 10, 2018, by officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Liberia, at the JAALIB inauguration ceremony. They shall serve term for an initial period of two years. Those elected officials include: Ms. Margaret T. Sarsih, President, Ms. Rebecca Andrews Enders, Vice-President, Mr. Jallah M. Kennedy, Sr., General Secretary, Mr. Chris Harris, Financial Secretary, Ms. Marie B. Padmore, Organizing Secretary, Ms. Emma Jao, Treasurer, and Dr. Levi D. Korheina, Chaplain. Several committees have been already formed with members of the group and it is now drawing an active plan for launching group activities on a full scale.