Japan-Philippines Cooperation on Capacity Building

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is the implementing agency of Japan’s Official Development Assistance (ODA) in the Philippines. JICA helps in building human resources and strengthening partner countries’ human resource development through various training programs. JICA is in charge of training programs in the Philippines, which contribute to the development of the country’s human resource development.

Training Programs

Country Assistance Policy

An important partner in development, JICA is committed to help the country pursue inclusive growth through building capacity assistance programs. As of January 2016, a total of 41,354 personnel from the Philippines had been trained through JICA’s training programs.

LAST FACTS

Year since JICA training program was initiated: 1954

1,800 JICA training program nationwide

4,1354 Number of Filipinos trained by JICA until 2016
Training Programs

IN JAPAN

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

This is a type of technical cooperation that aims to provide training for knowledge and experiences about Japanese society and organizations. Participants will learn about both the development issues in their own country and gain a new perspective on social issues different from their own.

Please visit: https://www.jica.go.jp/english/activities/activity02_53_52.html for additional information.

Program Partners in the Philippines

- Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
- Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
- Department of Education (DepEd)

"I will forever be grateful to the Governments of Japan and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) for giving me the opportunity to be trained and to work here in Japan, as people and professionals and most of all, it enabled me to realize the value of time." - Mayor Loida M. Anitong, Local Government Head of Cagayan, Group and Regions Focus Training - 2015

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Young Leaders)

The program began as youth Initiative Program, now ASEAN-Japan Friendship Program for the 21st Century. In 1991 for ASEAN countries, and it eventually extended to 120 other nations. Today, the program continues to enrich the relationships of the youth by introducing them to Japanese technology and practices during their almost three-week stay in various prefectures of our home country. This program exposes the youth to the issues and challenges facing the sector and prepares them for future global challenges.

Eligibility

- Between 20-25 years old
- Never been to Japan

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"Having visited Japan's schools while also exploring their museums and cities and eating the food, I learned about different approaches on understanding science or students can visit in our country." - Edwin Villanueva, Master Teacher II, Japan City National High School, ECQ - Young Leaders, Science and Mathematics in Basic Education, 2017

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Long Term)

- Innovative Asia for masters and doctoral degrees in Japanese universities in the field of science and technology and engineering
- Global Public Leadership Program for masters and doctoral degrees in Japanese universities targeting young researchers or academicians engaged in policy making

Please visit: https://www.jica.go.jp/english/activities/activity02_53_52.html for additional information.

Graduate Degrees

Japan offers graduate degree programs to develop the Philippine government’s human resources in partnership with leading Japanese universities and organizations. Among these are:

- JAPANESE GRANT AID FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP (JDS)
- ASEAN University Network / South East Asia Engineering Education Development Network (AUN-AEKED-NET)

The program is managed by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Please visit: http://jds-scholarship.org for additional information.

"The Japanese scholarship is not just about career advancement, it’s also about developing the values we need to contribute to development." - Francisco Daza Reyes, Head of the Project Management Office of the Development Bank of the Philippines, JDS Batch 2017, International University of Japan

ASIAN UNIVERSITY NETWORK / SOUTH EAST ASIA ENGINEERING EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (AUN-AEKED-NET)

Japan provides engineering professionals and academic institutions opportunities for advancement of personnel and collaboration under the AUN-AEKED-Net Initiative.

The program has partnered with selected academic institutions in ASEAN member countries and Japanese universities.

Please visit: http://www.aeaked-net.org/ for additional Information.

Third Country Training Program (TCTP)

The program aims to foster technical cooperation among developing countries where the host country shares technical knowledge, skills, and ideas applicable to the development needs and conditions of participating countries. These knowledge, skills, and ideas were acquired from Japanese counterparts of conducted technical cooperation projects.

The Philippines hosts courses under TCTP.

JICA provides participating organizations support and other necessary assistance during the training.

"The course was very important both on practical and theoretical aspects, particularly the hands-on training. I became confident and well-equipped with skills and knowledge on growing rice. Upon my return to my home country, I shared lessons on integrated rice crop management with my colleagues." - Wondiagune H. Hartman, from Ethiopia, Season-Long Rice Farming Experiment Training for African Farmers, 2011-2012

In Country Training Program (ICTP)

This training aims to promote self-help efforts of the Philippines through sharing of expertise and techniques found through JICA cooperation activities. Philippine institutions share their development experience in local language and context.

"I did not know anything about planting other crops before the ICTP training. Through the training, I learned about the appropriate farming practices so we can maximize our yields. It was an important insight that I hope to implement in the future. I hope that Japanese counterparts who will visit our field will provide freelancing for the young who should decide and there is no harm in trying!" - Alabastin Dominico, ICTP 2015, Farmers Field School (FCS). Training in Canau del Sur

Our Alumni

The alumni of JICA Training Programs did not only enrich their academic and social pursuits, they were also able to broaden their horizons and motivate, became instruments of stronger ties between Japan and the Philippines through their development activities.

The JICA Alumni Association of the Philippines, Inc. (JAAA) was established to unify the three large alumni networks of Japanese scholars in the Philippines:

- Philippines-Japan Fellowship Association (PHJFA),
- Philippines-ASEAN-Japan Friendship Association for the 21st Century (PAJFA), and
- Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JAS) Alumni Association

Over the years, the alumni association had initiated programs and activities that strengthened not only the relations among Filipino-JICA scholars, and their Japanese counterparts, but also with JICA scholars from other countries.

Like us on: JICA Alumni Association of the Philippines

Training Held for Specific Field/Area Category, 2016

13,777

Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries

7,617

Human Resources

8,000

Planning and Government

4,808

Public Works and Utilities

3,421

Health

1,526

Mining and Manufacturing

700

Business and Tourism

479

Social Welfare

421

Energy

605

Others

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