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JICA Tokyo 30th anniversary

Thanks to all your success and achievements, JICA Tokyo will celebrate 30th anniversary June this year. During this three-decade-history in Hatagaya, Tokyo, JICA Tokyo has had over 50,000 participants of diverse Japanese “intelligence and technology” course. Furthermore we’ve been playing a role as a venue for local residents to get the picture of Japan’s international cooperation as well as over-all JICA project. Likewise, we’ve started out Citizen Participatory Co-

operation program since April last year. In assistance of JICA, citizens including autonomous bodies, universities and non-governmental organizations could come to participate in international cooperation activities with ease and wise.

In commemoration of this 30th anniversary, we’ve had myriad priceless messages and photos from our participants. Please take a glance at some of them on the last page.



“SAYONARA” JICA Tokyo Quarterly ~Closing Notice of our quarterly magazine~

We’ve published “JICA Tokyo Quarterly” on quarterly basis for info publishing tool for participants and those involved since its 1st issue of Jan. 2008. From the fact that now we have media more expedient and handier in our daily lives such as ‘facebook’, we’ve got to decide to close its publication on this 30th issue. Be that as it may, we cannot thank you too much for your contribution and subscription of the articles all these years.

From now on we are to tip off about JICA Tokyo’s projects and daily lives of participants mainly via facebook, so please come in to the address shown right. See you again on our JICA Tokyo Facebook page after this! Love you!



1st edition of JICA Tokyo, came out in 2008, Jan.



JICA Tokyo facebook top page

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<https://www.facebook.com/jicatokyo>

Thank you Fellow Participants, for piles of 30th anniversary messages!



So much fun meeting participants of different activities from different countries! A favorite meet up place aside the Lobby and Cafeteria was the Laundry area (8/F), not just for laundry but studies, stories and laughter.

Ms Ge Purugganan, Philippines, 2006



Wintertime Experience! Our country has a tropical climate; So lucky we had the training-coldest season of the year! Haven't witnessed snowfall so we exhilarated to see, touch and feel bare handed "frosty snow" on the ground. It's been an awesome experience.

Ms Liz, Philippines, 2013



Happy Anniversary JICA Tokyo / TIC! Japan's beauty Sakura was a wonderful experience for us.

Ms Flora Salasa, Indonesia, 1995



At one time, I faced a problem of train card when the station platform was thronged with commuter. Official personnel let me go. That happen is always a delight to me such their help. Long live TIC!

Ms Hnin Thant Phyu, Myanmar, 2009



I was at JICA in 2012, very special experience. The most important was the people I met and shared, in addition to the love with Japan, certainly learned their culture, customs, economy and especially their quality of life, as well to understand what a Japanese tourist looking for a tourist destination.

Thanks for everything!

Ms Fabiana Pereyra, Uruguay, 2012



Participation in Bon-odori Dance and Disco party organized by JICA. TIC was unforgettable event for me. So happy because it was the first time in my life. Won in the lot, Prize was "YUKATA". Thanks for cognition of Japanese culture and mentality, for my "JICA" friends.

Ms Liana, Armenia, 2012



It was a wonderful moment, wearing the Japanese traditional kimono! And learning about Japanese culture!

Ms Rokiatou Dicko, Mali, 2008



Too many unforgettable memories as I was there twice, making friendships, dancing and singing till the midnight on African night at 2008 was awesome, wish to be there again

**Ms Shaimaa Fuad Rassul,
Kurdistan region/ Iraq, 2014**



Met Nurses from African countries and celebrated Int'l Nurses Night in the Hall. All the beautifully kind and friendly people of JICA/TIC staff, friendly front desk, handsome guys, security guards. Missed you all. Those enjoyable stay and beautiful memories of 26 years ago still fresh in my mind. Domo Arigato Gozaimashita..

Ms Khatijah Ariffin, Malaysia, 1989



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Cannot forget the smiling faces of TIC Nippon People. Always felt "Welcome" there. How I love the "Food Buttons" in the dining hall. Love Shibuya, Hattagaya and Shinjuku. Photos I chose here represented the sights I liked most and I dedicate them to the fellow participants from all over the world whom I lived with under the same roof at TIC, BANZAI and DOMO ARIGATO GOZAIMAS JICA.

Mrs G. Sara Lyndem, India, 2007



MY BEST MEMORIES WERE IN TIC, Congratulations!!! Colors, Dance, Snow, Lovely People, Beautiful country, Fascinating Culture, no words to express my gratitude. It's just gorgeous.

Mr Edwin Alexander, Colombia, 1997

We've had piles of blessing messages from you participants. In this, we have to apologize to you we could not post all of them here. Please wait and see more contents on other materials like facebook or JICA Tokyo HP. We are looking forward to hearing from you via our social media soon again.

Summary of 'Group Training Courses' of JICA Tokyo in FY 2015

We prepare varieties of training programs, of which the most typical is "the group training course (group course)" which deals with issues and assignments common to developing nations worldwide and therefore joined by participants from varieties of regions and countries.

The training field covers a wide range including healthcare, education, infrastructure enhancement of economy and society, urban development, environmental protection, industrial development, administration and finance and the like. Now we show you a brief introduction of FY 2015 program of the courses scheduled.

Human Development Sector



In the health sector, there will be 20 group courses in the area of health system, infectious disease control and maternal and child health. Each course addresses different issues, such as tuberculosis control, 5S-KAIZEN-TQM, improvement of maternal health, vaccines, etc. In recent years, Universal Health Coverage (UHC) has been a priority issue in the global health areas, and JICA Tokyo conducts "Social Security System Strengthening Towards Universal Health Coverage" course, focusing on health insurance system, particularly UHC, while discussing many issues related to different countries.

5 group courses are planned in the social security area, namely, disability and development, social welfare and labor/employment. Empowerment and mainstreaming of the disabled is essential in the context of development, which is promoted through implementation of 3 courses. In other areas of disability and development, "Strengthening of Policy on Aging in Asia - Challenges of Aging Societies and Policy Responses-" is a characteristic course and it aims to share the Japanese experiences of the unprecedented aging speed in the world and discuss about strategies for the aging.

In the education sector, 2 group courses are planned, namely, early childhood development and non-formal education. In particular, early childhood development course focuses on Central and Western African countries where improvement of education is especially important.

We continuously try our best to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life for the people all over the world through the implementation of training courses in our human development sector.

Economic Infrastructure Development and Environment Sector

Under our transportation field, there'll be 6 group courses. Each course addresses international/inter-regional transportation, national transportation and urban transportation.

As for the urban development area, we have 7 group courses. They are, namely, comprehensive city planning, land readjustment method and improvement, disaster prevention of housing and living environments.

In the field of information and communication technology, we prepare 7 group courses. They are information and communication technology and broadcasting respectively.

In relation of the water resources/disaster management, there will be 9 group courses. Each addresses comprehensive water resources management, urban water supply, soil and water disaster and meteorology.

In the environmental management, we provide 6 group courses. Each implements air pollution, water pollution, industrial solid wastes and environmental administration.

As for the nature conservation area, we look after 3 group courses. That is, sustainable use of natural resources.

In recent years, for responding to the latest needs, we launched innovative courses such as "Intelligent transport system (ITS)", "expressway construction, management, operation/maintenance", "TV program production for digital terrestrial broadcasting" and "capacity building for elaborating information security policy".

For example, physical expansion of roads has its limitation especially in urban areas, ITS course focuses on the enhancement of the efficiency and safety of the existing road network by using real-time information.

Throughout the implementation of these 38 courses, we could clear countless problems of infrastructure and environment in developing nations.



Private Sector Development

In the field of private sector development, JICA selects three(3) areas, "Trade and investment promotion", "Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) development" and "Tourism development", as the 'To-Be Prioritized' challenges that JICA has to assist for the contribution to the World.

"Tourism" is the one that will be expected to lead its national economy these days. JICA Tokyo conducts "Tourism Promotion and Marketing: Targeting the Japanese Market" training course for the purpose of organizing "Tourism Promotion Plan" that is directly related to participants' national policy. During the training period, participants are expected to have lectures from Japan Tourism Agency and travel companies, and have field visits in major tourist destination, such as Kyoto and Hakone.

Governance



Governance is a basis for growth and development of a country. JICA provides cooperation for capacity buildings in the domains of legislation, judiciary, public administration and finances. This initiative is conducted from the perspectives of assisting and strengthening democratic growth and development in partner countries by sharing universal values such as freedom, market economy and the rule of law.

JICA Tokyo offers group training courses in 1) legal and judicial framework; 2) democratic system; 3) public safety; 4) public administration and finance.

In legal and judicial framework development, we organize 4 training courses in criminal justice in collaboration with the United Nations Asia and Far East

Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI).

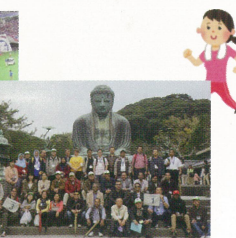
These courses contribute to formulating international network among judicial experts, thus enhancing international cooperation in criminal justice.

JICA Tokyo Events Around the year ~ The experience of Japanese Culture and more! ~

JICA Tokyo organizes and introduces varieties of events and tours especially on weekends for the participants to enjoy the life and deepen the understandings of the Japanese culture.

Regular Events

- Half-a-day Tokyo Tour by JICA Bus -once or twice per month
- Soccer Game Watch of FC Tokyo, etc.
- 〈Walking tour〉
 - Takaosan Mountain (ranked as the No. 1 spot on the 'Trip Advisor' site) Walking Tour and Kamakura (historical suburb) Visit by Volunteer Groups – once a month on weekends
 - Walking Tour by Volunteers in Ueno, Asakusa, Imperial Palace – on every weekend



Cultural Events held at JICA Tokyo



- Ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement)
- Shamisen (traditional musical instrument)
- Yukata Matsuri (traditional summer Kimono Festival)
- Shodo (Japanese calligraphy)
- Budo (Japanese Martial Arts) Demonstration
- Japanese Tea Ceremony, etc



The details of the events of every month are available every month at JICA Tokyo Information Desk, which locates next to the Front Desk.