



Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus)

GENERAL INFORMATION ON

STRENGTHENING ROLE AND FUNCTION OF FARMERS' ORGANIZATION IN CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES (B)

課題別研修「中央アジア地域農民組織強化(B)」

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Course Period in Japan: From May 7, 2017 to June 1, 2017

This information pertains to one of the Group and Region-Focused Training of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which shall be implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between both Governments.

'JICA Knowledge Co-Creation (KCC) Program' as a New Start

In the Development Cooperation Charter which is released from the Japanese Cabinet on February 2015, it is clearly pointed out that *"In its development cooperation, Japan has maintained the spirit of jointly creating things that suit partner countries while respecting ownership, intentions and intrinsic characteristics of the country concerned based on a field-oriented approach through dialogue and collaboration. It has also maintained the approach of building reciprocal relationships with developing countries in which both sides learn from each other and grow and develop together."* We believe that this 'Knowledge Co-Creation Program' will serve as a center of mutual learning process.

I. Concept

Background

The collapse of the collective farming system and market-oriented economic reform has been in progress in Central Asian countries after the independence from the former Soviet Union in 1991. In the agricultural sector, a number of small-scale farmers emerged as a result of land reform and dissolution of collective farms. While farmers' organizations to support the small-scale farmers have been established in those countries, systems/functions of those organizations are still fragile and they cannot provide farmers with necessary services such as common purchase of farming equipment/materials, exploring product distribution networks, providing technical guidance and micro-finances etc. Therefore, strengthening roles and functions of farmers' organizations is essential to increase agricultural productivity and farmer's income in this area.

This training and dialogue program aims to strengthen roles and functions of farmers' organization, and thus to contribute to agricultural promotion in the Central Asian countries.

For what?

This program aims to strengthen roles and functions of farmers' organization in the Central Asian countries.

For whom?

This program is offered to a senior administrative officer of central and local governments in charge of establishing and/or supporting farmers' organizations, a leader of highly public farmers' organization (NOT a private farm) with "strong will" to improve/strengthen roles and functions of farmers' organization, and a university researcher in the relevant field.

How?

Participants shall have opportunities to learn the roles and functions of farmers' organizations providing various services to support farmers. The participants are also expected to formulate an "Action plan" describing what the participant will do after their going back to home country with making the best use of the knowledge and idea acquired and discussed in the program.

II. Description

1. **Title (J-No.):** Strengthening Role and Function of Farmers' Organization in Central Asian Countries (B) (J17-04084)

2. **Course Period in JAPAN**

May 7, 2017 to June 1, 2017

3. **Target Regions or Countries**

Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

4. **Eligible / Target Organization**

This program is mainly designed for the section/department of the central and local governments in charge of establishing and/or supporting farmers' organizations, a highly public farmers' organization (NOT a private farm), and a university which is specialized in the relevant field.

* The foundation of farmers' organization itself is not targeted in this Program.

5. **Course Capacity (Upper limit of Participants)**

10 participants

6. **Language to be used in this program:** Russian

7. **Course Objective:**

Participant's organizations officially discuss and formulate a plan to improve/strengthen roles and functions of farmers' organization in respective country based on the Action Plan proposed by each participant.

8. **Overall Goal**

Participant's organizations will officially implement the formulated plan to improve/strengthen roles and functions of farmers' organization in respective country.

9. **Expected Module Output and Contents:**

This program consists of the following components. Details on each component are given below:

(1) Preliminary Phase in a Participant's Home Country (April to May 2017)

Expected Module Output	Subjects/Agendas
To analyze current situation and problems of farmer's organization in each country	Preparation and submission of "Inception Report"

(2) Core Phase in Japan (from May 7, 2017 to June 1, 2017)

Expected Module Output	Subjects/Agendas	Methodology
1) To analyze current situation and problems of farmer's organization in each country	-	- Presentation of "Inception Report" - Discussion
2) To understand roles and functions of farmers' organizations in Japan	a. Overview of agricultural cooperatives in Japan	- Lecture - Observation - Discussion
	b. Agricultural financing system	
	c. Agricultural insurance system	
	d. Distribution of agricultural materials/equipment	
	e. Distribution of Agricultural products	
	f. Overview of water user's association in Japan	
3) To understand support system for farmers' activities and farmers' organizations	g. Agricultural policy in Japan and Hokkaido	- Lecture - Observation - Discussion
	h. Roles of central and local governments for supporting farmers' activities and farmers' organizations	
	i. Agricultural extension service system in Japan	
	j. Management of agricultural land	
4) To propose a plan to improve/strengthen roles and functions of farmers' organizations in each country as an "Action Plan"	-	- Discussion - Preparation of "Action Plan" - Consultation - Presentation

NOTE:

(1) An Action Plan, which participants are going to propose must be FEASIBLE, therefore, it is recommended that participants bring relevant data, map, pictures, laws and regulations of your country.

(2) The training contents mentioned-above may be subject to minor changes.

(3) JICA Hokkaido (Sapporo) might suspend the acceptance of candidates for the coming years from those organizations which do not seriously share participant's action plan, nor without reporting to JICA within the mentioned period.

III. Conditions and Procedures for Application

1. Expectations from the Participating Organizations:

- (1) This program is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operation. Participating organizations are expected to use the project for those specific purposes.
- (2) This program is enriched with contents and facilitation schemes specially developed in collaboration with relevant prominent organizations in Japan. These special features enable the project to meet specific requirements of applying organizations and effectively facilitate them toward solutions for the issues and problems.
- (3) This project is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operations. Applying organizations are expected to use the Program for those specific purposes.
- (4) In this connection, applying organizations are expected to nominate the most qualified candidates to address the said issues or problems, carefully referring to the qualifications described in section -2 below.
- (5) Applying organizations are also expected to be prepared to make use of knowledge acquired by the nominees for the said purpose.

2. Nominee Qualifications:

Applying Organizations are expected to select nominees who meet the following qualifications.

(1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) Current Duties: be a senior administrative officer of central and local governments in charge of establishing and/or supporting farmers' organizations, a leader of highly public farmers' organization (e.g. an association / cooperative of farmers and related NGO, NOT a private farmer), and a university researcher.
- 2) Educational Background: be a graduate of university or equivalent
- 3) Language: have a competent command of spoken and written Russian (This Program includes active participation in discussions, proposing action plan which requires high competence of Russian ability.)
- 4) Health: must be in good health, both physically and mentally, to participate in the Program in Japan. Pregnant applicants are not recommended to apply due to the potential risk of health and life issues of mother and fetus.

(2) Recommendable Qualifications

- 1) Age: between the ages of twenty-five (25) and forty-five (45) years

3. Required Documents for Application

(1) Application Form: The Application Form is available at **the JICA office (or the Embassy of Japan)**.

(2) Photocopy of passport: to be submitted with the application form, if you possess your passport which you will carry when entering Japan for this program. If not, you are requested to submit its photocopy as soon as you obtain it.

*Photocopy should include the followings:

Name, Date of birth, Nationality, Sex, Passport number and Expire date.

4. Procedures for Application and Selection :

(1) Submission of the Application Documents:

Closing date for applications: **Please inquire to the JICA office (or the Embassy of Japan)**.

(After receiving applications, the JICA office (or the Embassy of Japan) will send them to JICA Hokkaido (Sapporo) **by March 24, 2017**)

(2) Selection:

After receiving the documents through proper channels from your government, the JICA office (or the embassy of Japan) will conduct screenings, and then forward the documents to JICA Hokkaido (Sapporo). Selection will be made by JICA Hokkaido (Sapporo) in consultation with concerned organizations in Japan. *The applying organization with the best intention to utilize the opportunity of this program will be highly valued in the selection.* Qualifications of applicants who belong to the military or other military-related organizations and/or who are enlisted in the military will be examined by the Government of Japan on a case-by-case basis, consistent with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan, taking into consideration their duties, positions in the organization, and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner.

(3) Notice of Acceptance

Notification of results will be made by the JICA office (or the Embassy of Japan) **not later than April 4, 2017.**

5. Document(s) to be submitted by accepted candidates:

Inception Report -- to be submitted by April 19, 2017:

Before coming to Japan, only accepted candidates are required to prepare an Inception Report (detailed information is provided in the ANNEX "Inception Report".) The Inception Report should be prepared in the format of Microsoft PowerPoint and sent to JICA, preferably by e-mail to Watanabe.Moriaki@jica.go.jp or Ogasawara-Nao@jica.go.jp

6. Conditions for Attendance:

- (1) to strictly adhere to the program schedule.
- (2) not to change the program topics.
- (3) not to extend the period of stay in Japan.
- (4) not to be accompanied by family members during the program.
- (5) to return to home countries at the end of the program in accordance with the travel schedule designated by JICA.
- (6) to refrain from engaging in any political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain.
- (7) to observe Japanese laws and ordinances. If there is any violation of said laws and ordinances, participants may be required to return part or all of the training expenditure depending on the severity of said violation.
- (8) to observe the rules and regulations of the accommodation and not to change the accommodation designated by JICA.

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer:

(1) **Name:** JICA Hokkaido (Sapporo)

2. **Contact:** Watanabe.Moriaki@jica.go.jp / Ogasawara-Nao@jica.go.jp

3. Implementing Partner: Hokkaido Agricultural Public Corporation

This Program will be implemented in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture of Hokkaido Government and Hokkaido University.

4. Travel to Japan:

(1) **Air Ticket:** The cost of a round-trip ticket between an international airport designated by JICA and Japan will be borne by JICA.

(2) **Travel Insurance:** Coverage is from time of arrival up to departure in Japan. Thus traveling time outside Japan will not be covered.

5. Accommodation in Japan:

JICA will arrange the following accommodations for the participants in Japan:

JICA Hokkaido International Center (JICA Hokkaido (Sapporo))

Address: Minami 4-25, Hondori 16-chome, Shiroishi-ku, Sapporo,
Hokkaido, 003-8668, Japan

TEL: 81-11-866-8383 FAX: 81-11-866-8382

(where "81" is the country code for Japan, and "11" is the local area code)

If there is no vacancy at JICA Hokkaido (Sapporo), JICA will arrange alternative accommodations for the participants.

6. Expenses:

The following expenses will be provided for the participants by JICA:

(1) Allowances for accommodation, meals, living expenses, outfit, and shipping

(2) Expenses for study tours (basically in the form of train tickets.)

(3) Free medical care for participants who become ill after arriving in Japan (costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment are not included)

(4) Expenses for program implementation, including materials

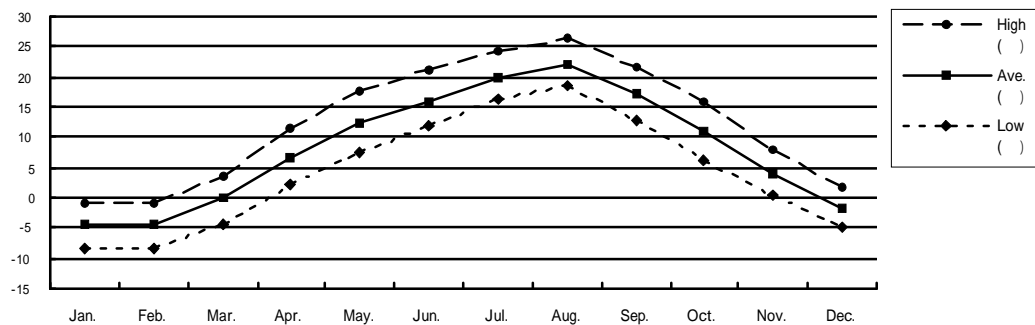
For more details, please see "III. ALLOWANCES" of the brochure for participants titled "KENSU-IN GUIDE BOOK," which will be given before departure for Japan.

7. Pre-departure Orientation:

A pre-departure orientation will be held at the respective country's JICA office (or Japanese Embassy), to provide participants with details on travel to Japan, conditions of the workshop, and other matters.

V. Other Information

1. Japanese language program will be offered to the participants in JICA Hokkaido (Sapporo), to facilitate their daily life.
2. Participants who have successfully completed the Program will be awarded a certificate by JICA.
3. Climate in Sapporo



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
High ()	-1	-0.8	3.4	11.4	17.8	21	24.2	26.3	21.7	15.9	7.8	1.7
Ave. ()	-4.4	-4.4	-0.2	6.5	12.2	16	19.8	22.1	17.1	11	4.1	-1.6
Low ()	-8.4	-8.5	-4.2	2.1	7.3	11.9	16.4	18.7	12.8	6.3	0.4	-5
Snow(cm)	58	83	64	2							5	28

*Typical Seasonal Wear

(May-June) Long-Sleeves, Short-Sleeves, Light Jacket

4. Recreation

Participants can use a gymnasium located next to JICA Hokkaido (Sapporo). The charges are paid by JICA.
5. Equipment in JICA Hokkaido (Sapporo)

JICA Hokkaido (Sapporo) offers the following equipment for the participants.

<Private Room> Bed, Prefabricated Bath, Desk, Refrigerator, Hot pot, Bookshelf, Air Conditioning, In-room Safe, TV sets(CNN、NHK(BS), DVD/VHS Video Player)

<Audio-Visual equipment for training>Video recorder, Overhead projector, Slide Projector, Multimedia Projector (available to use Microsoft Power Point 2002).

VI. ANNEX

Inception Report

1. Make an inception report including the following information.
 - 1) General information
 - 1)-1 Name
 - 1)-2 Organization
 - 2) Present position and its duty (advantages and disadvantages)
 - 3) Overall condition of agriculture in your region
 - 3)-1 Current situation (advantages and disadvantages)
 - 3)-2 Basic statistical data on regional agriculture and farmers
 - 3)-2 Future images
 - 4) Types of farms and farmer's organizations in your region
 - 4)-1 Current situation (advantages and disadvantages)
 - 4)-2 Future images
 - 5) Issues that you would like to improve / strengthen
 - 5)-1 Current situation (advantages and disadvantages)
 - 5)-2 Future images
 - 6) Expectations for the training course
2. The report should be written **in Russian** in the format of **Microsoft PowerPoint or Microsoft Word**.
3. Submit the report by **not later than April 19, 2017**. For the prior translation into Japanese, it is required to observe the submission date.
4. The participants will be expected to make a presentation based on this report. Also, since the report will be used in the group discussion in Japan, it is recommended to bring relevant information, statistical data, pictures, maps, and the other materials.

For Your Reference

JICA and Capacity Development

The key concept underpinning JICA operations since its establishment in 1974 has been the conviction that “capacity development” is central to the socioeconomic development of any country, regardless of the specific operational scheme one may be undertaking, i.e. expert assignments, development projects, development study projects, training programs, JOCV programs, etc.

Within this wide range of programs, Training Programs have long occupied an important place in JICA operations. Conducted in Japan, they provide partner countries with opportunities to acquire practical knowledge accumulated in Japanese society. Participants dispatched by partner countries might find useful knowledge and re-create their own knowledge for enhancement of their own capacity or that of the organization and society to which they belong.

About 460 pre-organized programs cover a wide range of professional fields, ranging from education, health, infrastructure, energy, trade and finance, to agriculture, rural development, gender mainstreaming, and environmental protection. A variety of programs are being customized to address the specific needs of different target organizations, such as policy-making organizations, service provision organizations, as well as research and academic institutions. Some programs are organized to target a certain group of countries with similar developmental challenges.

Japanese Development Experience

Japan was the first non-Western country to successfully modernize its society and industrialize its economy. At the core of this process, which started more than 140 years ago, was the “*adopt and adapt*” concept by which a wide range of appropriate skills and knowledge have been imported from developed countries; these skills and knowledge have been adapted and/or improved using local skills, knowledge and initiatives. They finally became internalized in Japanese society to suit its local needs and conditions.

From engineering technology to production management methods, most of the know-how that has enabled Japan to become what it is today has emanated from this “*adoption and adaptation*” process, which, of course, has been accompanied by countless failures and errors behind the success stories. We presume that such experiences, both successful and unsuccessful, will be useful to our partners who are trying to address the challenges currently faced by developing countries.

However, it is rather challenging to share with our partners this whole body of Japan’s developmental experience. This difficulty has to do, in part, with the challenge of explaining a body of “tacit knowledge,” a type of knowledge that cannot fully be expressed in words or numbers. Adding to this difficulty are the social and cultural systems of Japan that vastly differ from those of other Western industrialized countries, and hence still remain unfamiliar to many partner countries. Simply stated, coming to Japan might be one way of overcoming such a cultural gap.

JICA, therefore, would like to invite as many leaders of partner countries as possible to come and visit us, to mingle with the Japanese people, and witness the advantages as well as the disadvantages of Japanese systems, so that integration of their findings might help them reach their developmental objectives.



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