

**JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program
(Long-term)
- VIETNAM –**

**General Information for Vietnamese Applicants
on
Graduate Studies and Internship Program
of
“Innovative Asia Initiative”
~A New Whole-of-government Policy Package for Circulation of Asia’s
Competent Human Resources~**

2nd Batch

国別研修
「イノベーティブ・アジア」プログラム第2バッチ

This information pertains to one of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)’s Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Long-Term). This program will be implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between two governments.

Each country may have its own schedule and/or qualifications for the program.

1. Background

In line with the "Japan Revitalization Strategy" approved by the Japanese Cabinet in June 2016, the Government of Japan is advancing the measures to mobilize the diverse governmental resources, in order that competent human resources of Asian developing/emerging countries play more active roles in contributing to industrial growth of their home countries through having deeper working experience at best innovative Japanese companies, thereby knowing better how innovation is being promoted in Japan.

To promote the above policy initiative, the following strategies are decided to:

- (1) launch a new initiative of ODA to offer opportunities for graduate study and internship in Japan,
- (2) hold job-matching events and provide related information for students who belong to "partner schools" and are interested in working in Japan,
- (3) take necessary measures such as providing preferential treatment with regard to their visa status and expediting the administrative procedure when students of "partner schools" hope to work in Japan on certain conditions.

2. Objectives

This initiative aims to enhance the circulation of competent human resources between Japan and Asian countries and to promote innovation in the whole Asia.

Also inputs by Asian innovative human resources to Japan's business community are expected to bring about diversity to it, resulting in the mutual benefits between Japan and Asian countries, which will strengthen bilateral diplomatic relationships in the long run.

To this end, opportunities for study and internship in Japan for competent students who are studying at 'partner schools' in Asian countries will be provided.

3. Program Outline

- (1) Program Title: **Innovative Asia Initiative**
- (2) Language of the Program: **English**

4. Duration

(1) Overall Program	Participants will be dispatched to Japan in 5 batches over the period of 5 years from 2017. The first 2 batches (intake for 2017 and 2018) will be accepted as JICA participants. The framework of this program from the 3 rd batch will be duly established and announced by the Japanese Government later. Participants will be dispatched in September each year from 2017 to 2021.
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<p>(2)2nd Batch participant group's stay in Japan</p>	<p>Standard Timetable</p> <p><u>September, 2018 – September, 2020 (For Master's Student)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 years as a master's student - Internship in summer break for all participants and up to 6 months internship after graduation if participants can find the place to work in Japan - 6 months as a research student if necessary and if Japanese university of your choice only accepts the official entrance in April
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5. Number of Participants

1,000 participants over 5 years.

The number of participants for each batch will be decided by the Japanese Government, and is subject to change due to budgetary conditions.

6. Target Countries

<p>2nd Year (2nd Batch: 2018)</p>	<p>【12 countries】</p> <p>Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam,</p> <p>※ <i>Subjected to the request from the respective government.</i></p>
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7. Target Participants

Target participants, who graduated or will graduate before September 2018, are selected from the **60 partner schools (See Appendix 1) of the 12 target countries,**

Please refer to the section 10. below for more details.

8. Fields of Study at Japanese Universities

In this program, participants will be accepted in master's or doctor's courses at Japanese universities in such fields as Science and Technology, and Engineering, especially, Information Technology, Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, etc.

Proposed research topics must be relevant to the program objectives.

9. Internship at Japanese Companies, Research Institutes, etc.

All participants are expected to experience internships at Japanese companies, research institutes, or governmental organizations, etc. during summer break and/or other appropriate opportunities.

Internship programs are carried out in English.

In principle, no reward or compensation should be paid to the companies and the participants. Details of the internships will be fixed according to the hosting bodies' schedule.

10. Qualifications and Requirements

Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Nationality	- Citizens of one of the 12 Asian countries Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam
2. Age	- Under 35 years of age (as of September 1 st , 2018 for the 2 nd Batch participants)
3. Education	- Bachelor's degree (graduated from 60 partner schools as listed in Appendix 1) (as of September 1 st , 2018 for the 2 nd Batch participants)
4. Working Experience /Status	n/a
5. English language Proficiency	- Adequate English skills both in written and oral communication to complete the master's course (TOEFL PBT: 550 or higher; TOEFL iBT: 79 or higher; IELTS (Academic Modules): 6.0 or higher).
6. Understanding of the Program	- Applicants are required to have clear understanding of the objectives of the Innovative Asia Initiative, and to have a strong will to contribute to the industrial development of their home countries as well as to strengthen the linkage between their countries and Japan.
7. Others	Applicants must: - both physically and mentally fit for the program, - not receiving or planning to receive a scholarship offered by other foreign organizations

** Since the start of the initiative, the number of female participants has been limited. Female participants are encouraged to apply for the program.*

11. Selection Procedures (2nd Batch) for Vietnam

*Any costs incurred during the selection procedures including travel expenses to selection venues will NOT BE COVERED by JICA.

*The reasons for disqualification on each selection procedure will NOT BE DISCLOSED.

(1) Approval of the Official Applicant by the Government of Vietnam

Candidates nominated by the 5 Vietnamese Partner Schools will be evaluated by JICA from the viewpoints of their potential to contribute to the national development in Vietnam, and must be officially approved as participants of the program by the

Government of Vietnam (GOV) and JICA. Each approved participant's status as "officially dispatched student" should be endorsed by GOV, represented by the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI). At this stage, every participant is requested to fill out and submit his/her Application Documents to JICA Vietnam Office following the Application Flow below. Additional screening procedures may be required according to the screening policy of respective line agency (the Ministry of Education and Training, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Vietnam National University and Vietnam National University-Ho Chi Minh City)

(Note)

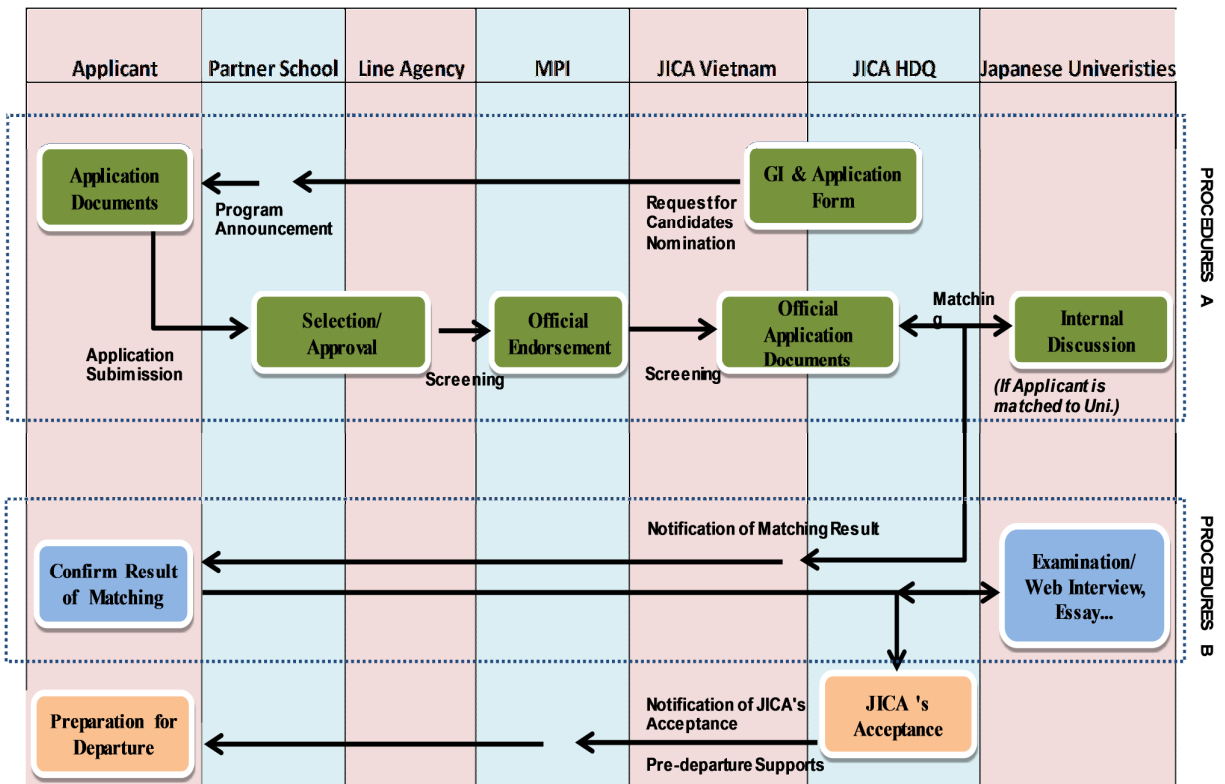
Participants are also requested to submit written consent to JICA for necessary enrollment procedures. JICA may request a participant to bear part or the entire student fees if the participant declines to participate in the program because of personal reasons after submission of the consent.

(2) Examination by Japanese Universities

Japanese Universities will evaluate applicants by scholastic aptitudes, submitted research proposal and other relevant criteria set by each university.

12. Application Guidelines

Participants must apply through both Procedure A and B. The Application Flow is as follow.



The details of each Procedure are written as below.

Procedure A: JICA Application

This is an application process necessary for both the Government of Vietnam and the Government of Japan for the Official Development Assistance (ODA).

At this stage, each participant's "Application Documents" must be officially submitted to JICA Vietnam Office following the Application Flow above.

Application Documents include:

1. JICA KCCP Application Form (see Appendix 2 for the guideline and format)
2. Passport copy (page with Photo)
3. Health certificate (can be submitted later) (see Appendix 3 for the format)
4. 2 copies of ID Photos (4cm × 3cm)
5. Photocopy of Certificate of English Test
6. Declaration of Desired University Placement (see Appendix 4 for the format)
7. Research Plan

Deadline of Official Submission to JICA Vietnam Office

Application Documents must be nominated and endorsed by the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) **by 30 April 2018**, and then approved by JICA Vietnam Office. After this procedure, matching will be conducted between JICA Headquarters and proposed universities. The result and further instruction will be informed to applicants thereafter.

Procedure B: University Application

Procedure B is an academic examination by each university.

Participants must apply through the procedure following each university's application procedure based on the result of Procedure A.

13. Expenses To Be Borne By JICA

JICA will provide the following expenses for participants in the program.

- A round-trip airfare (actual cost paid to travel agencies)
- Fee for Official Entrance Examination Fee/ Admission/ Tuition Fee (actual cost paid to universities)
- Outfit allowance (general outfit and shipping) (fixed amount)
- Monthly Stipend: living costs and residence, etc. (fixed amount)
- Expenses for support programs during the study in Japan, including the costs of observation tours and internship (actual cost paid to universities, etc.)

※ Japanese language and/or business manner classes would be offered in the universities. It is recommended to take these classes for smooth adoption to Japanese life and future career opportunities.

(Notes)

Above amount of each item will be revised every year.

Other costs should be covered by the participants' organizations or other individuals.

**Participants are not allowed to work during their stay in Japan.*

**To invite family to Japan (spouse and children only), Participants should be responsible for all expenses, necessary procedure by themselves. JICA does not provide any support or additional financial assistance except issuing necessary documents for the process. JICA strongly recommend participants invite their family AFTER 6 MONTHS upon arrival in Japan.*

14. Accepting Japanese Universities (2nd Batch)

1. Hiroshima University
2. Hokkaido University
3. Kobe University
4. Kyoto University
5. Kyusyu Institute of Technology
6. Kyushu University
7. Nagasaki University
8. Nagoya University
9. Osaka University
10. Ritsumeikan University
11. Shibaura Institute of Technology
12. The University of Tokyo
13. Tohoku University
14. Tokai University
15. Tokyo Institute of Technology
16. Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology
17. Toyohashi University of Technology
18. University of Tsukuba
19. Waseda University
20. Yamaguchi University
21. Yokohama National University

For further information on each university, see JICA homepage “Innovative Asia”

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/countries/asia/innovative_asia.html

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