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FOREWORD

More than three years have passed since I became the president of JICA. During this period, we have seen events around the globe that drastically changed the world order. These include Great Britain's decision to leave the European Union, the election of U.S. President Donald Trump and the rise of other assertive national leaders. The liberal international order as we have known it since the end of World War II is now standing at a critical juncture.

On the other hand, problems such as regional conflict, religious extremism, extreme poverty, disparities, worsening refugee situations, infectious diseases and natural disasters are threatening the lives and dignity of people around the world. For Japan, it is critical to keep peace, stability and prosperity of the world. These are the core elements of Japan's national interest, and that is why international cooperation is essential for Japan to its very existence.

In this sense, initiatives to realize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agreed upon at the United Nations Summit 2015 represent a rare opportunity for Japan to demonstrate its presence and leadership in the international community and to improve the international cooperation system. To that extent, JICA has a heavy responsibility as Japan's development cooperation agency, and JICA intends to work proactively with a range of domestic and international partners on international cooperation aimed at realizing a world in which no one is left behind.

Taking human security and quality growth as its missions, JICA makes a point of always respecting partner countries by putting ourselves in our partners' shoes and thinking with them as equal partners. Under its vision of "Leading the world with trust," JICA aims to create a world where all people and countries are bound together by trust. At the same time, it is essential for both recipient countries and Japan to get benefit of the growth and development through their international cooperation. If Japan can contribute to reduce poverty and grow the world economy with using its experience and expertise, the world will better recognize Japan's contribution to the international community. JICA will keep such endeavor in collaboration with various actors, including the Japanese government, local governments, private companies, civil society, universities and research institutes.

Among those partnerships, JICA is particularly emphasizing JICA Development Studies Program. Japan is the first example of a non-western nation becoming a developed country, and having maintained both tradition and modernity and created a free, abundant, democratic state. I believe it is one of the best models for the advancement of developing countries. Moreover, Japan's ODA has significantly contributed to the advancement of developing countries, mainly in East Asia. Because of this experience and expertise, Japan can be the world's leading country in development studies. Under JICA Development Studies Program, we invite young leaders of developing countries to Japan, who will lead the advancement of their home countries. In partnership with Japanese universities, we provide them with an opportunity to learn about Japan's modern development experience, which differs from that of Europe and the U.S., as well as about Japan's expertise as a post-war donor country.

In July 2016, seven Japanese people were killed in a terrorist attack in Dhaka, Bangladesh. They had been enthusiastically working for a development project with their passion for international cooperation.

To make sure such an incident never happens again, we will continue our utmost effort to constantly review and improve safety measures, giving the highest priority to the security of all people involved in our international cooperation projects.

It has been 10 years since new JICA starts with integrated function of Japan's ODA. With the trust of the people of Japan and a responsibility toward the world, I will continue facing my work as president of JICA with a strong sense of mission. So I humbly request your continued support and encouragement.

Shinichi Kitaoka
President
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)



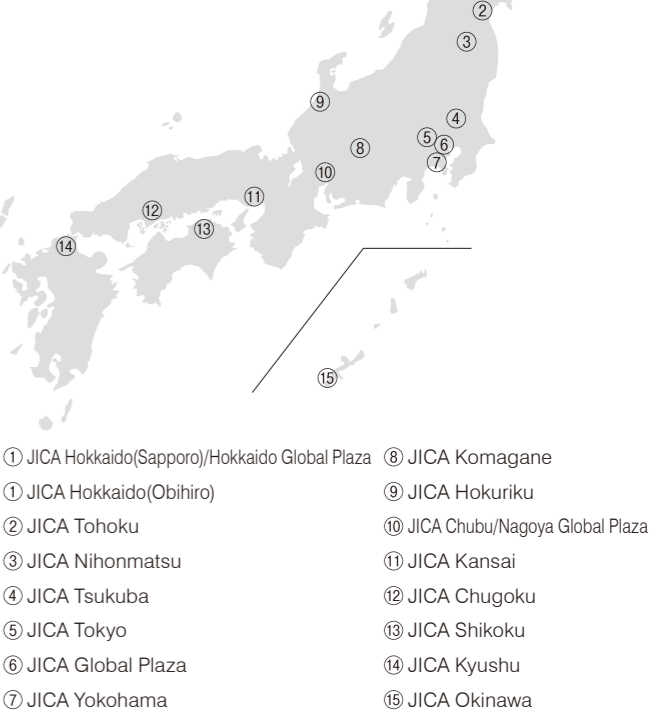
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administrative agency)
Objectives : Established as an independent
administrative institution under the law
concerning the Independent Administrative
Institution Japan International Cooperation
Agency (Law No.136, 2002), JICA aims to
contribute to the promotion of international
cooperation as well as to the sound development
of the Japanese and global economies by
supporting socioeconomic development,
recovery or economic stability of developing
regions.
Capital : 8,998 billion yen (as of March 2018)
Full-time employees : 1,909 (as of March 2018)

History of Agencies Administering ODA

October	1954	Japan joined the Colombo Plan and initiated technical cooperation programs
March	1961	Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan (OECF) was established and took over the South-east Asia Development Cooperation Fund from the Export-Import Bank of Japan
June	1962	Overseas Technology Cooperation Agency (OTCA) established
July	1963	Japan Emigration Service (JEMIS) established
April	1965	Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) program launched
March	1966	OECF made first ODA loan (to South Korea)
August	1974	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) founded
September	1987	International Emergency Relief Team formed
May	1994	Number of Japan-trained technical trainees reached 100,000 participants
October	1999	Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) was established through the merger of the Export-Import Bank of Japan and OECF
October	2003	JICA re-launched as an independent administrative institution
May	2007	Number of countries receiving ODA loans reached 100
October	2008	JBIC's overseas economic cooperation operations and part of the grant aid under the jurisdiction of Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs were integrated into JICA operations
January	2015	Number of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers exceeded 40,000

Offices in Japan

JICA carries out diverse projects via domestic offices throughout Japan in cooperation with various organizations.



Websites of JICA offices in Japan
<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/about/organization/domestic/>

Overseas Offices

Around 90 offices are located worldwide to promote projects in response to local needs.



The latest information is available on JICA's website.
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JICA Yokohama: Introducing Our Work

Creating Bridges to Connect People with People, People with Countries, and People with the World.

At JICA Yokohama we contribute to the creation of human resources in developing countries with the people of the region by utilizing characteristics of Kanagawa and Yamanashi prefectures.

Additionally, in an effort to support the first steps of international cooperation, we offer programs to help bring each individual's hopes and efforts to reality.



Knowledge Co-creation Program

Japanese knowledge for the world



African trainees observing water leakage repairs at a pipeline training facility

At JICA Yokohama, technical training programs are carried out to share Japan's experience, technology and knowledge with government officials and engineers of developing countries who are central to the nation building efforts in their countries.

In particular, emphasis is placed on creating programs that utilize the knowledge and special characteristics of Kanagawa and Yamanashi prefectures (traffic and transportation, fisheries, environmental management).

There are around 100 training courses a year with over 600 participants studying in Kanagawa and Yamanashi prefectures.

Group and Country Focused Training

Training programs are carried out with the cooperation of many organizations within Kanagawa and Yamanashi prefectures such as its municipalities, private corporations, NGOs and universities.

Example 1	Training in the Fisheries Field
	Utilizing Kanagawa prefecture's abundant fisheries industry resources

JICA training in the fisheries field conducted at JICA Yokohama make up 40% of the total training sessions carried out in that field in Japan. Every year, many fisheries participants visit the Kanagawa Prefectural Fisheries Technology Center, the National Research Institute of Fisheries Science and the Miura City Misaki Seafood Regional Wholesale Market. In addition, many participants also visit the Yokoyama City Fisheries Cooperative Association's Shiba Branch, famous for mantis shrimps and conger eels, to study about the practical management of fisheries.

Participants learning about eel pipe fishing (At Yokohama City Fisheries Cooperative Association's Shiba Branch)

Example 2	Cooperation with Yokohama City
	Utilizing Yokohama City's knowledge

In October 2011, JICA Yokohama signed the municipality's first comprehensive partnership agreement with Yokohama city. Cooperation, beginning with the Knowledge Co-creation Program in multiple fields, is underway with the aim to further support developing countries and increase Yokohama's international competitiveness.



Participants receive an explanation about Yokohama's multicolored wharf (Inside the Yokohama Port and Harbor Bureau's port vessel)

Young Leaders' Training

Training programs are being conducted that target young leaders of developing countries who will lead nation building efforts in the future. The program introduces examples of endeavors made by the Japanese government and regional municipalities in fields such as urban environmental management and community development.



Participant School Visit Program <Classes become windows to the world>

JICA Yokohama offers opportunities for students and teachers to directly meet and interact with JICA participants, creating circumstances for children to think about their understanding of developing countries, international cooperation and foreign cultures. It is also a good opportunity for the trainees to deepen their understanding of Japanese society and Japanese school education. Would you also be interested in meeting with JICA trainees?



Citizen Participatory Cooperation Program

Discover the differences each and every person can make



As a place of dispatch for international cooperation from Kanagawa and Yamanashi prefectures, we introduce experiences gained from activities in developing countries and provide support and information concerning international cooperation.

Support for Development Education

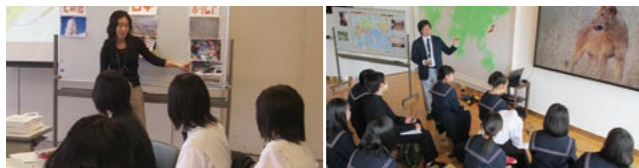
A variety of support programs are available for schools, municipalities and civic organizations to implement "development education" and "international understanding education." Overseas teachers' training for faculty, seminars for development education faculty, and introductory seminars on international understanding for high school students are being conducted. Please take the opportunity to make use of them.



Japanese teachers visiting Brazil to learn about them

JICA Yokohama Visiting Program

This program aims to have participants become aware Japan's connection to the world by introducing JICA's programs and heightening interest in international cooperation and foreign cultures. Would you be interested in feeling more connected to the world?



International Cooperation Home Delivery Course

Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and alumni will visit schools as instructors. Would you be interested in learning about the condition of the world and international cooperation?



Events and Exhibits

Events are organized with the aim to promote understanding and participation in international cooperation activities for developing countries. Regular exhibits are also held within the facility. (Major events: Yokohama International Festa, Yokohama International Forum, Earth Festa, etc.)



Gallery exhibit

Grassroots Technical Cooperation

This program supports the international cooperation activities in developing countries by NGOs, municipalities and universities utilizing their experience and technologies. We connect the thoughts of the people of Kanagawa and Yamanashi prefectures with the localities in developing countries.

Grassroots Partnership Structure

JICA collaborates with NGOs and other organizations that have a level of experience in supporting developing countries.

Example:
Republic of Paraguay

Project of Improving Living Conditions for Rural Women in Paraguay



Grassroots Cooperation Support Structure

JICA collaborates with NGOs and other organizations that have little experience in supporting developing countries.

Example:
Federative Republic of Brazil

Supporting the strengthening of community-based child care systems in the northeastern region of Brazil



Regional Proposal Structure

JICA collaborates with regional municipalities by adapting proposals for technical guidance and acceptance of human resources at local sites to conduct activities that promote regional development.

Example:
Republic of Indonesia

Supporting the waste management system for building a recycling-oriented society in Bandung, Indonesia



Support Program for Japanese Emigrants and Their Descendants

Supporting Nikkei Communities

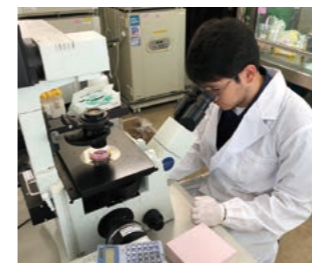


Nikkei communities in Central and South American countries are the foundation of friendly and cooperative relations between Japan and those countries, greatly contributing to the development of their economies and industries.

We aim to vitalize local Nikkei communities by nurturing Nikkei human resources and promoting a greater understanding of emigration history and Nikkei communities.

Training Program for Nikkei Communities

This citizen participatory program collaborates with Japanese regional municipalities, universities, public service corporations, companies and NGOs to implement training sessions based on proposals made by those organizations for Nikkei descendants. The aim of the program is to develop Nikkei communities and contribute to the nation building of their countries through technical cooperation to the leading persons of Japanese descendants' communities in Central and South American regions. Training programs are being conducted in a variety of fields such as elderly care and agricultural technology.



Participant operating a research equipment in a Japanese university



Cooking practice within a traditional Japanese food learning program

Japanese Overseas Migration Museum

The history of Japanese emigration abroad stretches over 150 years. There is a lot that modern Japanese people can learn from the emigrants who crossed the ocean with large dreams and lived vigorously in foreign countries in an age when "overseas" distance was far greater than it is perceived today. The Japanese Overseas Migration Museum exhibits and offers a variety of resources and learning materials to communicate the stories and history of the emigrants and understanding of Nikkei communities to as many people as possible. Please feel welcome utilize the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum for occasions such as field trips and off-campus learning.



[Hours] 10:00 - 18:00
[Closed] Mondays (if it falls on a national holiday, the next day will be closed)

*Free admission

Education Program for Nikkei Next Generation

To nurture the next generation of Nikkei communities in Central and South America, training programs are being conducted for middle school, high school and university students of the region to study their roots and the history of Japanese emigration. In addition to learning about the history of emigration and Japanese culture, there are also many opportunities for trainees to get in touch with modern Japan through activities such as trial enrollment in the prefecture's public middle and high schools, exchanges with university students, and homestay experiences.



Learning Program

Teaching materials for creating lessons such as the "Guide to Learning Activities" reference material, cards and picture story shows on the subject of emigration, and an "emigrant's trunk" filled with an emigrant's possessions are available for rent. Workshops in the facility can also be organized.



Public-Private Partnerships

Disseminating products and technologies of private enterprises to developing countries



Photo credit: SALAD BOWL CO., LTD / Verification Survey with the Private Sector for Disseminating Japanese Technologies for Advanced Systems of Horticulture and Agri-Business Manager Development in Vietnam

Japanese private sector can provide one of the solution to tackle these issues through their products and technologies although most countries in the world are facing global issues such as keeping continuous economic growth, the poverty reduction, environmental and climate change, food security and natural resources.

Therefore, JICA is strengthening its cooperation with private enterprises as JICA's partners.

Program for SDGs Business Supporting Surveys

JICA supports the overseas business development for Japanese private companies by using the networks and experience through fostering JICA's operation until now in developing countries. By disseminating the superior products and technologies of Japanese private companies possessed, it contributes for the development of countries.



Technology transfer of water leakage investigation methods to the staff of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewage Board
Photo credit: SuidoTechnical Service Co., Ltd./ Verification Survey with the Private Sector for Disseminating Japanese Technologies for Water Leakage Monitoring Technology in Bangalore

Small and Medium Sized Enterprise(SME) Partnership Promotion Survey

We provide support to collect the basic information necessary for considering business models that can contribute to solving issues in developing countries.

Example: Myanmar

With regard to Myanmar's railway where operational delays are noticeable due to insufficient maintenance and inspection, we conduct the collection of basic information and research activities through examining the state of the tracks using laser doppler measuring instruments, which leads to the realization of efficient maintenance and the inspection of railway tracks.



Photo credit: ACT Electronics Corp.

SDGs Business Model Formulation Survey with the Private Sector

We provide support to formulate business models through examining business ideas utilizing various technologies, products and know-hows that can contribute to solving issues in developing countries and the possibility of using them in ODA projects.

Example: Brazil

The power generation floor® is a mat which lights up LED when stepped on. The survey was conducted to examine the demand of product and technology in Brazil for disaster and criminal prevention measures.



Photo credit: Soundpower Corporation

SDGs Business Verification Survey with the Private Sector

Towards the operationalization of business ideas that can contribute to solving issues in developing countries, we provide support to formulate business plans through verifying business models, including demonstration activities of technologies, products, and know-how, promoting understanding of proposed products and examining the possibility of using those models in ODA projects.



Photo credit: Amcon Inc.

Example: Philippines

In Cebu City, sludge treatment from household is not treated properly, causing environmental pollution. The survey was conducted to establish a septage treatment plant equipped with a dehydrator, verify the effectiveness of the equipment, and maintain management of the plan.

Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers cooperation with Private Sector

This system allows companies to send employees to developing countries as Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers to nurture global talents capable of contributing to the company's international development. Local networks can also be established through volunteer activities in developing countries. The country of dispatch, occupation, and dispatch period can be adjusted according to the needs of the company.



Photo credit: Kenshiro Imamura, JICA

Volunteer Program

From Kanagawa and Yamanashi prefectures to the world



Public health nurse in the Republic of Ghana

JICA volunteers are active in around 91 countries worldwide.

So far, a total of 4,289 JICA volunteers have been dispatched from Kanagawa and Yamanashi prefectures (as of the end of September 2018).

JICA helps to connect the wishes of people wanting to utilize their skills and passions with the smiles of people in developing countries.

Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers Senior Volunteers

Application Period
Spring/Fall



Community development in the Kyrgyz Republic

Volunteers live with the people in developing countries, strive for mutual understanding and contribute to solving the issues they face through volunteer activities. The standard length of dispatch is two years. There are nine fields of cooperation (agriculture, forestry and fisheries; health and medicine; trade and tourism; human resources; planning administration; public enterprise; mineral industry; energy; and social welfare) with around 120 different classifications.



Judo in the Kingdom of Bhutan

Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers for Nikkei Communities Senior Volunteers for Nikkei Communities

Application Period
Spring/Fall

These activities support Nikkei communities in various Central and South American countries by utilizing the volunteers' skills and experiences. "Nikkei communities" can be summed up in one term, but in reality, their scales and needs differ country by country and region by region. From settlements to urban areas, volunteer activities take place in many different environments.



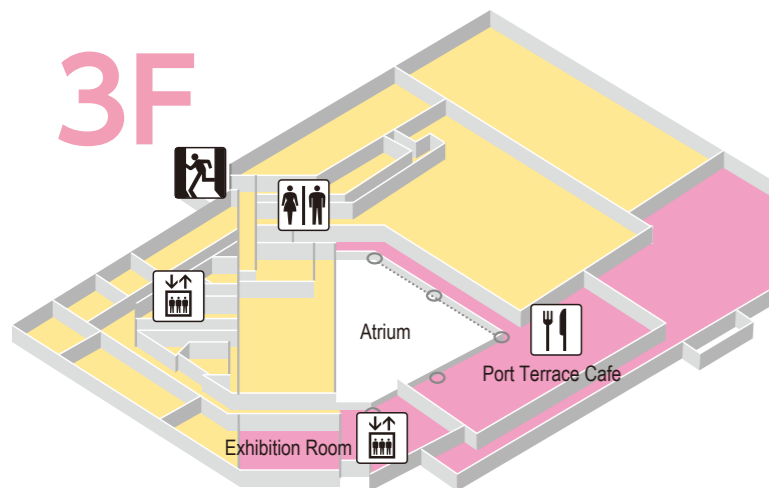
Nikkei Japanese language school instructor in the Federative Republic of Brazil (Nikkei Community Volunteer)



JICA Yokohama holds events to share volunteer experiences and explanations in various venues in the prefecture and consults people who are thinking about applying. Other events are also held such as application consultations, volunteer seminars for students, and briefing events from returning volunteers. Would you also be interested in utilizing your knowledge and experiences to aid in "nation building and human resource creation efforts" in developing countries?

Floor Guide

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Port Terrace Cafe

Enjoy a variety of foods and drinks from different countries for reasonable prices. Treat yourself to lunch or dinner at the terrace that overlooks the Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse and Bay Bridge.



[Lunch] 11:30-14:00 (last order at 13:30)
[Cafe] 14:00-17:00 (open only on Sat, Sun and national holidays)
[Dinner] 17:30-21:00 (last order at 20:30)
[Closed] No scheduled holidays

Exhibition Room

The Exhibition Room is available for rent to the local citizens, if the exhibits are related to international cooperation.

[Hours] 9:30-18:00
*Free admission



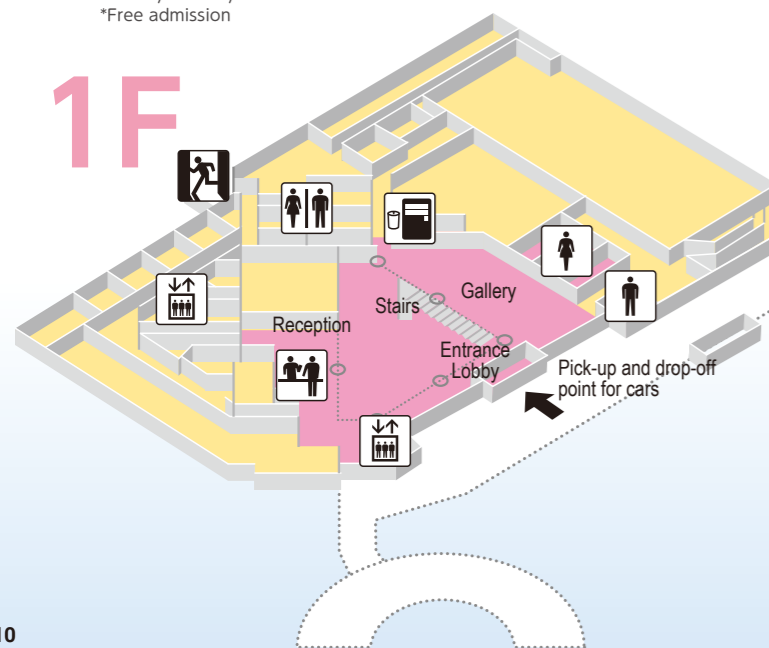
Library and JOMM Reference Room

Books and audiovisual material on international cooperation and development education as well as written reports issued by JICA are held here. Reference books and materials related to Japanese overseas migration are also available.



[Number of materials] International Cooperation: around 10,000 books;
Overseas Migration: around 40,000 books
[Hours] 10:00-18:00
[Closed] International Cooperation: Mondays (if it falls on a national holiday, the next day will be closed), last day of every month;
Overseas Migration: Sundays, Mondays, national holidays and the last day of every month
*Free admission

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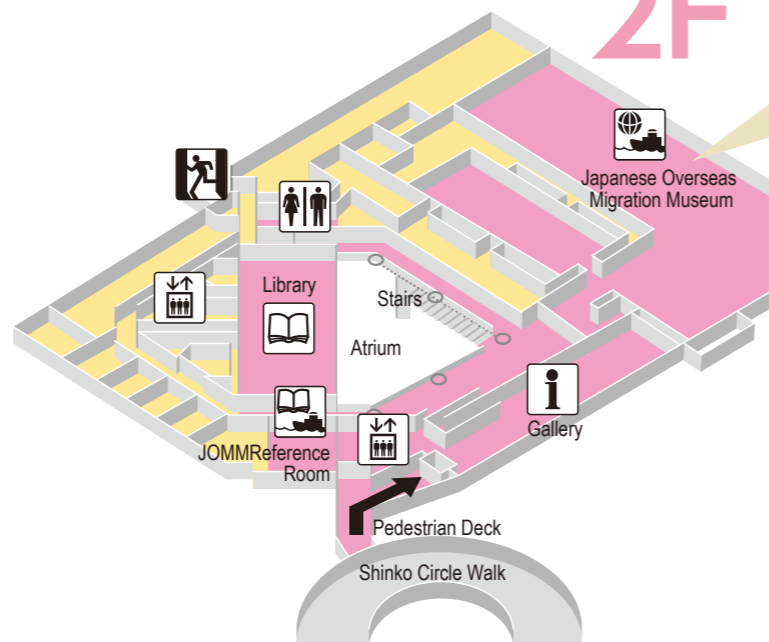
Gallery(JICA Plaza Yokohama)

Enjoy learning about international cooperation and developing countries by seeing, touching and having fun. There is also a corner where visitors can try playing musical instruments from around the world.

[Hours] 9:30-18:00
*Free admission



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Japanese Overseas Migration Museum

[Hours] 10:00-18:00 (last admission at 17:30)
[Closed] Mondays (if it falls on a national holiday, the next day will be closed)
*Free admission

Retracing the roots of Nikkei descendants leads to the first generation of emigrants, but now that over 150 years have passed since their time, it is difficult to envision how Japan or their place of settlement was like at the time when they first crossed the ocean. In order to communicate the stories and history of the emigrants and Nikkei communities to as many people as possible, the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum offers a variety of resources and learning materials in addition to holding regular exhibits. Please feel welcome to utilize the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum for occasions such as field trips and off-campus learning.



Learning Materials

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Emigrant cards



We Join a New World

Largescale videos, models of settlements and preserved resources retrace the footsteps of the emigrants as they joined a new world and created new cultures, prompting thoughts on the background and significance of migrations.



Digital Migration Space

Social and geographic information regarding migrations as well as information on the future are freely accessible. This space allows visitors to virtually experience the future of the world and migrations.



Nikkei Life History

Various photographs and videos introduce the lives of the emigrants and their families.



History of Overseas Migration

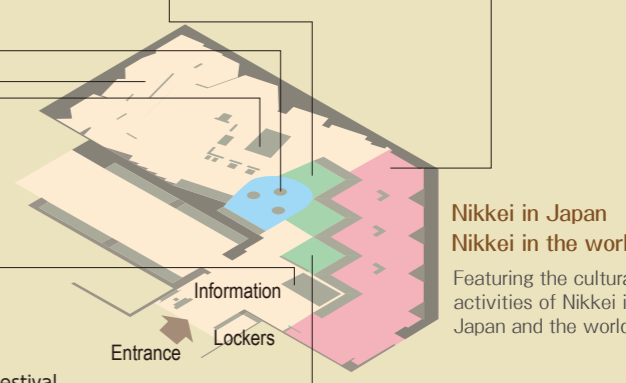
The history of Japanese overseas migrations is divided into five periods and the major events of each period are introduced in easily understandable ways through chronological tables, documents, photos and videos.



Various belongings



Vegetable float from the Rose Festival



Nikkei in Japan
Nikkei in the world
Featuring the cultural activities of Nikkei in Japan and the world.