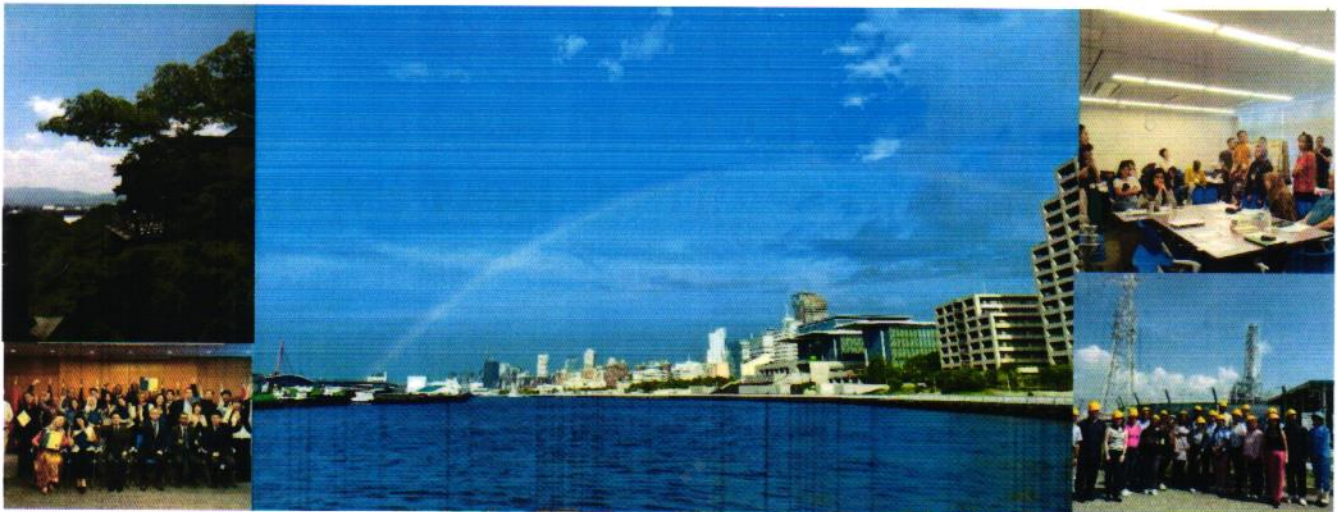


Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

Development and Promotion of New Industries through Accelerating Innovation

課題別研修「イノベーション促進による新産業の創造・振興」



Course Number: 202515024J001

Course Period: September 8- October 10, 2026

Online: September 8- September 18, 2026

Program in Japan: September 23- October 10, 2026



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NOTE: Depending on the circumstances, some or all of the program periods may be changed or cancelled after the application has been accepted.



How can we accelerate
innovation with
playing important as
an “intermediate”?

Gain insight to an essence of
sustainable regional development
more practical, more interactive,
more inspirational from the
experiences of Japan.



Outline



This program is designed for mid-career-officers from public organizations responsible for creation and promotion of new industries and the development of business environment.

Through this program, the participants' knowledge on issues related with the new industry creation through innovation and its situation in Japan will be identified. Moreover, the possibility of collaboration among participants across the countries will be discussed. By the end of this course, concrete plans for co-creation with participants' countries will be recognized and presented.

The sessions will be held online and in Japan, and will include self-study and discussion with participants from other countries.

All sessions are carried out in English.

The period of the program is from September 8 to 18, 2025 (Online), and from September 23 to October 10, 2026 (in Japan).

Course Capacity: 14 participants



JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in June 2023, stated 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.” JICA believes that this ‘Knowledge Co- Creation Program’ will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

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For What?

Background

For the creation and promotion of new industries, the participants in the program will learn concrete initiatives and issues tackled and pursued in different sector; industry, government, academia, finance in each perspective with focusing on “health care” and “GX (decarbonization)” issues particularly emphasized in Kansai region, in order to prepare practical action plan appropriate to situation and environment in participants’ home countries.

Objectives

Knowledge related to creation/promotion of new industries and business environment reform through the promotion of innovation will be accumulated. The necessary initiatives for creation/promotion of new industries suited to the situation and environment in the home country will be recognized, and the ability to conduct practical activities will be improved.



To Whom?

Job Areas and Organizations

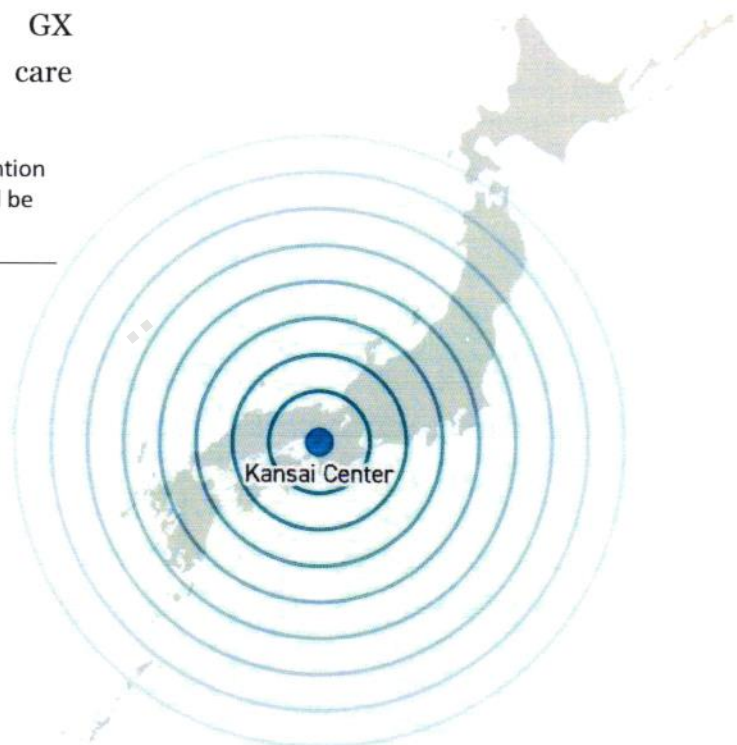
This program is offered to mid-career-officer who belong to Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Science/Technology/Innovation, Ministries for Special Zone Policy, Financial Institution (Development Bank etc.), Research or Higher Education Institutions, Universities etc. *Officers engaged in GX (decarbonization) and health care sector are recommended.

The applying organization with the best intention to utilize the opportunity of this program will be highly valued in the selection.

Targeted Countries

Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Panama, Republic of the Congo, Serbia, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda

Participants who have successfully completed the program will be awarded a certificate by JICA.



When?

Online Program Period



From September 8 to September 18,
2026

Program in Japan



September 23- October 10, 2026

Where?

This course is carried out online in the first and second week, organized by JICA Kansai Center. You will receive essential reading materials for your self-study at your office or home. As the online homeroom and Q&A sessions are held to assist your learning process, you are required to have a certain IT environment. For details, see page 13-14.

How?

How to Learn

- Online Self-Study
- Online Interactive Q&A Session
- Lectures
- Field Visits
- Workshops
- Discussions
- Presentations



Watch



Listen



Experience



Study



Chat



Discuss



Present

Language

English

Commitment to the SDGs

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**



Program Structure (Tentative)

*See also the attached schedule in JFY2025 for your reference.

Expected Module Output and Contents

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

***Please note that the contents are tentative and may change.**

Modules	Outcome (Subjects/Agendas)	Methodology
(1)	To recognize and share the current situation and challenges in creating/promoting innovation and new industries in their countries.	Presentation, Discussion, Lecture,
(2)	To understand respective perspective through concrete initiatives and approaches taken by government agencies, local governments, economic organizations, companies, research institutions, financial institutions, in order to promote innovation and create and promote new industries in Japan.	Lecture, Discussion Field Visit
(3)	To analyze the role of the participants' institutions in contributing to establish an innovation ecosystem through lectures, discussions, and exchanges of opinions related to Japanese government policies, local government policies, systems, structures, and human resource development efforts.	Lecture, Discussion
(4)	To learn about the role of intermediaries who build human networks to organically link industry, government, academia, and financial sector, and to provide information, particularly their daily and concrete efforts.	Lecture, Discussion, Group Work
(5)	To develop an action plan about activities to promote innovation ecosystem with clarifying the role of participant's country or organization as an intermediary in industry-government-academia-finance collaboration to be played.	Presentation, Group Work, Action Plan



Online Program

Program Orientation & Course Orientation

- Course Details
- Instruction for writing country report

On-Demand Lectures

- Administrative system in Japan
- Social structure in Japan
- Overview of systems, policies, and frameworks for promoting innovation and creating/promoting new industries in Japan
- Outline of Council for Science, Technology and Innovation, "Science, Technology, and Innovation Basic Plan"
- Initiatives to build innovation ecosystem in Japan - development of open innovation system, creation of start-ups from universities and other institutions, human resource development, etc.
- Initiatives to promote life science in Japan
- Initiatives to realize the GX in Japan
- Japan's international environmental cooperation for sustainable development.
- Support for innovation promotion and new industry creation by regional financial institution/bank
- Outline of the Special Zone System
- Osaka Prefecture's Efforts in National Strategic Special Zones, Comprehensive Special Zones, and Special Zones for Structural Reform
- Hydrogen-related Initiatives of Osaka City
- Osaka City's Partnerships with Overseas for a Decarbonized Society

On-Line Session & Orientation before Arrival in Japan

- Learning through the KCCP and Challenges for Innovation Promotion by Alumni of the Program
- Q&A Session

Assignment

Country Report

Drafting Country Report including current situations in your country and comparison from the knowledge acquired from essential information for the Japanese lecturers as well as the other participants to understand each other and to facilitate the discussion in the program.

Program in Japan

- Overview of systems, policies, and frameworks for promoting innovation and creating/promoting new industries in Japan - reflection and Q&A session
- Country Report Presentation by Participants
- Initiatives in the Kobe Biomedical Innovation Cluster to Create Innovations in the Health Care (Example of Innovation Creation in Kobe Medical Industry)



- Development Project)
- Inspection tour of the latest medical research and development bases of private companies in the Kobe Medical Industry Development Area
 - Workshop for learning method for problem analysis logic model formulation
 - Innovation promotion in the Kansai region by Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry, METI
 - Overview of the JCM (Bilateral Crediting Mechanism) and Examples of Initiative
 - Promoting Innovation in Kyoto through Industry-Academia-Public Collaboration
 - Initiatives by Public Research Institutes to Support Innovation Creation from a Technological Perspective
 - Site Visit to the International Hub for Future Medicine "Nakanoshima Qross"
 - Innovation Promotion and the Creation and Promotion of New Industries by Economic Organization
 - Initiatives by private companies to realize a decarbonization ecosystem in Kansai region
 - Initiatives to support new businesses and start-ups in Japan
 - Initiatives for Creating University-oriented start-ups
 - Building an innovation ecosystem through public-private partnerships and efforts to promote incubation
 - Case studies of start-up companies that leverage support from local governments to innovate Presentation of Action Plan



Eligibility and Procedures

1. Expectations to the Applying Organizations

- (1) This course is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operation. Applying organizations are expected to use the program for those specific purposes.
 - (2) This course is enriched with contents and facilitation schemes specially developed in collaboration with relevant prominent organizations in Japan. These special features enable the course to meet specific requirements of applying organizations and effectively facilitate them toward solutions for the issues and problems.
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2. Nominee Qualifications

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

【Remarks】

Gender: Each Organizations is requested to strongly encourage female candidates to apply for the course to accelerate the realization of gender equality and women's empowerment.

Disabilities: Persons with disabilities who meet the required qualifications also have an opportunity to apply. Reasonable accommodations will be considered for participants with disabilities. Some programs of the course might have difficulty for persons with disabilities to participate due to environmental and other conditions. "Reasonable accommodation" means necessary and appropriate modification and adjustments not imposing a disproportionate or undue burden, where needed in a particular case.

(1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) **Current Duties:** Personnel with work experience in innovation promotion and the planning and implementation of policies and measures for Creation/promotion. (Preferably for personnel with relevant work experience or responsibilities in the GX (decarbonization) or health care sectors)



- 2) Experience in the Relevant Field: have at least 5 years of experience in the field of innovation promotion and the planning and implementation of policies and measures for creation/promotion.
- 3) Educational Background: be a graduate of university
- 4) Language Proficiency: have a competent command of spoken and written English proficiency equivalent to TOEFL iBT 100 or above (This workshop includes active participation in discussions, which requires high competence in English. Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC etc, if possible)
- 5) Technical Requirements :
 - a Technology Proficiency
 - Basic computer skills such as, sending/receiving email with attachments, and using a web browser.
 - Online course is delivered using the following services, Web Conferences (Teams), Cloud Storage (GIGAPOD), and YouTube. Online tutorial and support by JICA will be limited. The ability to be self-directed in learning new technology skills are required.
 - b Internet Connection
 - High Speed Broadband Connection (at least 2Mbps).
 - *Internet access charge incurred for this course shall be borne by your organization.
 - c Hardware (Minimum Requirement)
 - Regular access to a computer, either from your home or from your office.
 - Operating System: Windows or Mac OS (Updated version is preferred).
 - Processor: Intel Core 2 Duo or higher; 2GHz or higher
 - Memory: 4GB of RAM or higher
 - Hard Drive Space: 5GB free disk space
 - Browser: Google Chrome is preferred browser. (Edge, Firefox, Safari can be used)
 - Others: Webcam Microphone, and Audio output Device (Speaker or Headset)
 - d Software (which may be required)
 - Microsoft TEAMS for Meeting.
 - *In case you are using your office computer and use of Teams is not authorized by your IT administrator, please notify JICA at the time of application.



6) Health: must be in good health to participate in the program in Japan. Participant's health and safety should be most respected. Pre-existing conditions¹ and pregnancy may lead to health problems that were not present prior to arriving in Japan due to stress from international travel, changes in climate, and a new living environment. In recent years, regrettable cases have occurred, including the exacerbation of symptoms after arrival and, in the case of pregnancy, stillbirth. Some participants have also incurred substantial out-of-pocket medical costs. If any of the conditions below may apply, please take a moment to consider whether to participate, and continue after confirming your agreement to the points below.

① Questionnaire ("QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS AND RESTRICTION")

If any of the following apply, you must state them accurately in the questionnaire, even if they do not affect your current work or daily life.

- a. Chronic diseases (e.g., hypertension, diabetes)
- b. Conditions currently under treatment
- c. Past illnesses that have resolved (including serious conditions affecting the heart, liver, or brain; tuberculosis, etc.)
- d. Pregnancy (for female applicants)

② Medical certificate

Please submit a medical certificate issued by a doctor that your condition is stable and that, from a medical standpoint, there is no problem with your participation in KCCP in Japan.

Applicable cases:

- a. Chronic diseases (e.g., hypertension, diabetes)
- b. Conditions currently under treatment
- c. Past illnesses that have resolved (including serious conditions affecting the heart, liver, or brain; tuberculosis, etc.)

③ Reporting changes

If pregnancy or any health issues are identified after submitting the form, please report them to JICA promptly.

¹ Pre-existing conditions :Chronic diseases, Conditions currently under treatment and Past illnesses that have resolved.

④ Insurance coverage

Medical and additional living expenses related to pregnancy and pre-existing conditions are NOT covered by insurance arranged by JICA. Such costs must be borne entirely by the participant; JICA assumes no liability.

* Please understand that insurance coverage applies only to sudden illness or injury occurring during your stay in Japan.

* Medical expenses in Japan could be a significant financial burden when not covered by insurance.

(2) Recommended Qualifications

- 1) Age: between the ages of twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) years
- 2) Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: JICA seeks more female applicants due to the past records of fewer applications from women. JICA is committed to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, and provides equal opportunities for all applicants regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

3. Required Documents for Application

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

* If you have any difficulties/disabilities which require assistance, please specify necessary assistances in the QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS RESTRICTION (1-(c)) of the application form. Information will be reviewed and used for reasonable accommodation.

- (2) **Photocopy of Passport:** You should submit it 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.

*The following information should be included in the photocopy:

Name, Date of Birth, Nationality, Sex, Passport Number and Expiry Date

*It is recommended that your passport be valid for more than 6 months after the last day of the program.

- (3) **English Score Sheet:** to be submitted with the application form, if the nominees have any official English examination scores. (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS)



4. Procedures for Application and Selection

(1) Submission of the Application Documents

Closing date for applications: **Please confirm the local deadline with the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan).**

(All required material must arrive at JICA Center in Japan by August 3, 2026)

(2) Selection

Primary screening is conducted at the JICA overseas office (or the embassy of Japan) after receiving official documents from your government. JICA Center will consult with concerned organizations in Japan in the process of final selection. Applying organizations with the best intentions to utilize the opportunity will be highly valued.

The Government of Japan will examine applicants who belong to the military or other military-related organizations and/or who are enlisted in the military, taking into consideration of their duties, positions in the organization and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner to be consistent with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan.

(3) Notice of Acceptance

The JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) will notify the results **not later than August 10 2026.**

5. Additional Document(s) to Be Submitted by Accepted Participants

Country Report -- to be submitted by August 31, 2026

Accepted participants are required to prepare a Country Report. Details will be informed for the accepted participants.

6. Conditions for Participation

The participants of KCCP are required

(1) to strictly observe the course schedule,



- (2) not to change the air ticket (and flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging by the participants themselves,
- (3) to understand that leaving Japan during the course period (to return to home country, etc.) is not allowed (except for programs longer than one year),
- (4) not to bring or invite any family members (except for programs longer than one year),
- (5) to carry out such instructions and abide by such conditions as may be stipulated by both the nominating Government and the Japanese Government in respect of the course,
- (6) to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners to provide the program or establishments,
- (7) not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
- (8) to discontinue the program, should the participants violate Japanese laws or JICA's regulations, or the participants commit illegal or any type of immoral conduct including sexual harassment, or get critical illness or serious injury and be considered unable to continue the course. The participants shall be responsible for paying any cost for treatment of the said health conditions except for the medical care stipulated in (3) of "3. Expenses", "Administrative Arrangements",
- (9) to return the total amount or a part of the expenditure for the KCCP depending on the severity of such violation, should the participants violate the laws and ordinances,
- (10) not to drive a car or motorbike, regardless of an international driving license possessed,
- (11) to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation,
- (12) to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in schedule, and
- (13) to promptly notify JICA in the case that there are any changes in the health status since the time of application (such as changes requiring medical attention due to illness or discovery of pregnancy).

Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

- (1) Center: JICA Kansai Center (JICA KANSAI)
 - (2) Program Officer: FUJII Natsuko (Fujii.Natsuko@jica.go.jp)
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2. Implementing Partner

TBD

3. Expenses

The following expenses in Japan will be provided by JICA

- (1) Allowances for meals, living expenses, and stopover.
- (2) Expenses for study tours (basically in the form of train tickets).
- (3) Medical care for participants who become ill after arriving in Japan (the costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment **are not included**).
- (4) Expenses for program implementation, including materials.
- (5) For more details, please see “III. ALLOWANCES” of “KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK,” (English/French/Spanish/Russian).

*Link to the Website:

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/activities/schemes/tech_pro/acceptance_training/forparticipants.html

or

<https://jica-van-cms.jica.go.jp/custom/kccp/kccp01.html>



4. Pre-departure Orientation

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

Part I: Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan	
English ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw
French ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2yU9lSYcTY
Spanish ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7l-WlQSDjl
Russian ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7_ujz37AQc
Arabic ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iBQqdpXQb4
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Kansai	https://www.jica.go.jp/kansai/english/office/index.html

If the link of these youtube URLs has expired, please access the URL below and search the necessary information from the key word.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/JICAChannel02>

5. Reference

KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK

For more detailed terms and conditions

<https://jica-van-cms.jica.go.jp/custom/kccp/kccp01.html>

Video: JICA Predeparture Briefing

For more information on life in Japan and KCCP

<https://jica-van-cms.jica.go.jp/custom/kccp/kccp01.html>

Website: JICA

English/French/Spanish/Russian

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.html



For Your Reference

JICA and Capacity Development

Technical cooperation is people-to-people cooperation that supports partner countries in enhancing their comprehensive capacities to address development challenges by their own efforts. Instead of applying Japanese technology per se to partner countries, JICA's technical cooperation provides solutions that best fit their needs by working with people living there. In the process, consideration is given to factors such as their regional characteristics, historical background, and languages. JICA does not limit its technical cooperation to human resources development; it offers multi-tiered assistance that also involves organizational strengthening, policy formulation, and institution building.

Implementation methods of JICA's technical cooperation can be divided into two approaches. One is overseas cooperation by dispatching experts and volunteers in various development sectors to partner countries; the other is domestic cooperation by inviting participants from developing countries to Japan. The latter method is the Knowledge Co-Creation Program, formerly called Training Program, and it is one of the core programs carried out in Japan. By inviting officials from partner countries and with cooperation from domestic partners, the Knowledge Co-Creation Program provides technical knowledge and practical solutions for development issues in participating countries.

The Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus) has long occupied an important place in JICA operations. About 400 pre-organized courses 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 is being customized by the different target organizations to address the specific needs, 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, as the first non-Western nation to become a developed country, built itself into a country that is free, peaceful, prosperous and democratic while preserving its tradition. Japan will serve as one of the best examples for our partner countries to follow in their own development.

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 a process of adoption and adaptation, of course, has been accompanied by countless failures and errors behind the success stories.

Through Japan's progressive adaptation and application of systems, methods and technologies from the West in a way that is suited to its own circumstances, Japan has developed a storehouse of knowledge not found elsewhere from unique systems of organization, administration and personnel management to such social systems as the livelihood improvement approach and governmental organization. It is not easy to apply such experiences to other countries where the circumstances differ, but the experiences can provide ideas and clues useful when devising measures to solve problems.

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.



This information pertains to one of the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (Group & Region Focus) of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between both Governments.



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