

## **Note on Application and Selection**

### **Admission Requirements:**

- (1) Applicants must be government officials in Asia and Africa. It would be preferable that applicants are engaged in the field of trade and investment.
- (2) Applicants who have more than three years of work experience would be preferable. Excellent applicants with less than three years of work experience would be also eligible for the program.
- (3) The expected age is 35 years old or younger.
- (4) Applicants should have high learning motivation and willingness to actively participate in the program.
- (5) Applicants who hold a master's degree would be preferable. Excellent applicants who only have a bachelor's degree would be also eligible for the program.
- (6) Applicants should have sufficient English proficiency to participate in the program. A TOEFL iBT score of more than 88 or equivalent score of TOEIC / IELTS would be highly recommended.
- (7) Applicants must be recommended by their current governmental organizations.
- (8) Applicants or their organizations must have an appropriate digital environment to attend online lectures.
- (9) During the training period, the recommending ministry / institution is strongly required to cooperate in time management and work coordination so that the fellow can easily participate in the program.
- (10) Successful applicants must participate in the in-person program in Japan from 21<sup>st</sup> October to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2026.

### **Selection:**

All applicants will be interviewed online. The interview aims to understand applicants' motivation for the program and to check that their English proficiency is sufficient to join the program.

Please note that applicants may not be selected as a fellow based on the results of the online interview. It is advisable to review all documents carefully, including the curriculum, and prepare for the online interview.

### **Training Period and Contents:**

The program starts from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 and continues until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2027. Applicants should choose one of the following two courses.

All fellows, both Course A and B, will be invited to Japan from 21<sup>st</sup> October to 17<sup>th</sup> November (approximately one month) to join the in-person program.

**Course A:**

Fellows will be required to take approximately 50 lectures in total (90 minutes/lecture); including watching on-demand lectures, attending live lectures, group work and seminars, submitting a Mini Thesis (4,000-6,000 words) and other assignments (1 report).

**Course B:**

Fellows will be required to take approximately 50 lectures in total (90 minutes/lecture); including watching on-demand lectures, attending live lectures and group work, and submitting other assignments (3 reports).

**<Course Method>**

- (1) On-demand Lecture – Watch lectures at your convenience
- (2) Live Lecture - Attend live lectures about 2-3 times a week.

From 6:00pm to 7:30pm (JST, +9) on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays (mainly on Tuesdays and Thursdays)

**Grade Evaluation:**

- (1) Attendance rate for lectures: 85% or higher
- (2) Scores for the following: 60 points or higher out of 100 points.
  - Mini Thesis (only for Course A)
  - Report Assignments

Successful Fellows who complete the above conditions will be awarded Certificate in International Studies.

**★Application documents to be submitted:**

- (1) Filled application form
- (2) A letter of reference written by the applicant's supervisor at the current governmental organization.

**Submission:**

Please submit the application documents to JETRO Karachi office by 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026.



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## IDEAS Training Program 2026/2027 Application Form

### COURSE SELECTION

Please select course A or B

<input type="checkbox"/> Course A Including Mini Thesis Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Course B Course Reports to be required
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### PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME:

First	Middle	Last

\*Please write down your name as written on your passport.

DATE OF BIRTH: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____	Age: _____ (as of July 1, 2026)
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NATIONALITY:
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PLACE OF BIRTH (city/country):
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Information on contact HOME ADDRESS:
Tel: (Please include country and area code)
Mobile: (If any):
E-mail:



**INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT**

Current position:
Current division:
Name of the organization/Ministry:
Office address (Please include <u>Zip code</u> ):
Tel: (Please include <u>country and area code</u> ):
E-mail:

**INFORMATION ON YOUR ORGANIZATION/MINISTRY**

Name and title of the representative (the head) of your organization/Ministry:
Number of employees:
Date of establishment:



**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Organization	Position	Period	
		From Month/Year	To Month/Year

**ACADEMIC HISTORY**

\* College education and above only.

Institution	Major Field	Degree	Period	
			From Month/Year	To Month/Year

**LANGUAGE SKILL**

Native Language:
English Proficiency:



### REFERENCE

Name of referee:
Position:
Organization:
E-mail:

### Short Essay

Please write a short essay on “what you have in mind as important policy issues for your country, especially ones on which you want to find solutions through the IDEAS Training Program” (Within 300-500 words). Typed format is highly appreciated. The use of generative AI to create an outline or main body of the essay is strictly prohibited. It may be used solely for English proofreading.

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### Outline of Mini Thesis

**\* This sheet is only for those who apply for the Course A.**

You will write a Mini Thesis (4,000-6,000words) on issues that you are interested in and would like to deepen your consideration of, such as trade, investment, socio-economic development, etc.. Please provide an outline of the Mini Thesis you plan to write.

\*The outline should be written in English within 300-500 words. Typed format is highly appreciated.

\* The use of generative AI to create an outline or main body of the essay is strictly prohibited. It may be used solely for English proofreading.



※IDE-JETRO shall not return any documents once submitted.

※IDE-JETRO will keep the personal information strictly confidential and will not share with any third party. IDE-JETRO will use the personal information only for the purpose of the IDEAS Training Program and other activities such as follow-up, networking programs etc. by IDE-JETRO or JETRO.



I declare that the statements made on this form are correct, and I will try my best to fulfill all of the requirements for the training program provided by IDE-JETRO.

Signature

Date (Day/Month/Year)

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**IDE Advanced School (IDEAS)**

**Online Training Program Regulations**

**Chapter 1 General Provisions**

**Article 1 Scope of these Regulations**

These Regulations shall be applied to the IDEAS Program provided over the Internet (hereinafter, "Service") by the Institute of Developing Economies, the Japan External Trade Organization (hereinafter, "IDE-JETRO") to those who have signed up for the use of the Service for training (hereinafter, "Fellows" or "Fellow" as the case may be).

Fellows comprise "Overseas Invited Fellows", selected from among government administrators in Asia, Africa, and other regions, and "Open Call Fellows", selected through an open call.

**Article 2 Service**

The Service provides Fellows with training over the Internet.

**Article 3 Fellows**

Fellows shall be those who agree to these Regulations and apply to IDE-JETRO and receive approval of their application to use the Service, in accordance with the procedures specified by IDE-JETRO. The applications of Fellows shall be deemed as approved by IDE-JETRO when IDE-JETRO completes all the necessary procedures and tasks pursuant to Article 9 hereof.

Fellows for whom approval was withdrawn by IDE-JETRO in the past may not be given approval.

**Article 4 Means of providing the Service**

The Service shall be implemented on a cloud service provided by IDE-JETRO as well as through electronic mail address designated by IDE-JETRO.

**Article 5 Disapproval and withdrawal of approval of the application for sign-up**

In the case of any of the following, IDE-JETRO may disapprove, or withdraw its approval of, an application for sign-up for the Service.

1. The Fellow has violated these Regulations.

2. Any false entry, error, or omission has been made with respect to information provided in the application.
3. The Fellow has failed to pay the tuition by the due date specified by IDE-JETRO after being invoiced by IDE-JETRO. (Not applicable to Overseas Fellows)
4. Other cases in which IDE-JETRO has determined it inappropriate to approve sign-up for the Service.

## **Article 6 Notification of changes**

Fellows shall promptly notify any change in their information theretofore provided to IDE-JETRO.

## **Article 7 Equipment**

Fellows or their institution shall prepare all the necessary equipment for the Service, including communications line, communications equipment, computer, and software, at their own expense.

## **Chapter 2 Application and Sign-up**

### **Article 8 Date of application**

The date on which an applicant files an application for sign-up for the Service via electronic shall be regarded as the date of application.

### **Article 9 Date of sign-up completion**

After an application is received, IDE-JETRO shall examine the applicant, and, when he/she is selected as a Fellow, confirm and approve his/her intention to use the Service in accordance with the method established separately by IDE-JETRO (refer to 1. of the Supplementary Notes), and complete all the necessary procedures and tasks for the Fellow's training. The date of completion of the procedures and tasks shall be deemed as the date of sign-up completion.

### **Article 10 Date and time of commencement of the Service**

The Service shall be commenced on the date of sign-up completion or other date and time thereafter designated by IDE-JETRO.

### **Article 11 Issuance of certificate**

Fellows shall complete the entire curriculum established by IDE-JETRO. Upon satisfaction of the criteria set by IDE-JETRO, Fellows shall receive a certificate issued by IDE-JETRO.

## **Article 12 Training period**

The training period shall be fixed for each course. After the training period is over, Fellows' right to receive the Service shall cease. However, Articles 22 and 23 hereof shall remain effective even after the training period is over.

The training period shall, in principle, not be extended.

## **Article 13 Cancellation of the use of the Service by Fellow**

In the case that a Fellow desires to stop using the Service on or after the date of sign-up completion, he/she shall notify IDE-JETRO to that effect at least three (3) days prior to the intended date of discontinuing use of the Service via the electronic mail address designated by IDE-JETRO. Should the use of the Service be cancelled by an Open Call Fellow, the tuition already paid shall not be refunded.

## **Article 14 Suspension or abolition of the Service by IDE-JETRO**

IDE-JETRO may, upon advance notice, suspend or abolish the provision of the Service in the middle of the training period signed up for by Fellows. If this is the case, IDE-JETRO shall notify Fellows to that effect via electronic mail or on its website.

## **Article 15 Ancillary services**

It is Fellows' responsibility and up to their judgement to decide the accuracy of, and whether or not to adopt, answers to Fellows' questions, information and other materials, and advice which may be provided by IDE-JETRO. IDE-JETRO shall bear no responsibility whatsoever for any disadvantage that may be caused to a Fellow as a result of or in connection with his/her use of information and/or advice provided by IDE-JETRO.

## **Chapter 3 Tuition (Applicable only to Open Call Fellows)**

### **Article 16 Tuition payment method**

The tuition for the Service shall be paid according to the method selected by each Fellow from among the options provided separately by IDE-JETRO. (Refer to 2. of the Supplementary Notes)

## **Article 17 Refunding of tuition**

In principle, tuition already paid shall not be refunded. This applies even when the Service is suspended or abolished pursuant to Article 14 hereof.

## **Article 18 Change in the amount of tuition**

IDE-JETRO may change or revise the amount of tuition according to circumstances. Any change in the amount of tuition shall be announced on IDE-JETRO's website. For Fellows who are already registered at the time when the amount of tuition is changed, the amount before revision shall apply during the rest of the training period for which they have signed up. No additional fees shall be charged, nor will any difference be refunded, to such Fellows.

## **Chapter 4 Account**

### **Article 19 Responsibility for management of account, etc.**

Each Fellow shall manage their accounts and passwords issued by IDE-JETRO under their own responsibility. IDE-JETRO shall assume no responsibility whatsoever for any damage incurred by Fellows resulting from the use by a third party or the loss of their accounts and/or passwords. Fellows shall never share their accounts or passwords issued by IDE-JETRO with any third party, nor shall lend, transfer, or disclose them to any third party. Fellows shall manage their accounts and passwords responsibly to prevent any unauthorized use by a third party of their accounts and/or passwords.

IDE-JETRO reserves the right to monitor and check the usage of Fellows' accounts as appropriate.

## **Chapter 5 Provisions Regarding the Service**

### **Article 20 Audio and video recording of lectures**

IDE-JETRO may audio- and video-record the whole or part of each live lecture for the improvement of Service quality and deliver the recordings to absent Fellows at later dates.

### **Article 21 Recommended Operating Environment**

Fellows shall ensure that their personal computer and other terminal equipment, Internet line, and applications meet the operating environment requirements, including the setup of the application designated by IDE-JETRO (hereinafter, "Designated Application"), as specified

below (hereinafter, "Operating Environment").

## Operating Environment

(1) Installation of the Designated Application "Zoom" (which may be changed from time to time)

See the following Zoom sites for details.

<https://zoom.us/>

(2) Setup of microphone and speaker

In the case that Fellows fail to meet the Operating Environment, they may face such problems as audio and/or video breakups and freezes that will make them unable to continue to use the Service in a normal way. Fellows must also note that IDE-JETRO does not answer any technical inquiries regarding the Operating Environment.

## Article 22 Copyrights

(1) Information and materials provided for the Service shall be used by Fellows only and may not be given to any third parties.

(2) Copyrights of video, images, text, and audio used for, and materials related to, lectures of the Service (hereinafter, "Content" or "Contents" as the case may be), whether whole or in part, shall belong to IDE-JETRO. However, this does not apply to work that is already in a Fellow's possession.

## Article 23 Secondary use of information

(1) Unless IDE-JETRO approves in writing or electromagnetically, the secondary use of any of the Contents, such as reproduction (including but not limited to video and/or audio recording and still image capturing. The same applies hereinafter.), screening, public transmission (including but not limited to making any Content transmittable. The same applies hereinafter.), display, distribution, transfer, renting out, adaptation, and translation, shall be prohibited. Should a Fellow violate this provision, the whole or part of the Service shall be stopped immediately.

(2) The secondary use of any of the Contents, such as reproduction, screening, public transmission, display, distribution, transfer, renting out, adaptation, and translation, without approval from IDE-JETRO is an act of infringement of IDE-JETRO's copyrights, and secondary users may be liable to criminal charges. Such an act is also an act of infringement on the right to privacy, right of portrait, and other rights of those who provide the Contents.

## **Article 24 Handling of personal information**

(1) IDE-JETRO shall adhere to the Privacy Policy adopted by IDE and JETRO overseas offices when using personal information provided by Fellows and their agents at the time of their application for sign-up for the training program, networking, follow-up activities, seminar/event organized by JETRO. (Refer to 3. of the Supplementary Notes) .

(2) IDE-JETRO may outsource tasks involving personal information to an outside party(ies) when such outsourcing is necessary to provide the Service. If this is the case, IDE-JETRO shall ensure that the outside party(ies) will be under its appropriate control by, among other measures, subjecting the party(ies) to confidentiality obligations by contract.

(3) IDE-JETRO shall not supply a Fellow's personal information to any third parties except in the case of legal obligation or unless the Fellow consents otherwise.

(4) IDE-JETRO may use and show a Fellow(s)' information and/or visual materials on its advertising media (including Web media). Such information and materials include a Fellow(s)' affiliation, position, and/or nationality and video showing a class(es) during a lecture(s).

## **Article 25 Alteration and validity of the Regulations**

These Regulations set forth the entire agreement between the parties hereto and shall replace any prior agreement and communication between the parties. IDE-JETRO may change these Regulations in line with any changes of the Service at any time without advance notice. If IDE-JETRO changes these Regulations, it shall notify the change to Fellows via electronic mail and on its website and cloud platform. When a Fellow uses the Service for the first time after he/she is notified of the change, he/she is deemed to have agreed to the change of the Regulations. If any provision of these Regulations is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. The obligations of Fellows in these Regulations shall survive the termination of the Regulations and continue in full force and effect.

## **Article 26 Matters not covered in the Regulations**

Any matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be determined through mutual consultation between IDE-JETRO and the Fellow concerned for each case as needed.

## **Chapter 6 Disclaimer and Compensation for Damages**

### **Article 27 Disclaimer**

(1) IDE-JETRO disclaims and makes no guarantee as to the accuracy, completeness, fitness for a particular purpose, and up-to-dateness of the information provided by the Service. It is each Fellow's responsibility to decide whether or not to adopt the information. IDE-JETRO shall bear no responsibility whatsoever for any disadvantage that may be caused to a Fellow as a result of or in connection with his/her use of information provided by IDE-JETRO.

(2) IDE-JETRO disclaims and makes no guarantee as to the operational stability of the Designated Application, etc. There is a possibility that the Service may become unavailable, interrupted, or unable to provide satisfactory audio and/or video, as well as that a breakdown or malfunction of a Fellow's personal computer and other terminal equipment and/or related applications may occur, due to a failure of the Designated Application, etc., communication conditions, a Fellow's setup environment, and other reasons. IDE-JETRO shall bear no responsibility whatsoever for any disadvantage that may be caused to a Fellow as a result of or in connection with such failures.

(3) IDE-JETRO may change the date(s) and time or the content of the Service, or stop the whole or part of the Service, without prior notice if any of the following occurs. IDE-JETRO shall bear no responsibility whatsoever for any disadvantage that may be caused to a Fellow as a result of or in connection with such failures.

1. If a natural disaster, fire, power outage, terrorism, war, political unrest, restrictions on entry into the country, infection, labor dispute, or any other uncontrollable event occurs
2. If the need for inspection and maintenance, as well as malfunction, of systems, etc. mentioned in the preceding paragraph occurs or is likely to occur
3. If the circumstances of a Fellow change, such as when a Fellow becomes ineligible to use the Service
4. If a Fellow is found to be, in effect, involved with any antisocial force
5. If a Fellow commits or is suspected of having committed any act in violation of laws and regulations of his/her country and Japan, or any act that is not necessarily a violation of such laws or regulations but that is seriously unethical or has disturbed public order and morality
6. If any event other than those listed in the preceding items that is deemed by IDE-JETRO as a proper reason occurs

(4) IDE-JETRO shall observe the security standards provided by its Personal Information Regulations and take appropriate measures in its efforts to protect the Designated Application and other systems, Internet line, etc. from virus infection, unauthorized access, cracking, and other threats (hereinafter, "System Failures").

(5) Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, in the event of any of the System Failures resulting in a leakage of personal and other information, IDE-JETRO shall not assume any responsibility to Fellows beyond its obligations set out in the preceding paragraph.

(6) In addition to the preceding disclaimer paragraphs, IDE-JETRO shall also not take any responsibility for any damage that may be caused to a Fellow during the process from his/her application to use of the Service.

## **Article 28 Compensation for damages**

IDE-JETRO shall not be liable for any damages caused directly or indirectly to Fellows and/or other third parties as a result of the use of the Service, suspension of the Service, an accident occurred during the use of the Service, and other events, regardless of what and how damages are claimed. Fellows shall agree not to draw IDE-JETRO into any lawsuit filed by a third party against a Fellow and vice versa in connection with the Service, which includes ones for compensation for damages. In the event that a Fellow causes damage to IDE-JETRO as a result of his/her act in violation of these Regulations or wrongful or illegal act, the Fellow shall be liable to IDE-JETRO for all damages incurred.

## **Article 29 Governing law and exclusive court of jurisdiction**

Any legal matters concerning and rights and obligations in connection with the Service shall be governed by the laws of Japan. Fellows and IDE-JETRO hereby agree that all disputes, controversies or differences which may arise between the parties hereto, out of or in relation to the legal relationship and the derivative rights and obligations with respect to the supply of the Services shall be settled by arbitration in Tokyo, Japan, in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association. The arbitration shall be conducted in English. The Arbitration award rendered shall be final and may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

## **Supplementary Notes**

1. Method established by IDE-JETRO for confirming Fellows' intention to use the Service
  - (1) Payment of the tuition by the Fellow (Open Call Fellows)
  - (2) Promise to pay the tuition made by the Fellow via electronical mail or other means of communication (Open Call Fellows)
  - (3) Submission of application documents (Overseas Invited Fellows)
2. Tuition payment method
  - (1) Bank transfer based on invoice from IDE-JETRO

3. Privacy Policy established by JETRO <https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/privacy/>

Enactment date: May 27, 2026

## Letter of Reference

To a referee:

Please print or type a letter of reference for the applicant (no fixed format) and return it to JETRO Karachi office as a pdf format or photo data by e-mail (Shaheryar\_Khan@jetro.go.jp).

Please include the following information in due order.

1. NAME OF APPLICANT

2. INFORMATION OF APPLICANT

- (1) How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- (2) What are duties assigned to the applicant?
- (3) How can you evaluate the applicant's background experiences, accomplishments, and capacity for analytical thinking?
- (4) In what ways do you expect the applicant will be able to contribute to the program?
- (5) Do you believe the applicant has sufficient English language skills to complete the certificate course given in English?
- (6) Please write how the applicant can utilize the knowledge and skills to contribute to the development of your country after completing IDEAS training program.

3. NAME OF REFEREE AND TITLE

4. POSITION AND ORGANIZATION

5. SIGNATURE/ PRINTED NAME

6. DATE (Day/Month/Year)

Module 0. Introduction of IDEAS Program		Lecturer	Course A	Course B	Course C	Course D
0	Opening Guidance	FLUTTA MAI (IDE-JETRO)	0	0	0	0
<b>Module 1. Trade and Investment</b>						
1-1	Theory of International Trade and Trade Policy, with a Focus on the Asia Pacific Economy (1~5)	WATABE YAJI(IDE-JETRO)	※5 1 (Semester 15 from Module1)	5	※5 1 (Semester 15 from Module1)	0
1-2	Growth and Development in Open Economies (1~4)	Coordinator COXHEAD Iain (IDE-JETRO)				
	TBC	TBA				
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	TBC	TBA				
1-3	Current Issues in Trade and Development (1~5) Coordinator TANAKA Kiyozumi (IDE-JETRO)					
	Business and Human Rights <sup>1)</sup>	YAMADA Misa (IDE-JETRO)				
	Business and Human Rights <sup>2)</sup>	YAMADA Misa (IDE-JETRO)	※5	5	※5	0
	TBC	TBA (JETRO)				
	TBC	HAYAKAWA Kazunobu (IDE-JETRO)				
	TBC	TANAKA Kiyozumi(IDE-JETRO)				
1-4	Finance and Development (1~5)	ILUPOVA Yulia (SOAS University of London)	※5	5	※5	0
1-5	International Taxation on Firms	KATO Hayato (IDE-JETRO)	※1	1	※1	0
1-6	Policy Design and Investment Climate Reform in Developing Economies	TBA	※1	1	※1	0
<b>Module 2. Social / Economic Development</b>						
2-1	Education and Development (1~5)	YUASAKI Izumi (RISDAI University)	※4 1 (Semester 15 from Module1)	4 1 (Semester 15 from Module1)	0	※4 1 (Semester 15 from Module2)
2-2	Environment and Development (1~4)	KOJIMA Michitazu (IDE-JETRO) CHENG Fang-Ting (IDE-JETRO)	※4 ※4	※4 ※4	0	※4 ※4
2-3		OTSUKA Kenji (IDE-JETRO) KOJIMA Michitazu / CHENG Fang-Ting OTSUKA Kenji			0	
2-4	Development Microeconomics (1~5)	NIREBMA Anurupa (IDE-JETRO)	※5	※5	0	※5
2-5	Disability and Development	MORI Sora (IDE-JETRO)	※1	※1	0	※1
2-6	Governance and Development	TSUBURUA Mutsuko(IDE-JETRO)	※1	※1	0	※1
2-7	Lectures by alumni	TBA	※1	※1	0	※1
<b>Module 3. Presentations and Group Work</b>						
3	Group Work: Casual Inference <sup>1-5)</sup>	①ZAKUDO Kay (Ganushuu University) ②G/S MAYINO Momo (IDE-JETRO)	5	5	0	0
<b>Module 4. Seminar</b>						
4	Seminar (1~8) Introduction to Research in Social Science	KUROGAWA Aino (University of Niigata Prefecture) FLUTTA MAI, FUJIKUNISHI Takahiro, MAYANO Momo, TSUKAGAWA Kazuteru (IDE-JETRO)	10	-	0	0
<b>Module 5. Special Lectures to be taken in Japan (Only for Overseas Fellows)</b>						
5	1)KIMURA Fukunori 2)Ikeda, YOLU (1~3)	KIMURA Fukunori(IDE-JETRO) ILUPOVA Yulia (SOAS University of London)	6	6	0	0
<b>Total number of Lectures for Open Call Fellows</b>			<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total number of Lectures for Overseas Fellows</b>			<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
6	Production to data science in R (1~5) ※On-demand delivery only	HASHIROUCHI Yoshitaka (IDE-JETRO)	※5	※5	※5	※5



# Outline of IDE Advanced School (IDEAS)



# Mission & Target Audience

## 🎯 Purpose

- To build the capacity building of overseas government officials in Asia and Africa, as well as Japanese fellows (Open Call fellows) in the field of trade, investment and development.
- Aim to strengthen JETRO's international networks with Asia and Africa

## 👥 Target Audience

- Mid-career governmental officials who belong to Trade and Investment Development-related Ministries and Government Agencies
- Japanese fellows by Open Call
- Generally, 35 years old or younger.

# Over 30 Years of History

**1990**  
IDEAS was founded



**1991**  
Overseas fellows program was started



**2013**  
Started receiving fellows from African countries



**2018**  
Reform program:  
● Shifted from "Development" issues to "Trade, Investment and development" issues

**2020**  
Shifted to  
online lectures

**2022-**  
Online and In-person  
(Japan visit) program

# Program Features



## Comprehensive Curriculum

Theory of international trade, investment and finance/social and economic development/  
Mini thesis writing



## Expert Faculty

Lectures by IDE researchers, professors from top universities (e.g., SOAS, London), and experts from international organizations.



## Collaborative Learning with Diverse Participants & Japan Visit

A month-long in-person program in Japan featuring in-person lectures, study tours, and networking with Japanese (Open call) fellows.

# Course Method

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## ( 1 ) On-demand Lectures

About 1-2 lectures a week at a convenient time

## ( 2 ) Live stream Lectures

Attend live lectures about two/three times a week.

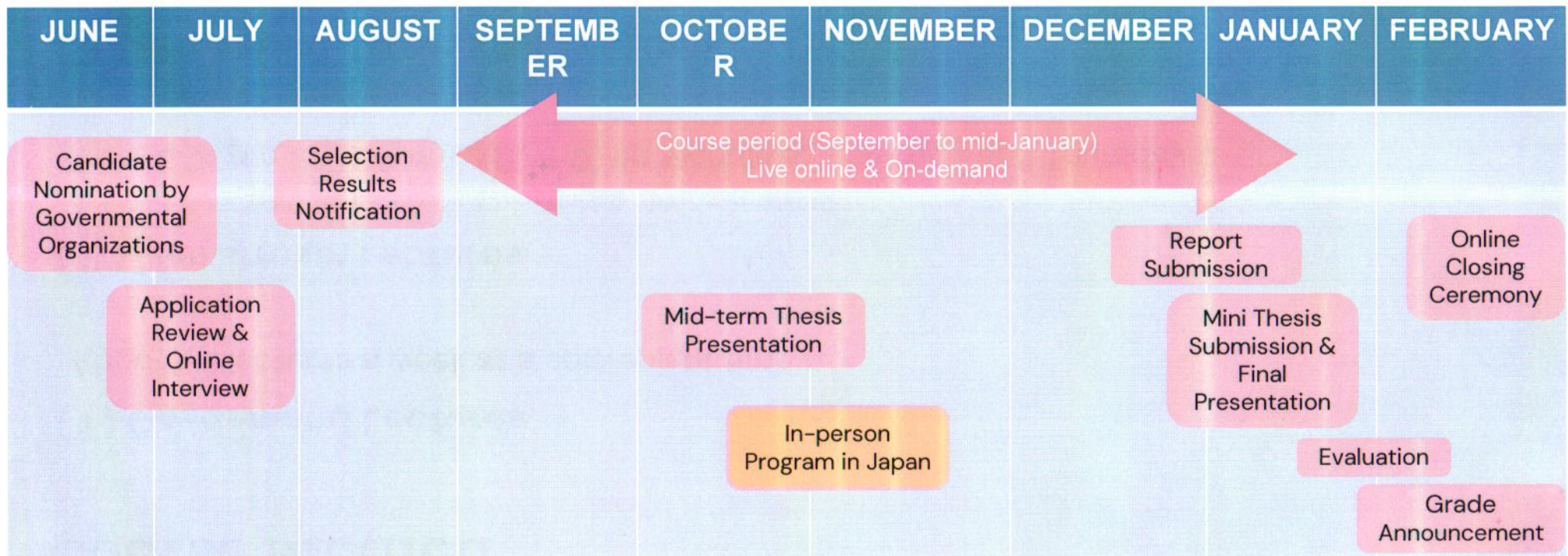
From 6:00pm to 7:30pm (JST, +9) on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

## ( 3 ) In-person/ Japan Visit Program

Fellows stay in Japan for about one month from October to November. During this period, they are required to attend in-person classes, participate in study tours, and have discussions with their mini thesis supervisor.

# Training Program for FY2026 (tentative)

including the Selection Process

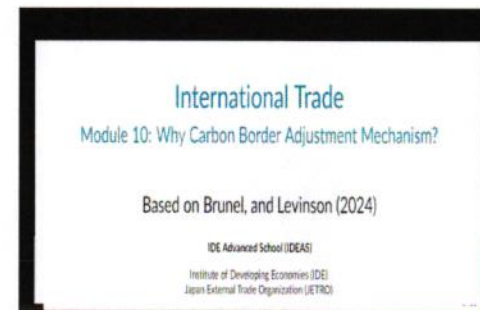


# Scenes from last year's lectures

## Online Opening Ceremony



## Online lecture by IDE researcher



## Group Work



# Japan Visit Training Program for FY 2025

## Schooling Day



## Networking



## Official meeting with the President of JETRO



# Fellows from Diverse Backgrounds Learn Together

## 🌐 Fellows from Diverse Backgrounds Learn Together!

### Overseas Fellows

- ✓ Government Officials
  - ✓ Ministry of Trade, Investment Promotion Agencies
  - ✓ Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, etc.
  - ✓ Active in frontline of development policy
- etc.

### Japanese/Open Call Fellows

- ✓ National and International Civil Servants
- ✓ Private sector
- ✓ Development agencies (JICA)
- ✓ Consultants, Lawyers
- ✓ University faculty, Graduate students

## Alumni Voices

“ *"I found the IDEAS program very useful. It offered a good balance of theory and practical experiences, like the study tour and networking. The chance to connect with professionals and alumni gave me valuable insights for my career. Overall, it expanded my knowledge and network, which will help in my future work."*

*"Based on the learned theories and experiences of developed countries, it is possible to use the acquired knowledge in one's own country.*

*I would like to mention our visits to JETRO headquarters, Yokohama Customs, schools, Chiba Prefectural Office were also very useful for each of us. I would like to say Japan has a special place in my heart."*

- IDEAS Alumni

# Grade Evaluation

- ( 1 ) Attendance rate: 85% or higher
- ( 2 ) Scores for the following: 60 points or higher out of 100 points.
  - Mini Thesis (only for Course A)
  - Report Assignments
- \* Academic violations such as plagiarism in reports will be severely judged in the evaluation.
- \* Successful Fellows who complete the above conditions will be awarded Certificate in International Studies.

