



Face-to-Face (in Japan)

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)



Port Maintenance Planning

Course Period:

October 4 (Sun)- November 7 (Sat), 2026



NOTE:

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- If you experience any difficulty reading this document, please contact the JICA Office in your country or the relevant JICA Center in Japan.
- Depending on the circumstances, the program period may be changed or cancelled even after your application has been accepted.



How do we enhance our capacity to carry out port maintenance planning?

Participants will have opportunities to understand the importance of port maintenance, and to share issues in their respective countries, through understanding the trends of port facility maintenance as well as acquiring technical skills and knowledge for effective maintenance planning.

Let's gain insight from Japan's experiences which shall help you implement port maintenance projects in a more practical, interactive, and inspiring way!



Outline

The course objective is to acquire knowledge and skills for planning of port facility maintenance, to understand the importance of port maintenance planning, and to share the lessons and challenges of port maintenance planning among the participants' countries.

The overall goal is to contribute to facilitating a stable marine transport network in the participants' countries and globally by implementing effective maintenance practices after acquiring practical knowledge and skills related to port maintenance planning.

JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in June 2023, which stated, *"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 for mutual learning.

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For What: Purpose

Background

Many countries have developed port facilities to meet the demand for maritime transport and promote economic growth. Japan has implemented cooperation projects in the port sector through grants, soft loans, and technical cooperation. It is essential for governments/port management authorities to maintain their port facilities properly to avoid negative impacts on their social and economic activities. In this regard, capacity development on port facility maintenance has become more important given that some international/major domestic ports have been in operation for more than thirty years and suffer from varying degrees of deterioration. This program provides the practical knowledge and skills to enhance the capacity of port maintenance planning.

Objectives

This program aims to enhance capacity of port maintenance planning such as inspection and diagnosis, maintenance strategy and prioritization, and other matters related to port maintenance based on the concept of life cycle management.

To Whom: Candidate Participants

Target Organizations

This program is designed mainly for national government officials or port management authorities in charge of port maintenance planning.

Applications from organizations which are responsible for port maintenance and planning and have specific issues to be addressed will be highly evaluated.

Targeted Countries

Albania, Angola, Burundi, Cambodia, Eritrea, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Namibia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, South Sudan, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Ukraine, and Yemen.

Participants who have successfully completed the program will receive a certificate of completion by JICA.

When: Program Period



From October 4 to November 7, 2026

Where?

This program is a face-to-face session, organized by JICA Yokohama. The program includes field visits.



How: Program Contents

• Lectures

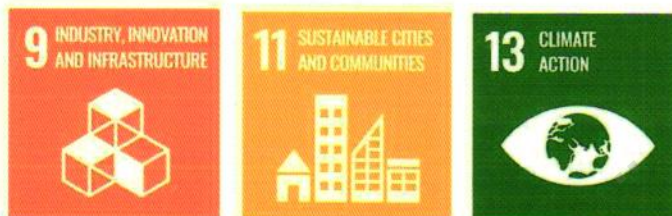
- Field Visits
- Workshops
- Discussions
- Presentations



Language

English

Commitment to the SDGs



Program Structure

Lectures, discussions, and site visits in Japan.

1) Preparations (to be carried out prior to arriving in Japan)

All accepted participants are required to prepare a PowerPoint presentation of their “Country Report”. (See Attachment 2 “Country Report”.)

2) General Introduction

Preliminary phase:

All accepted participants are required to submit a “Country Report”. For the country report, please refer to section 5-2 and attachment 2.

Phase in Japan:

The conceptual framework of the training program is shown in the figure below. During the program, participants are requested to formulate their Action Plan to address issues in their respective countries. At the final stage of the program, participants are requested to make presentations on their Action Plan.

Participating organizations are responsible for supporting the participant in sharing knowledge acquired during the program within the organization and implementing the Action Plan developed by the participant.

Details on each component are given below:

(1) Preliminary Phase in a participant's home country (August-September 2026)	
<i>Participating organizations make required preparations for the Program in their respective countries.</i>	
Expected Module Output	Activities
Issues related to port maintenance of respective countries are to be identified and explained in a Country Report.	Preparation and submission of Country Report, and preparation for the presentation of the Country Report. 1) Port Maintenance Policy. 2) Port Maintenance Framework. 3) Status Quo of Port Structure Maintenance. 4) Status Quo of Maintenance of Cargo Handling Machinery. 5) Major Challenges. 6) Others. <u>For the Country Report, please refer to section 5-2 and attachment 2.</u>

(2) Phase in Japan (October 4 (Sun) to November 7 (Sat), 2026) <i>Participants dispatched by the organizations attend the program in Japan.</i>		
Expected Module Output	Subjects/Agendas	Methodology
The challenges related to port facility maintenance of respective countries are identified and explained and shared among the participants.	Presentation of the Country Report 1) Port maintenance policy. 2) Port maintenance framework in your port. 3) Status quo of port structure maintenance. 4) Status quo of maintenance of cargo handling machinery. 5) Major challenges. 6) Others.	Presentation and questions/comments by advisors and other participants.
Participants acquire technical knowledge necessary for planning of port facility maintenance and become able to explain it. Participants learn the latest trends of port facility maintenance. Participants learn the port maintenance technologies in Japan.	Lectures on 1) Japanese port system. 2) Maintenance planning of port facilities. 3) Deterioration mechanisms and maintenance of port structure. 4) Navigation channel maintenance. 5) Inspection and diagnosis technology. 6) Maintenance of port ancillary facilities /cargo handling machinery. 7) The latest technologies of port maintenance: concrete structures, steel structures and navigational channel 8) Inspection and Diagnosis theory. 9) Others. Visit PARI*/NILIM** and observe research facilities.	Lectures and visits to research facilities.
Participants will experience the actual maintenance method/practice by visiting ports and other port-related facilities in Japan.	1) Visit container terminals and learn how to maintain and manage port facilities and equipment. 2) Visit factories manufacturing container cranes and rubber fenders. 3) Visit well-maintained monumental facilities/structures.	Field visits to various sites related to maintenance and repair.

<p>Participants formulate an Action Plan related to port facility maintenance including implementation plans.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identification of problems, examination of countermeasures. 2) Proposal to strengthen the port maintenance. 3) Formulation of an action plan regarding port maintenance in the participant's country. 4) Discussion and finalization of the action plan regarding the above. 	<p>Consultations with Japanese experts and presentation of action plans.</p> <p>To have the most effective measures worked out, the action plans presented will be discussed among the participants.</p>
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Notes:

*PARI: Port and Airport Research Institute

**NILIM: National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management

Tentative Program Schedule

[Preliminary Phase]

- Activity: -Make a Country Report and submit it by **September 10 (Thu), 2026.**
 -Preparation for Country Report Presentation

[Phase in Japan] *subject to change

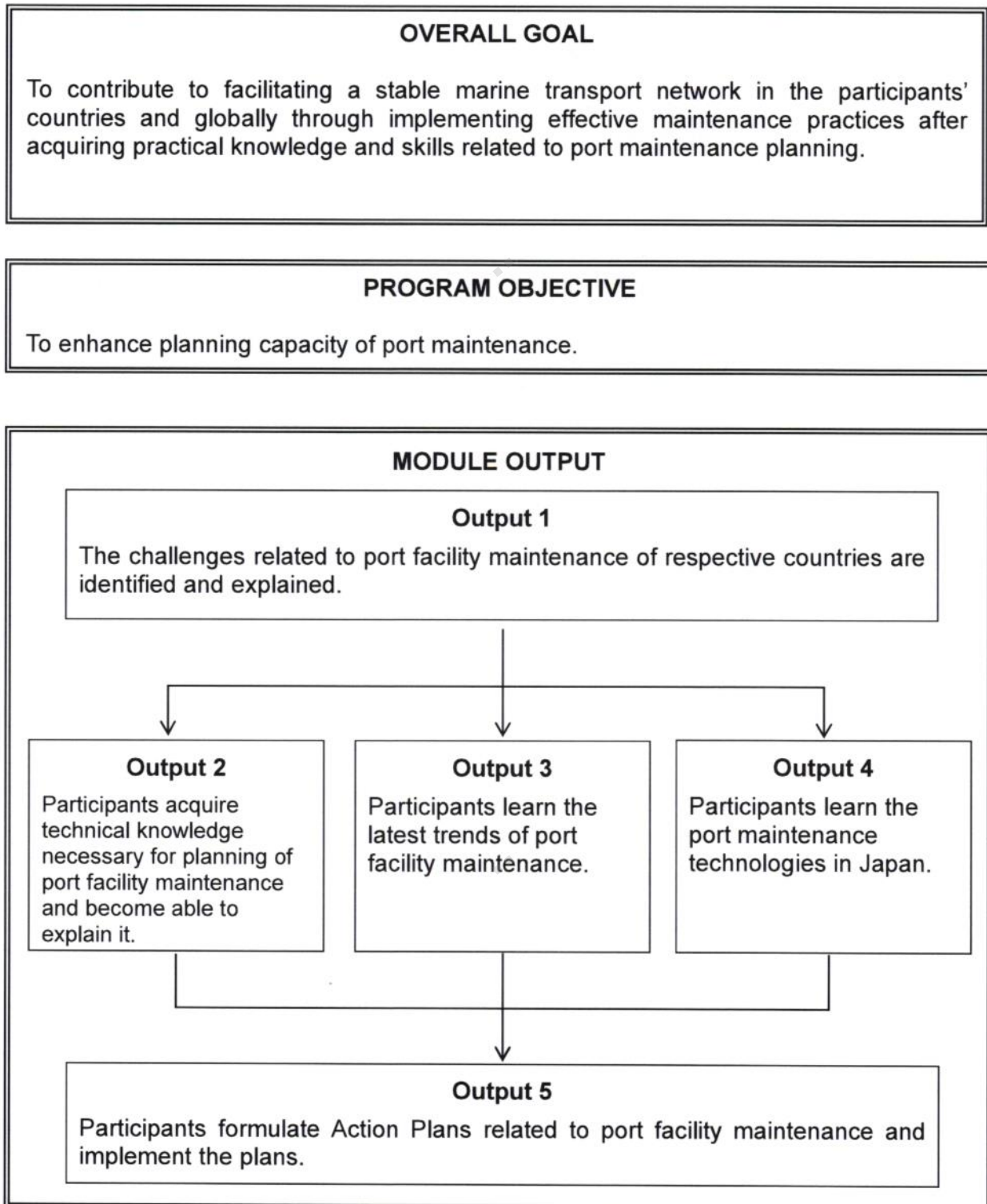
Date	Subject
1 st week (October 5-9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening Ceremony - Program Orientation - Country report presentation and discussion with Japanese experts and course participants. - Instruction on Action Plan preparation. - JICA's Cooperation in Port Sector. -Japan 's Port Administration System. - Port Facility Maintenance System in Japan. - Japan's latest port related policy including climate change, cyber port and CNP. - Maintenance of Ancillary Facilities. -Visit and learn about the Port of Yokohama.
2 nd week (October 12-16) *October 12 (Mon) is a national holiday.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of PARI/NILIM and their experimental facilities. -Basic Knowledge on port facilities and technical standards of Japan. -Port facilities design for future maintenance. -Inspection and diagnosis of port facilities in Japan. -Corrosion and corrosion prevention of steel structures under marine environment. -Deterioration and its countermeasures for port and harbor concrete facilities. -Case Study: Adaptation to Vietnamese technical standards. -Maintenance of navigation channels.
3 rd week (October 19-23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual consultation with the advisors on making Action Plan. -Civil engineering facility maintenance management. -Maintenance of electrical equipment. -Maintenance of machinery equipment. - Maintenance and management of cargo handling equipment at the Tokyo Oi container terminal. -Visit the Tokyo Rinkai Disaster Prevention Center and the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution in Kobe. -Visit and learn about the Port of Kobe. - Visit Fushimi port and Lake Biwa Canal.
4 th week (October 26- October 30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual consultation with the advisors on making Action Plan. - Visit Cargo Handling Equipment factory in Oita prefecture. - Visit and learn about the Port of Hakata. - Visit Kanmon Channel Office. - Individual consultation with the advisors on making Action Plan.

5 th week (November 2- November 6)	- Presentation of Action Plan. - Evaluation Meeting - Closing Ceremony
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Notes:

- 1) Lectures will be delivered mainly by MLIT (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transportation & Tourism) and other related organizations.
- 2) Detailed schedule will be shared with the accepted participants, after the issuing of Notice of Acceptance.
- 3) NILIM: National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management
- 4) PARI: Port and Harbor Research Institute

**Figure 1: Conceptual Framework of the Knowledge Co-Creation Program
“Port Maintenance Planning”**



Eligibility and Procedures

1. Obligations of the Applying Organizations

- 1) This program is designed primarily for organizations with the intention of addressing specific issues or problems identified in their port maintenance operations. Applying organizations are expected to use the program for those specific purposes.
- 2) In this connection, applying organizations are expected to nominate the most qualified candidates to address the said issues or problems, carefully referring to the qualifications described in section 2 below.
- 3) In addition, after being accepted to the program and before the start of the Phase in Japan, the participating organizations are expected to support participants in selecting possible topics or ideas for their Action Plan which address the issues, or the problems mentioned in 1. 1) above.
- 4) The participating organizations are expected to relieve the participants of their daily obligations so that they may fully devote themselves to the training program. Based on this arrangement, all applicants are requested to submit a "**Written Pledge**" (see Attachment-1) along with the Application Form.
- 5) The participating organizations are also expected to hold knowledge-sharing sessions within the organization and support the implementation of the Action Plan after the participants complete the phase in Japan, to make the best use of knowledge acquired through the program.

To enter Japan, regardless of nationality, participants will need to follow the border control measures of the Government of Japan:

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html>

2. Nominee Qualifications

Applying organizations are expected to select nominees who meet the following qualifications. It is also requested that they relieve participants from their daily obligations so that they may fully devote themselves to their assignments during the entire period in Japan.

【 Remarks 】 Each organization 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 accommodation 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.

2-1. Essential Qualifications

- 1) Current Duties: to be **an official of the government or a public entity currently in charge of port maintenance planning.**
- 2) **Experience in port and harbor-related activities: to have more than three (3) years of occupational experience** and be able to contribute to the country's port maintenance planning work over a long period after completing the program.
- 3) Educational Background: to be **a university graduate or to have an equivalent educational history.**
- 4) Language: to have sufficient command of spoken and written English proficiency equivalent to TOEFL iBT 100 or above. (This program requires active participation in discussions, which requires high competence in English. Please attach (an) official certificate(s) for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC etc., if available.)

5) Health: must be in good health to participate in the program in Japan.

Participant's health and safety should be most respected. Pre-existing conditions 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 been 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 been 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.

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.

2-2. Technical Requirements :

1) PC Skills

Having basic computer skills of MS-Word, Excel and Power Point is desirable as this program consists of many exercises and requires the reports and presentation materials prepared by computer.

2) ICT: to meet the following conditions:

- possession of a PC or a Tablet with web camera and microphone.
- access to the Internet with a speed of 5Mbps or more.
- use of Microsoft TEAMS and GIGAPOD.

3. Required Application Documents

1) Application Form

The Application Form is available at the JICA Overseas Office (or the Embassy of Japan). Application Form should be typed in English in Microsoft Word format.

* 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 shall be reviewed and used to arrange appropriate accommodation for the participant.

2) Photocopy of Passport

Please submit a scanned copy of the applicant's passport which he/she carries when entering Japan, together with the application form. If it cannot be submitted by the application deadline, please submit it as soon as he/she obtains it.

*The photocopy of his/her passport should include name in full, date of birth, nationality, sex, passport number and expiration date.

3) Written Pledge

The format of the Written Pledge is shown in Attachment-1. Participants who break this Written Pledge will not be eligible to complete the training program.

4) Nominee's English Score Sheet

Must be submitted together with the Application Form. Any official documentation of English ability (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS) is recommended to be attached.

4. Procedures for Application and Selection

1) Submission of the Application Documents:

Closing date for applications: Please inquire at JICA Overseas Offices (or the Embassy of Japan).

JICA office in your country (or the Embassy of Japan) will collect the application forms and send them to **JICA Yokohama in JAPAN** by: **August 17 (Mon), 2026, Japan Time.**

As mentioned in 3.1) above, the application form should be typed in English in Microsoft Word format.

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 (JICA Yokohama) will consult with concerned organizations in Japan in the process of final selection. Applications from organizations which are responsible for port maintenance and planning and have specific issues to be addressed will be highly evaluated. 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 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

Notification of results shall be made by JICA Overseas Office (or the Embassy of Japan) to the respective Government by no later than **August 28 (Fri), 2026 Japan Time.**

5. Additional Documents to be Submitted by Accepted Applicants

5-1. Photocopy of the accepted participant's passport: should be submitted **ONE MONTH BEFORE the start of the Phase in Japan.**

*Photocopy should include the following:

Name in full, date of birth, nationality, sex, passport number and expiry date.

5-2. Country Report – must be submitted by September 10 (Thu), 2026, Japan Time:

Only the accepted participants are requested to prepare and submit a Country Report. The contents of the Country Report are shown in attachment 2.

The Country Report should be submitted to JICA Yokohama yicct1@jica.go.jp in MS word file by **September 10 (Thu), 2026, Japan Time,** by e-mail. Kindly put the course number **202515096J001** at the beginning of his/her file name.

5-3. Country Report Presentation

At the beginning of the program, each participant is requested to present his/her Country Report respectively. The presentation session will be held in the following manner.

- 1) Presentation should be given using Microsoft **“PowerPoint”**.
(Therefore, accepted participants are requested to prepare their Country Report format in PowerPoint for presentation.)
- 2) Each participant will be given approximately 20 minutes for the presentation.
- 3) Photos are recommended to be used as much as possible to make the

presentation attractive and easy to understand.

6. Conditions for Participation

6-1. Conditions for Attendance: Participants are required to:

- 1) strictly adhere to the program schedule,
- 2) not change the program topics,
- 3) not record or share the online/paper-based contents without permission of JICA and its implementing partners,
- 4) participate in the whole program including the preparatory phase. Applying organizations, after receiving notice of acceptance for their nominees, are expected to carry out the actions described in 1.4) and 1.5),
- 5) not change the air ticket (as well as flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging,
- 6) fully understand that leaving Japan during the course period (to return to home country, etc.) is not allowed,
- 7) not bring or invite any family members,
- 8) 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,
- 9) observe the rules and regulations of the places and facilities to visit.
- 10) not engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
- 11) discontinue the program, should the participants violate the Japanese laws or JICA's regulations, or the participants commit illegal or immoral conduct, 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 "Administrative Arrangements",
- 12) 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,
- 13) not drive a car or motorbike, even if the participant possesses an international

driver's license

- 14) observe the rules and regulations of the participants' accommodation area, and
- 15) refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the event of a change in schedule.

[Conditions on deliverables by participants]

- 1) Participants must not put the JICA logo on Country Report, Action Plan or any other documents to be created for this training course.
- 2) Participants must accept that JICA does not necessarily endorse any statements written in participants' deliverables.

7. Presentation of Certificate

Participants who have successfully completed the program will receive a certificate of completion issued by JICA.

Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

1) **Name:** JICA Yokohama Center (JICA YOKOHAMA)

2) **Address:** 2-3-1, Shinko, Naka-ku, Yokohama, 231-0001, Japan

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3) **Contact:** Ms. SEGAWA Akiko (yictt1@jica.go.jp)

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2. Implementing Partner Organizations

1) Name:

-Partner Ministry: Ports and Harbours Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)

- Implementing Partner: The Overseas Coastal Area Development Institute of Japan (OCDI)

2) Contact:

-MLIT

Address: 2-1-3, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8918, Japan

Tel: +81-3-5253-8679

URL: <http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/kowan/index.html>

-OCDI

Address: Kojimachi 1-Chome Bldg. 1-6-2 Kojimachi, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo 102-0083, Japan

Tel: +81- 3-5275-5931, Fax: 81- 3-5275-5932

URL: <http://www.ocdi.or.jp/en/>

3. Accommodation in Japan

JICA will arrange necessary accommodations for participants while in Japan and inform them accordingly.

4. Expenses

1. Travel to Japan:

- 1) **Air Ticket:** In principle, JICA will arrange an economy-class roundtrip ticket between an international airport designated by JICA and Japan.
- 2) **Travel Insurance:** Coverage is from arrival to departure in Japan. Therefore, traveling time outside Japan (including damaged baggage during the arrival flight to Japan) will not be covered.

2. Expenses in Japan:

The following expenses will be provided by JICA during the programs held in Japan:

- 1) Allowances for accommodation, meals, and living expenses.
- 2) Expenses for field visits (basically in the form of train tickets).
- 3) Medical insurance coverage for participants who become ill **after** arriving in Japan. (Costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment are **not** included.)
- 4) Expenses for program implementation, including materials.
- 5) For more details, please see "III. ALLOWANCES" of "KENSU-IN GUIDEBOOK," (English/French/Spanish/Russian).

*Link to the Website:

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

5. Pre-departure Orientation

Pre-departure orientation will be held at respective country's JICA office (or

Japanese Embassy), to provide participants with details on travel to Japan, conditions of the program and other matters related to the course.

Other Information

References:

1. Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan	
English version	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw
2. Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Yokohama	https://www.jica.go.jp/yokohama/english/office/index.html

- 1) Laptop personal computer:
During the course, exercises will be conducted using graphs of Microsoft Excel or reports will be prepared with Microsoft PowerPoint. It is highly recommended to bring your own laptop personal computer and USB (universal serial bus).
- 2) Entry Visa to Japan will be arranged and issued in participants' respective countries. If it is difficult for participants to apply in their own countries, the visa can be applied for and issued in Japan.
- 3) Allowances will be deposited to your temporary bank account in Japan two business days after your arrival in Japan. It is advisable to bring some amount of money for the first few days after your arrival. Please note that it is important to have your bank notes/checks exchanged into Japanese Yen (JPY) in cash at an international airport. You may not have enough time to exchange money in Japan due to the busy training schedule.
- 4) Business cards are useful for introducing yourselves to other participants and to Japanese people.
- 5) Traditional clothing and business attire: Participants may wear business attire/traditional clothing in Japan on certain occasions (such as the closing ceremony). It is thus recommended to bring business attire or national /traditional dress for the closing ceremony and other events in Japan.
- 6) Filming permission: JICA Yokohama as well as the course's partner organizations OCDI and MLIT, will be filming/taking pictures of the technical training scenes for recording purposes. If any of the participant would prefer to stay away from the camera, it is recommended to be informed prior to arrival.

For All Applicants: to be submitted together with the Application Form

Written Pledge:
JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program
Port Maintenance Planning

To the Director of Training Program Division, JICA Yokohama

■ **Applicant**

Pledge:

I have read General Information and will strictly adhere to its written description and concentrate on the program.

Date:	Signature:
	Print Name: NOTE: This name will be printed on the award certificate of the program

■ **Confirmation by the organization in charge**

Pledge:

I will relieve the participant of his/her daily obligations to ensure that he/she can fully attend the program.

Date:	Signature:
	Print Name:

Country Report

All the accepted participants are requested to prepare a Country Report in English providing the information on the following items and subjects.

As each participant will be requested to make a twenty-minute presentation on his/her Country Report during the comparative study session in Japan, the report should be prepared in MS PowerPoint.

Please submit your Country Report to JICA Yokohama office by **September 10 (Thu), 2026.**

Contents to include in your Country Report

Front cover

- (1) Title of the Country Report.
- (2) Country name, your name.
- (3) Your job title.

Second page and onwards

- (1) Introduction of your country.
 - Location of your country (using a world map).
 - Area, population, economic conditions.
- (2) Introduction of major ports
 - Number of ports in the country as a whole, trends in cargo volume handled.
 - Location of major ports.
 - Brief introduction of each port (using photos and data).
- (3) Introduction of your responsibilities
 - Overview of your organization.
 - Organization chart of your organization (showing your position)
 - Tasks for which you are responsible.
 - Challenges related to your tasks.
- (4) General information about the target port
 - Name of the target port.
 - Features of the port.

- Current status of port facilities.

(5) Status of port facility deterioration

- Deterioration of port facilities.
- Maintenance dredging of navigation channel/basin.
- Maintenance of cargo handling machinery.

(6) Expectations for this training course

- What you would like to learn and experience during this training course in Japan and how will you apply the knowledge you are going to acquire to the development and planning of your target port

Notes:

- (1) When formulating your Country Report, please use photos and visual information as well, that illustrate your job description, challenges, and problem areas.
- (2) The Action Plan which the participants will formulate during the course in Japan should be directly related to the activities featured in their Country Report.

For Your Reference

JICA and Capacity Development

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

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

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

Japanese Development Experience

Japan was the first non-Western country to successfully modernize its society and industrialize its economy. At the core of this process, which started more than 140 years ago, was the “*adopt and adapt*” concept by which a wide range of appropriate skills and knowledge have been imported from developed countries; these skills and

knowledge have been adapted and/or improved using local skills, knowledge and initiatives. They finally became internalized in Japanese society to suit its local needs and conditions.

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

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

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

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.



CORRESPONDENCE

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