

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

Comprehensive Approach for Promotion of Livestock Production Considering SDGs



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How do we achieve a safe and stable supply of livestock products?

learn comprehensive approach under the government initiatives to promote livestock production by transforming more profitable and resilient livestock production while considering sustainable livestock farming.



Outline



In an ever-changing environment, there is a need to promote sustainable livestock production that contributes to achieving the SDGs addressing the changes in the relationship between livestock and natural resources.



This program is designed for veterinarians, livestock officers, researchers and technicians, working on livestock development and extension to learn about Japanese practice. Participants will create a specific Action Plan to be taken by the organization/ institution for promotion of livestock development considering SDGs.



Course Period:
6 SEP 2026 to 21 NOV 2026

Course Capacity:
10 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.” We believe that this ‘Knowledge Co-Creation Program’ will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

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For What?

Background

The improvement of the resilience of livestock farmers against unseasonable weather and soaring international grain prices is an urgent issue as the importance of safety and stable supply of livestock products is increasing. There is also a need to promote sustainable livestock production that contributes to achieving the SDGs addressing the changes in the relationship between livestock and natural resources.

Objectives

This course aims to learn comprehensive approach under the government initiatives to promote livestock production by transforming more profitable and resilient livestock production while considering sustainable livestock farming.

This course is focused on cattle.

It is finally expected to contribute to improving the living standards of livestock farmers through improving cattle productivity.

Participants also have the opportunity

to learn and experience various new technologies related to livestock production and breeding. Some of these may be modern technologies that may be difficult to introduce in the short term. By learning about developments and trends in livestock production technology from a global perspective, participants are expected to identify the technologies that are really necessary for the development of livestock production in their country in the medium to long term.

Course Objective

To create a specific action plan to be taken by the organization/institution the participant is from for promotion of livestock development that takes into account the Sustainable Development Goals.



To Whom?

Job Areas and Organizations

This course is designed for personnel who will contribute to the promotion of the livestock sector in their country in the short, medium and long term such as veterinarians, livestock officers, researchers and technicians involved in livestock sector.

All participants in this training course are representing the country or organization they are from. Therefore, participants are expected to share the ideas and knowledge acquired through this training within and outside your organization and take initiative in acting for improving problems.

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

Eligible/ Target Organization

Veterinarians, livestock officers, researchers and technicians, working on livestock development and extension in governmental institutes, veterinary offices, agriculture offices or research centers, at national/ regional/ district level with at least

5-year experience, and are certain to create an Action Plan in this training program and implement it at their organization after returning to their home country.

Targeted Countries

- ◆ Indonesia, Laos, Timor-Leste, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Guyana, Morocco, Zambia

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



When?

Core Phase in Japan



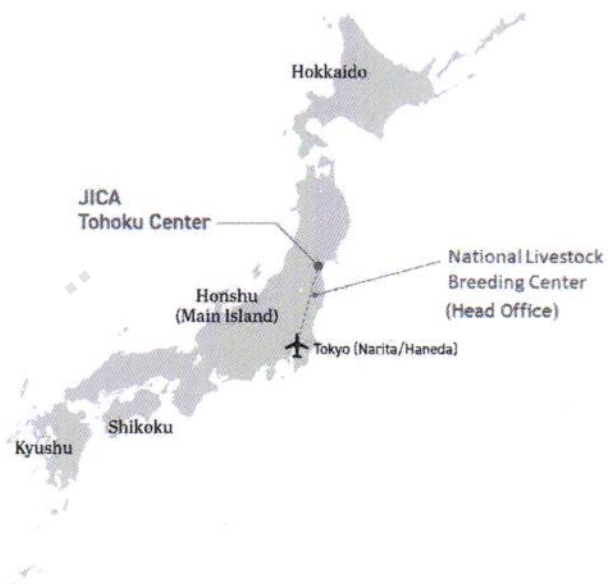
From September 6, 2026
to November 21, 2026
(in Japan)

Where?

This course is carried out Face-to-Face (in Japan), organized by JICA Tohoku Center.

- ◆ JICA Tohoku Center (JICA Tohoku) is located in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, in the northeast of Japan.

Main training site will be National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC).
The Head Office is located in Fukushima Prefecture, Tohoku Region.



How?

How to Learn

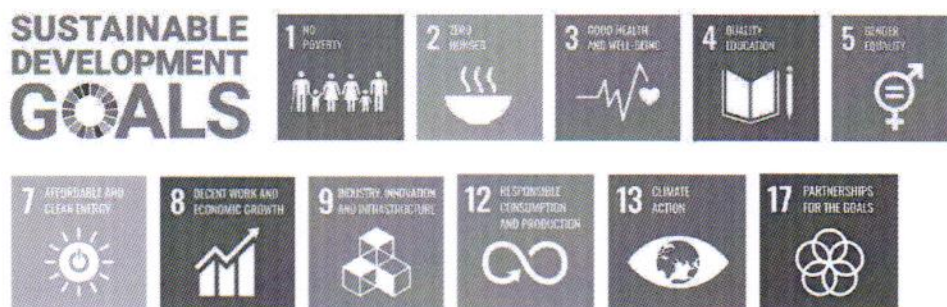
To enhance training effectiveness and feasibility, this training course provides knowledge on not only the theory and practice of livestock technologies but also necessary technical infrastructure administrative support to apply and disseminate the new technologies. This course offers hands-on exercises as well as classroom lectures and field trips. The contents of training on livestock genetic improvement, reproduction techniques, and animal husbandry include practical training using cattle.



Language

English

Commitment to the SDGs



Program Structure

1. Preliminary Phase (In your home country)

Preliminary Activities		
Expected Output	To identify the risks faced by livestock farmers in participating countries and bottlenecks in their measures.	✓ Report Writing
Contents	All nominees are required to prepare an Inception Report in Word format prior to their arrival in Japan. Of these, accepted candidates are required to submit a PowerPoint format slides and give an oral presentation (for 15 min.) after their arrival in Japan.	✓ Presentation

2. Core Phase (In Japan)

Unit 1: Government Initiatives to Promote the Livestock Sector		
Module Output 1	To understand government initiatives for sustainable livestock production in Japan.	✓ Lecture
Contents	Recent trends of SDGs, livestock industry and government initiatives for sustainable production.	✓ Discussion ✓ Practical Training
Unit 2: Sustainable Usage of Feed Resources and Grazing Land		
Module Output 2	To understand the technologies required for sustainable production and utilization of feed resources, and their introduction and dissemination.	✓ On-Farm Field Training ✓ Field Observation
Contents	Sustainable production and utilization of feed resources and feed production, rangeland management and solutions to overgrazing in tropical, arid, and semi-arid environments.	
Unit 3: Improving Livestock Productivity, Breeding and Reproductive Technologies		
Module Output 3	To understand the technologies to enhance livestock productivity and their introduction and dissemination.	
Contents	The theory of livestock genetic improvement to increase productivity and the relevant breeding technologies.	



Unit 4: Improving Safety and Profitability of Livestock Products		
Module Output 4	To understand production technologies that improve both the safety and profitability of livestock products.	✓ Lecture
Contents	Appropriate use of antibiotics in livestock production and the background of establishment of traceability system in Japan and its mechanism.	✓ Discussion ✓ Practical Training
Unit 5: Action Plan Making		✓ Field Observation
Module Output 5	To create a draft Action Plan for realizing more profitable livestock production while considering sustainable livestock farming.	✓ Action Plan Making
Contents	Participants are required to formulate concrete and feasible Action Plan to be taken by participant themselves and their organization/ institution. At the end of the program, they are expected to give an oral presentation (for 20 min.) of their Action Plan.	✓ Presentation

3. Post-Program Phase (In your home country)

Post-Program Activities	
Expected Output	To review the Action Plans by the organization/ institution they belongs, report the progress in implementation of the Action Plan and obtain technical advices.
Contents	Participants will assess the scheme for their Action Plan in their organization/ institution and make it practical. After the training, participants will report the progress in implementation of the finalized Action Plan.

NOTE: Program contents may be subject to change.



Program Schedule

Below is the schedule from last year's training program. Although there will be some changes to the dates and contents this year, kindly refer to it as a reference to understand the overall flow.

Date	Theme	Unit No.	Training Type	Training Contents	Organization of Lecturers	Staying Pref.	
Sep. 11th				Arrival in Japan		Tokyo	
Sep. 12th				Briefing / Program Orientation from JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	Tokyo	
Sep. 12th				Introduction / Overview of NLBC Duties (Video), Ice Break / Program Orientation / Submission Explanation from NLBC	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Tokyo	
Sep. 13th						Tokyo	
Sep. 14th						Tokyo	
Sep. 15th						Tokyo	
Sep. 16th	Government Initiatives	4	Lecture	Overview of Animal Health in Japan and the Role and Disease Prevention System of National Livestock Breeding Center	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Tokyo	
Sep. 16th				Checking Training Clothes	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Tokyo	
Sep. 17th		1	Lecture	Overview of Livestock Industry in Japan	Shizuoka Professional University of Agriculture	Tokyo	
Sep. 17th		1	Lecture	Situation over Livestock and Dairy Farming	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	Tokyo	
Sep. 18th		1	Lecture	Challenges and Strategies for Sustainable Livestock Production	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	Tokyo	
Sep. 18th		1	Lecture	Improvement of Beef Cattle	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)	Tokyo	
Sep. 19th		5	Lecture	JICA Contribution in the Livestock Sector	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	Tokyo	
Sep. 19th		5	Lecture	AS Model of ROP (Animal Health) Institutions to Livestock Farming (JICA JHPP Programme) / Submission / Inception Report Presentation PowerPoint	JICA Expert, Northern Harbin Small-Scale Farmers Livelihood Enhancement Project (N-SLEP)	Tokyo	
Sep. 20th						Tokyo	
Sep. 21st						Tokyo	
Sep. 22nd				Transfer: JICA Tokyo Center (Tokyo) to NLBC Head Office (Fukushima)		Fukushima pref.	
Sep. 22nd				Living Orientation / Dormitory Guide / Shopping: Habi Shop & Supermarket 'AEON'	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.	
Sep. 23rd						Fukushima pref.	
Sep. 24th	Planning Proposal	3	Lecture & Practical	Project Cycle Management (PCM) Method 1	International Techno Center Co., Ltd.	Fukushima pref.	
Sep. 24th				Bicycle Guide / Shopping: Drug Store 'Kusuri No Aoki'	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.	
Sep. 25th		5	Lecture & Practical	Project Cycle Management (PCM) Method 2	International Techno Center Co., Ltd.	Fukushima pref.	
Sep. 26th		5	Lecture & Practical	Project Cycle Management (PCM) Method 3	International Techno Center Co., Ltd.	Fukushima pref.	
Sep. 26th				Action Plan Explanation, Nikko Trip Explanation	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.	
Sep. 27th				Japanese Cultural Experience: 'Nikko Toshogu Shrine' & 'Kepon Falls'	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.	
Sep. 28th						Fukushima pref.	
Sep. 29th	Inception Report	1	Lecture	Overview of NLBC Duties / Opening Ceremony	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.	
Sep. 29th		5	Presentation	Inception Report Presentation	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) / National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.	
Sep. 29th				Welcome Party		Fukushima pref.	
Sep. 30th	Roles and Duties of NLBC	3	Lecture	Livestock Improvement based on "Improvement and Increased Production Goals"	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.	
Sep. 30th			3	Lecture	Breeding Improvements of Beef Cattle / Breeding Improvements of Dairy Cattle	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.
Oct. 1st		2/3	Lecture	Farm Works and Herd Management at Shibahara Station / Feed Production and Grassland Management at Shibahara Station	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.	
Oct. 1st		2/3	Practical Training	Measuring Herbage Mass in Pastures / Tour of Shibahara Station Cattle Barns	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.	
Oct. 2nd		3	Lecture	Herd Management Technique to Improve Fertility in Cattle, Utilization of Body Condition Scoring Systems, Less Prevention of Calf	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.	
Oct. 2nd	4	Lecture & Practical	Evaluation Technologies of Beef Meat Quality and Its Practical Application / Taste Test & Sensory Test	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.		
Oct. 3rd		4	Lecture	Cattle Individual Identification and Cattle Traceability System	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.	
Oct. 3rd				Courtesy Call to Nishigo Village Mayor / Shopping: Shopping Center 'Mega Stage' / Japanese Language Training 1	Nishigo Village Mayor / Japanese Language Instructor	Fukushima pref.	
Oct. 4th				Japanese Cultural Experience: Guide of Nishigo Village & Shirakawa City 1: ('Suirakuen' at 'Nanko Park' (Japanese Garden, Tea Ceremony))	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.	
Oct. 5th						Fukushima pref.	
Oct. 5th	Feed Production and Grassland Management	2	Discussion	Current Situation and Challenges of Feed Production in Each Country	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.	
Oct. 5th			2	Lecture	Preparation of Silage and Fermented TMR Using Local Feed Resources in Developing Countries	Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Science (IRCAS)	Fukushima pref.
Oct. 7th			2	Lecture	"Japanese Feeding Standards" and "Standard Tables of Feed Composition in Japan"	National Agricultural and Food Research Organization (NARO)	Fukushima pref.
Oct. 7th			2	Lecture	Nutrients in Feed and Feeding	Tokyo University of Agriculture	Fukushima pref.
Oct. 8th			2	Field Observation	Feed Utilization of By-products and TMR Center	Nasuno Minon Co., Ltd.	Fukushima pref.
Oct. 8th			2	Lecture	Utilization of Unused Feed Resources in Japan and Developing Countries / Japanese Language Training 2	Noto University / Japanese Language Instructor	Fukushima pref.
Oct. 9th			2	Practical Training	Making Simplified Silage / Measuring Herbage Mass in Pasture / Building Electric Fence	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.
Oct. 9th			2	Lecture & Practical	Exercise to estimate the Herbage Mass in Pastures and Appropriate Number of Grazing Animals / Basics of Grassland Management	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.
Oct. 10th			2	Lecture & Practical	Production and Utilization of Forage Crop in Japan, Roles of 'Feed & Seeds Division' / Tour of Feed Analysis Equipments	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.
Oct. 10th		Action Plan	5	Presentation	Final Report Preparation and Presentation by Last Year's Participants / Japanese Language Training 3	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) / National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC) / Japanese Language Instructor	Fukushima pref.



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Oct. 11th						Fukushima pref.
Oct. 12th						Fukushima pref.
Oct. 13th						Fukushima pref.
Oct. 14th	Breeding Improvement and Reproductive Technologies	3	Discussion	Current Situation and Challenges of Livestock Reproduction in Each Country	Artificial Insemination Association of Japan (AIA) / National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.
		3	Lecture	Livestock Reproductive Technologies in Japan	Artificial Insemination Association of Japan (AIA)	Fukushima pref.
Oct. 15th		3	Lecture	Diffusion of Livestock Reproductive Technologies and Infrastructure Development in Japan	Artificial Insemination Association of Japan (AIA)	Fukushima pref.
		3	Lecture	Overview of Reproductive Technologies (Artificial Insemination) / Japanese Language Training 1	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC) / Japanese Language Instructor	Fukushima pref.
Oct. 16th		3	Lecture	Overview of Reproductive Technologies (Embryo Transfer)	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.
	3	Lecture	Applied Reproductive Technologies (Ovum Pick-Up and In Vitro Fertilization (OPU-IVF) in Cattle) / Applied Reproductive Technologies (Embryo Collection and Embryo Transfer Techniques in Pigs)	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.	
Oct. 17th		3	Practical Training	Basics of Artificial Insemination Technology	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.
				Mid-Term Evaluation Meeting	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	Fukushima pref.
				Briefing about On-Farm Field Training and Animal Disease Prevention Cautions	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.
Oct. 18th						Fukushima pref.
Oct. 19th						Fukushima pref.
Oct. 20th	On-Farm Field Training	3	Lecture & Practical Training	Transfer: NLBC Head Office (Fukushima) to Shiobara Town (Aomori) / Morioka City (Iwate) Opening Ceremony / Animal Disease Prevention Cautions / Overview of Onu Station Duties and Progress of JGAP Certification Feeding Management of Calves / Tour of Nursing and Raising Calf Barns / Tour of Newly Acquired Cattle Barns / Welcome Party	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Aomori pref.
		3	Lecture & Practical Training	Opening Ceremony / Overview of Iwate Station Duties / Animal Disease Prevention and HACCP Certification of Iwate Station JGAP Certification of Iwate Station / Holstein Breeding Improvement and Reproductive Technologies (Video) / Tour of Nursing and Raising Calf Barns / Welcome Party	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Iwate pref.
Oct. 21st		3	Lecture & Practical Training	Fattening of Japanese Black Cattle / Tour of Fattening Cattle Barns	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Aomori pref.
		3	Lecture & Practical Training	Feeding Management of Breeding Cows / Tour of Breeding Cow Barns	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Iwate pref.
		3	Lecture & Practical Training	Milking Hygiene for Dairy Cattle	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Iwate pref.
		3	Lecture & Practical Training	Feeding Management of Holstein / Body Condition Score (BCS) / Tour of Cattle Barns / Tour of Milking Parlor	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Aomori pref.
Oct. 22nd		3	Lecture & Practical Training	Feed Production Management, Tour of Feed Base and Composting Facilities, etc. Tour of Animal Hygiene Room, etc. / Case Studies of Promotion Efforts for Japanese Shorthorn	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Aomori pref.
		3	Lecture & Practical Training	Ovum Recovery, Ovum Tester, Embryo Sexing	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Iwate pref.
		3	Lecture & Practical Training	Rectal Palpation	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Aomori pref.
Oct. 23rd		3	Lecture & Practical Training	Reproductive Technologies (Artificial Insemination, Embryo Transfer, Pregnancy Diagnosis) Tour of Reproductive Technologies	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Iwate pref.
	3	Lecture & Practical Training	Technologies of Estrus Detection, Artificial Insemination, Embryo Transfer, Reproduction Diagnosis and Pregnancy Diagnosis Using Ultrasonic Echo Method Feed Production of Taste Slaters / Tour of Feed Preparations, Farm Machinery and Equipment / Tour of Livestock Environment Facilities (Biogas Facilities, Purification Facilities, Composting)	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Aomori pref.	
Oct. 24th	3	Lecture & Practical Training	Tour of Ovum Recovery	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Iwate pref.	
	3	Lecture & Practical Training	Extra Time (Requests from Participants) / Closing Ceremony	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Aomori pref.	
	3	Lecture & Practical Training	Survey Work of Forage Species	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Iwate pref.	
	3	Lecture & Practical Training	Presentation of Results and Closing Ceremony	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Iwate pref.	
Oct. 25th				Transfer: Shiobara Town (Aomori) to Morioka City (Iwate)	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Iwate pref.
Oct. 26th						Iwate pref.
Oct. 27th	Case Study Visit	4	Lecture & Practical	Supply Systems of Safe Livestock Products	Farm HACCP Certification Auditor / JGAP Auditor	Iwate pref.
Oct. 28th		3	Lecture	Roles and Duties of Livestock Improvement Association of Japan, INC.	Morioka AI Center, Livestock Improvement Association of Japan, INC. (LIA)	Iwate pref.
		1	Lecture	Agricultural Cooperative System in Japan	Institute for the Development of Agricultural Cooperation in Asia (IDACA)	Iwate pref.
Oct. 29th		4	Field Observation	Agricultural Cooperative Duties and Producer Supports (Farming Support)	Same Office, National Federation of Agricultural Cooperative Associations (Zenkoku Nihon Nogyo Kaizai Renmei)	Iwate pref.
		4	Field Observation	Agricultural Cooperative Duties and Producer Supports (Distribution of Raw Milk)	Same Office, National Federation of Agricultural Cooperative Associations (Zenkoku Nihon Nogyo Kaizai Renmei)	Iwate pref.
		3	Lecture & Field Observation	Greetings from the Director / Breeding Improvement of Japanese Shorthorn	State Agricultural Research Center, Animal Industry Research Institute	Iwate pref.
Oct. 30th		3	Lecture & Field Observation	Greetings from the Head of Laboratory / Grazing Monitoring and Reproduction Management of Japanese Shorthorn / Tour of Pastures and Cattle Barns	State Agricultural Research Center, Animal Industry Research Institute	Iwate pref.
		4	Field Observation	Duties of Slaughterhouse	Iwate Co., Ltd.	Iwate pref.
Oct. 31st		4	Field Observation	Duties of Meat Hygiene Inspection Center	Iwate Prefecture Meat Hygiene Inspection Center	Iwate pref.
		4	Field Observation	Duties of Meat Hygiene Inspection Center	Iwate Prefecture Meat Hygiene Inspection Center	Iwate pref.
Nov. 1st				Transfer: Morioka City (Iwate) to NLBC Head Office (Fukushima)	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.
Nov. 2nd				Shopping: Retail Shop & Supermarket "AEON"		Fukushima pref.
Nov. 3rd						Fukushima pref.
Nov. 4th	Case Study Visit / Action Plan	4	Field Observation	Submission: Action Plan PDM Draft	Fukushima Office, National Federation of Agricultural Cooperative Associations (Zenkoku Nihon Nogyo Kaizai Renmei)	Fukushima pref.
		5	Field Observation	System of Livestock Markets		Fukushima pref.
Nov. 5th	Case Study Visit / Action Plan	2	Lecture	Action Plan Making		Fukushima pref.
		3	Lecture	Feed Production in Japan and Developing Countries	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.
Nov. 6th	Case Study Visit / Action Plan	4	Field Observation	Private Beef Cattle Farming	Wakinohe Farm	Fukushima pref.
		4	Field Observation	Duties of Livestock Hygiene Service Center	Fukushima Prefecture Central Livestock Hygiene Service Center	Fukushima pref.
		4	Field Observation	Human Resources Development and Educational Institution in Agricultural Sector	Agricultural Junior College, Fukushima Prefectural Agricultural Technology Center (Agriculture College, Fukushima)	Fukushima pref.
Nov. 7th	Case Study Visit / Action Plan	3	Lecture	Appropriate Techniques and their Transfer in Developing Countries (Case Studies from JICA Livestock Projects)	Former JICA Expert	Fukushima pref.
		5	Discussion	Review of Training at Aomori, Next Steps	Former JICA Expert / National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukushima pref.

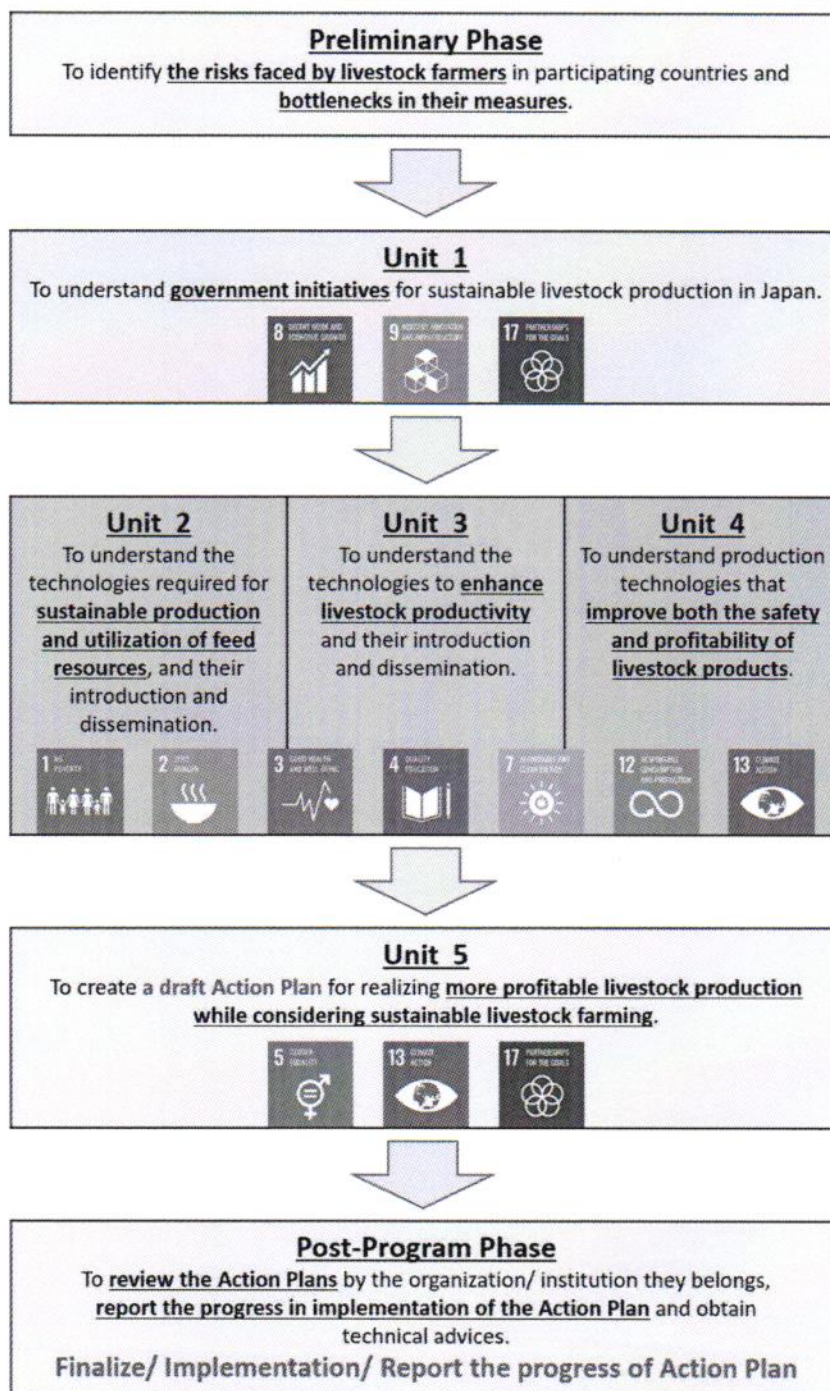


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Nov. 9th						Fukuoka pref.
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Nov. 10th	Case Study Visit			Submission: Action Plan PDM Draft (Revised Ver.) / <i>Shirakawa City 2</i>		Fukuoka pref.
		3	Field Observation	Private Dairy Farming and Business Diversification Strategies	Nishi Kagami Farm Co., Ltd. / National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukuoka pref.
Nov. 11th	Roles and Duties of NLBC	4	Lecture & Practical	Genetic and Genomic Analysis of Livestock and Its Practical Application / Tour of Genetic and Genomic Analysis Equipments	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukuoka pref.
		2/3	Practical Training	Cattle Body Measurement / Making Simplified Silage/ Tour of Fields	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukuoka pref.
Nov. 12th		4	Lecture & Discussion	Summary of Disease Prevention System at National Livestock Breeding Center / Role in Field Safety	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukuoka pref.
		4	Practical Training	Hygiene Management Techniques to Protect the Health of Livestock and Humans	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukuoka pref.
Nov. 13th	Action Plan	1	Discussion	Final Submission: Action Plan PDM Draft	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukuoka pref.
Nov. 14th		1		Final Submissions: Action Plan PDM, PO, PPT / <i>Shirakawa Village</i>		Fukuoka pref.
				Japanese Cultural Experience: Guide of Nishigo Village & Shirakawa City 2 ('Yukiwari Bridge' & 'Hokkawa Dam')	National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukuoka pref.
Nov. 15th						Fukuoka pref.
Nov. 16th						Fukuoka pref.
Nov. 17th	Ceramohama Support	5	Lecture	Rural Development and Livestock Improvement	Tamkang University	Fukuoka pref.
		1	Lecture & Practical	Practical Experience: Milk Production and Processing in the Dairy Farm (Practical Milk Processing)	Tamkang University	Fukuoka pref.
Nov. 18th		3	Lecture	LIVESTOCK BREEDING IMPROVEMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, UTILIZATION AND PROTECTION OF LOCAL GENETIC RESOURCES	Kyoto University	Fukuoka pref.
Nov. 19th	Action Plan	2	Practical Training	Action Plan Training		Fukuoka pref.
		4	Presentation	Local Sites Presentation	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) / National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukuoka pref.
Nov. 20th		5	Presentation	Action Plan Presentation	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) / National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)	Fukuoka pref.
				Final Evaluation Meeting/ Closing Ceremony/ Farewell Party		
Nov. 21st				Transfer: NLBC Head Office (Fukuoka) to JICA Tokyo Center (Tokyo)		Tokyo
Nov. 22nd				Departure from Japan		

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Connection between Program Structure and SDGs



Management Members

Instructor Affiliations (more to be confirmed)

- ✓ National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)
- ✓ Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- ✓ Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- ✓ National Research Organization
- ✓ Local Administrative Organ
- ✓ Agricultural Cooperatives
- ✓ Private Companies
- ✓ University Professors
- ✓ Instructors of Project Cycle Management (PCM) Method etc.

We are all looking forward to see you!!



Implementing Partner

National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)

Department of Planning and Coordination,
Technical Cooperation Office

NLBC has a close cooperation between the head office and 11 stations, played a roll as an Incorporated Administrative Agency to contribute to the living in Japan, boosting improvement of breeds of animals, producing and supplying seeds of forage crop, developing new technologies, bringing them into practical use and spreading them nationwide, and managing cattle individual identification information service.



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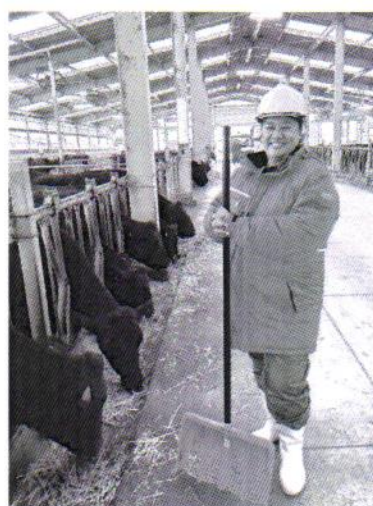


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Past Program Alumni Comments

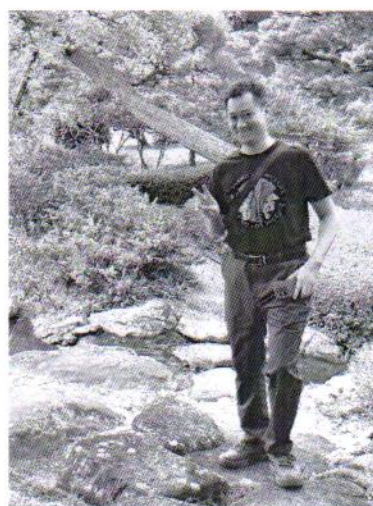
 Tumema Tiai SAUMANI
Samoa

If I were to summarize my experience in this course, I must say it has been truly transformative. This training has set a new standard in my professional development. The course was exceptional in every aspect. The emphasis on advanced technology, strict hygiene and biosecurity measures, and comprehensive management and disease control systems broadened my understanding far beyond my expectations. I am sincerely grateful for this opportunity, and I will regard this experience as a defining milestone in my career.



 VU Dung Minh
Viet Nam

I found the course to be very well designed, integrating lectures, practical training, and field observations. As the course progressed, the topics became more interconnected, with each section reinforcing the understanding of the others. It was a highly valuable opportunity for all participants.



Eligibility and Procedures

1. Expectations to the Applying Organizations

- (1) This program is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operation. Participating organizations are expected to use the program for those specific purposes.
- (2) This program is enriched with contents and facilitation schemes specially developed in collaboration with relevant prominent organizations in Japan. These special features enable the program to meet specific requirements of applying organizations and effectively facilitate them toward solutions for the issues and problems.
- (3) As this program is designed to facilitate participants to come up with the plan to bring a change in their organization. Participating organizations are expected to make due preparation with the participants by carrying out the activities of the “1. Preliminary Phase” described in “Program Structure” of this General Information.
- (4) Participating organizations are also expected to make the best use of the results achieved by their participants by carrying out the activities of the “3. Post-Program Phase” described in “Program Structure” of this General Information.
- (5) Participating organizations are requested to allow the participants to have discussion in their organizations/institutions to finalize their Action Plans with necessary resource allocation. After the training, participants will report the progress in implementation of the finalized Action Plan.

2. Nominee Qualifications

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



【Remarks】

Each Organizations is requested to encourage female candidates to apply for the course to accelerate the realization of gender equality and women's empowerment. JICA would like each country to select at least one male and one female candidate. Then JICA decides on the successful candidate based on a comprehensive assessment of the candidate's abilities and qualities.

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:** be working on livestock development and extension as a veterinarian, livestock officer, researcher or a technician in governmental institutes, veterinary offices, agriculture offices or research centers, at national/ regional/ district level.
- 2) **After Training:** continue to work as an officer who contributes to the livestock industry in the countries.
- 3) **Experience in the Relevant Field:** with more than five (5) years of experience in livestock development and extension.
- 4) **Education Background:** university graduates or equivalent academic background.
- 5) **Language:** have a competent command of spoken and written English.
This program includes active participation in discussions, which requires high competence in English. (Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC, etc.)
- 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 Pre-existing conditions : Chronic diseases, Conditions currently under treatment and Past illnesses that have resolved.



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.

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) Recommendable Qualifications:

- 1) Expected to continue to be involved in livestock development and extension even after completion of this program.
- 2) Expected age: Be over 30 years of age (most recommendable is 30-45 years old).
- 3) Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment:
Women are encouraged to apply for the program. 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 AND RESTRICTION" of the Application Form. Information will be reviewed and used for reasonable accommodation.

(2) **Photocopy of Passport:**

You are required to submit 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:**

You are required to submit with the Application Form, if the nominees have any official English examination scores. (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS)

(4) **Inception Report:**

You are required to submit with the Application Form. All nominees must prepare an Inception Report in Word format with following guideline "1. Inception Report" described in "Annex" of this General Information.

(5) **Valid E-mail Address:**

Please fill in your valid e-mail address on the Application Form.

REMARKS: Application Form, Questionnaire and Inception Report are must be COMPUTER PRINTED, NOT handwritten.

There are some cases which applicants are rejected since the Application Form is not readable.

4. Procedures for Application and Selection

(1) Submission of the Application Documents:

Closing date for applications: Please inquire to the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan).

After receiving the applications, the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) will send them to JICA Tohoku Center in JAPAN by July 10, 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 July 31, 2026.

5. Additional Documents to be Submitted by Accepted Candidates

Accepted candidates are required to submit a presentation material of Inception Report by PowerPoint format by September 11, 2026.

(Detailed information will be noticed to accepted candidates at a later date.)



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 "5. Expenses" described in "Administrative Arrangements" of this General Information,
- (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.
- (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) Name: JICA Tohoku Center (JICA Tohoku)
- (2) Program Officer: Ms. YAMATO Teruko (thictad@jica.go.jp)
- (3) URL: <https://www.jica.go.jp/english/index.html>

2. Implementing Partner

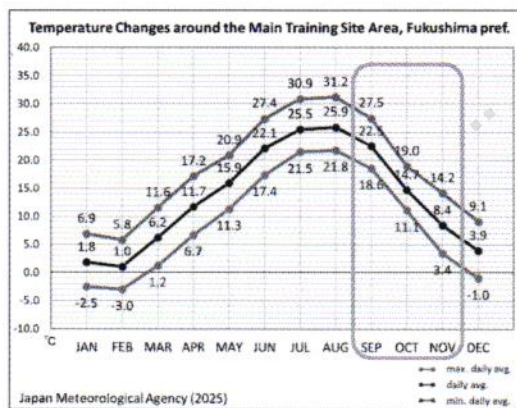
- (1) Name: National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC)
- (2) URL: <https://www.nlbc.go.jp/english/index.html>
- (3) Training Site:

Main training site will be National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC).
The Head Office is located in Nishigo village, Fukushima prefecture, Japan.

- (4) Climate:

Climate information around the training site area is provided below. The training period runs from the end of summer to autumn (September to November).

It is strongly recommended to bring NOT ONLY COOL CLOTHES, BUT ALSO WARM CLOTHES.



3. Travel to Japan

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

4. Accommodation in Japan

Basically, JICA will arrange the following accommodation(s) for participants for the first week and the last night in Japan:

JICA Tokyo Center (JICA TOKYO)
Address: 2-49-5 Nishihara, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0066, Japan
TEL: +81-3-3485-7051
(where “81” is the country code for Japan, and “3” is the local area code)
Please refer to the URL for information on the facility guide of JICA TOKYO.
<https://www.jica.go.jp/tokyo/english/office/index.html>

If there is no vacancy at JICA TOKYO, JICA will arrange alternative accommodation(s) for the participants.

Main training site will be National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC). Your accommodation will be provided by NLBC at the Dormitory for Overseas Trainees. Please refer to the Residence Guide (P.28).

5. 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.

For more details, please see “III. ALLOWANCES” of the brochure for participants titled “KENSU-IN GUIDE BOOK,” which will be given before departure for Japan.

* Link to JICA HP (English/French/Spanish/Russian):

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/accept



6. 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 Tohoku	https://www.jica.go.jp/tohoku/english/office/index.html
JICA Tokyo	https://www.jica.go.jp/tokyo/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>

7. Reference

PDF: KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK

For more detailed terms and conditions

[JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program\(KCCP\) | 研修事業 \(KCCP\) |](#)

Video: JICA Predeparture Briefing

For more information on life in Japan and KCCP

[JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program\(KCCP\) | 研修事業 \(KCCP\) |](#)

Website: JICA The Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

English/French/Spanish/Russian

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



Annex

1. Inception Report

For All Nominees

All nominees must submit an Inception Report with the Application Form. Prepare your Inception Report according to the following guidelines;

- (1) Typewritten in English (single-spaced) by **Word format**.
- (2) **Font size must be 12.**
- (3) **NOT MORE than 6 pages** include cover page.
- (4) Using statistical data, charts, maps and pictures are recommended.
- (5) **It must be described according to the information below;**

<u>Part 1</u> Basic Information	1-1. Your Name 1-2. Name of your Position, Department, Organization 1-3. Organizational Chart 1-4. Role of your Organization 1-5. My Work in Charge <i><u>This is the most important part!!</u></i> <i>Please describe the detail information about your daily works/ target area and groups/ target livestock species.</i>
<u>Part 2</u> Current Situation and Major Issues of the Livestock Sector in Your Country	2-1. Climate Condition 2-2. Livestock Species and Main Breeds 2-3. Feed and Feeding Management 2-4. Breeding Improvement and Reproductive Technologies 2-5. Disease and Hygiene Management 2-6. Rural Communities and Livestock Sector 2-7. Livestock Promotion and Government Policy 2-8. Major Issues of the Livestock Sector and the Risks Faced by Livestock Farmers
<u>Part 3</u> Training Expectations and Post-Training Prospects	3-1. Interests and your Expectation for Training 3-2. Post-Training Prospects <i>Please describe your ideas on how you would like to apply your experiences in Japan to your works and organization.</i>

Your Inception Report will be shared with participants, training staff and instructors to understand about you and your country's situation.



For Accepted Candidates

Accepted candidates/ participants are required to submit a presentation material of Inception Report in PowerPoint format **by September 11, 2026**, and give an oral presentation (for 15 min.) at the beginning of the program.

(Detailed information will be noticed to accepted candidates at a later date.)

* Although the submission deadline is after your arrival in Japan, **IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMEND TO COMPLETE YOUR POWERPOINT BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE.**

You **DO NOT** have enough time for making after arriving in Japan.

2. Residence Guide

Dormitory for Overseas Trainees, NLBC

“Dormitory for Overseas Trainees” is located on the premises of National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC) Head Office, Nishigo village in Fukushima prefecture.

This dormitory provides a learning and living environment for overseas training participants. Here is like your home in Japan. Participants are expected to work together to create a comfortable living environment for themselves.



(1) Lecture Room

Most of the training lectures will be held in lecture room. It is convenient for participants since the lecture room and dormitory are located in the same building.

(2) Private Furnished Room

Each private room is fully equipped with a bed, desk, chair, shelf, closet, drying rack, safety box, refrigerator freezer and other basic furniture. Participants can lock/unlock the door and window by themselves.

(3) Fully Equipped Common Facilities

Free Wi-fi and Internet Services are available. Washing machines, drying machines, steam irons, private showers and baths, toilets, rental bicycles and other common facilities are freely provided. Please share with others.

(4) Kitchen and Dining Room

NO MEAL IS PROVIDED. Participants will purchase foods and seasonings at nearby shopping places (supermarkets, convenience stores, halal food/ ethnic food shop, etc.) and prepare their own meals.

One of the advantages of self-catered accommodation is flexibility. Fully equipped kitchen facilities are also available for special dietary needs such as food allergies and Muslims, so each can cook whatever they prefer.

CAUTION

It is prohibited by the Japanese law to bring meat, meat products such as sausages, bacon, or any other food products subject to quarantine into Japan without permission from the Animal Quarantine Service.

Anyone who brings these products into Japan without permission could be prosecuted.



Lecture Room



Private Room



Laundry Room



Rental Bicycles



Dining Room



Lounge

3. Instruction for Animal Disease Prevention

In order to safeguard against the entry and spread of pathogens that cause livestock epidemics into Japan, participants are required to strictly adhere to the following rules. This paper contains excerpts from the entry rules and standards of rearing hygiene management (entry and exit of people and goods). Details will be explained again to participants. NLBC will also confirm that participants have implemented the following measures after arrival in Japan:

(1) Border Control Measures at the Immigration

1) Prohibition of Bringing Livestock Products into Japan

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS TRAINING SHOULD NOT BRING ANY LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS. Generally, it is difficult to get inspection certificates issued by the exporting country's government for animal products for personal use, therefore you cannot bring in most of animal products. Even non-prohibited items cannot be brought into Japan without an inspection certificate issued by the government agency of the exporting country.

2) Quarantine Detector Dog

Quarantine detector dogs identify and detect the smell of meat and inspect the luggage to determine if it contains items subject to animal quarantine.

3) Questioning when Entering Japan

Questions are asked via announcement inside planes or via announcement inside passenger terminals. Animal Quarantine officers will question persons entering Japan as to whether they have brought with them clothing or shoes, etc., that they were wearing, or equipment that they used, when they visited a livestock related facility such as farms.

4) Shoe Sole Disinfection

Mats for disinfection of shoes are laid down in areas where all passengers pass through, such as the area before the immigration inspection or the boarding bridge. Disinfection mats are soaked in a disinfectant. Please tread firmly on them.

5) Visit the Animal Quarantine Counter at the Baggage Claim Area

Since you all meet the criteria of "persons who have visited a livestock related facility or live poultry market and come into contact with domestic animals", on your arrival in Japan, please visit the Animal Quarantine Counter at the baggage claim area. In particular, if you have brought these shoes with you from overseas in a bag, please remove any soil before departure and visit Animal Quarantine counter in the baggage claim area.

- 6) DO NOT bring dirty work clothes, work shoes or boots not properly cleaned after use.
- 7) AVOID CONTACT WITH LIVESTOCK ANIMALS IN YOUR COUNTRY WITHIN ONE WEEK BEFORE COMING TO JAPAN.

(2) National Standards of Rearing Hygiene Management

Visitors from overseas to Japanese farms must observe these standards strictly to prevent the outbreak of infectious disease in livestock.

- 1) YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SANITATION CONTROL ZONE FOR ONE WEEK AFTER ENTRY FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY.
- 2) You are not allowed to enter the sanitation control zone on the same day you have visited another farm or livestock-related facility.
- 3) All people entering and leaving the sanitation control zone disinfect their fingers and footwear.
- 4) All people entering the sanitation control zone put on apparel and footwear especially for the zone (or wear sanitary clothing or boot covers on top). And in the case that excrement, sludge, and the like adhere to the shoes, they are to be cleaned and disinfected.
- 5) No item that is not necessary for the care and management of livestock may be brought into the livestock barns. Please keep luggage to a minimum when entering livestock farms.
- 6) CLOTHING AND SHOES THAT HAVE BEEN USED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY WITHIN THE PAST 4 MONTHS CANNOT BE USED IN THE THE SANITATION CONTROL ZONE. If it is unavoidable to bring them in, they must be cleaned, disinfected, and other necessary measures must be taken in advance. Therefore, participants in this training program are required to wash, disinfect, and take other necessary measures for the clothes and shoes they bring and wear.

(3) National Livestock Breeding Center (NLBC) and Other Individual Top-Up Measures

Upon your arrival in Japan, NLBC staffs will brief to the participants.



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.



Correspondence

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("81" is the country code for Japan, and "22" is the local area code)