

 Face-to-Face (in Japan)

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

Building a Resilient State and Society

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



How do we build a Resilient State and Society?

Gain insight to an essence of
resilient state-building
from the experiences of Japan.

Outline

The course will focus on building a resilient state and will be designed to understand how to build a resilient country and society in which conflicts do not erupt or recur, and to reevaluate the roles of policies and relevant institutions.

As a reference, Japan's experience in public administration that has earned the trust of the people, such as public administration that supported Japan's nation building and development since the Meiji era, postwar national land development policy, development policy including industrial policy from prewar to postwar periods, changes in administrative systems, nation building utilizing local governments, postwar reconstruction in Hiroshima, and disaster reconstruction in Tohoku will be shared. In addition, government officials from participating countries will share their experiences, knowledge, and challenges in building stable nations.

Our program includes interactive sessions, as well as site visits and field trips, so that you will have the chance to explore Japan too.

The period of the program is from October 13 to October 29, 2026.

Course Capacity: 13 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

It is crucial for government officials in the crisis/ conflict affected countries in which nation-building process is underway to have a clear image of the various systems and elements that form the basis of resilient state and society including public administration system, central-local relations and public trust. This course targets crisis/conflict-affected countries in which JICA supports, and aims to strengthen the network among institutions in each participating country.

Objectives

Capacity of senior and mid-level officials in central and regional autonomous governments to formulate and implement policies in building resilient state and society will be enhanced.

To Whom?

Job Areas and Organizations

- ◆ This program is offered to those officials who are in the Central government and regional autonomous government administrators **senior and mid-level management positions** in the Central government, such as **the Office of the President, Office of the Prime Minister, Cabinet Office, Ministry of Interior, and Development Planning** and the Regional autonomous government.

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

Targeted Countries

- ◆ Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Ethiopia, Kosovo, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda

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

When?

Program Period



From October 13 to October 29,
2026

Where?

This course is carried in JICA Tokyo Center, and Hiroshima and Iwate that will be visited as field trip.



How?

How to Learn

- Lectures
- Field Visits
- Workshops
- Discussions
- Presentations



Language

English

Commitment to the SDGs

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**



Program Structure

This program consists of the following components.

(1) Expected Modules

In order to achieve the Course Objective, participants are expected :

- 1) To learn about the theory of stable nation-building, and understand how to build a resilient state and society.
- 2) To learn about Japan's development policies, administrative systems, including central-local relations, its evolution, current status and challenges, as well as efforts to build trust between the government and local residents, and to combat corruption, in order to extract lessons that can be used as reference for building resilient state and society in officials' own countries.
- 3) To review the nation-building experiences of the participants' countries from the perspective of resilient state and society, and identify the characteristics and challenges in their countries.
- 4) To discuss among the participants on issues and measures for a resilient state and society, and draft policy recommendations will be made.

(2) Expected Contents

This course consists of the following components.

- 1) Lecture and discussion: Japan's national development and the government that supported development
- 2) Lecture and Discussion: Prewar Industrial Policy and Postwar Economic Reconstruction, Postwar National Development Policy, and National Development Utilizing Local Regions
- 3) Lecture and Discussion: Public Administration that is Trusted by the People
- 4) Lecture, Discussion, and Field visit: Regional Development through Collaboration between Government and Residents
- 5) Presentations and discussions on issues and initiatives in each participating country related to resilient countries and societies, and Draft policy proposals

Eligibility and Procedures

1. Expectations to the Applying Organizations

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

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

【Remarks】

Gender: Each 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 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 a Central government administrator or regional autonomous government administrator (both mid-level management positions),
- 2) Experience in the Relevant Field: At least 10 years of work experience at the target organization,

- 3) Educational Background: be a graduate of university,
- 4) Language Proficiency: have a competent command of spoken and written English proficiency equivalent to TOEFL iBT 100 or above (This workshop includes active participation in discussions, which requires high competence in English. Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC etc, if possible),
- 5) Must not be serving any form of military service,
- 6) Health: must be in good health to participate in the program in Japan.

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

① Questionnaire (“QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS AND RESTRICTION”)

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

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

② Medical certificate

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

Applicable cases:

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

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

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) Recommended Qualifications

- 1) Age: between the ages of around thirty-five (35) and fifty (50) years
- 2) Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment : JICA seeks more female applicants due to the past records of fewer applications from women. JICA is committed to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, and provides equal opportunities for all applicants regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

3. Required Documents for Application

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

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

(2) **Photocopy of Passport** : You should submit it with the application form if you possess your passport which you will carry when entering Japan for this program. If not, you are requested to submit its photocopy as soon as you obtain it.

* The following information should be included in the photocopy:

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

* It is recommended that your passport be valid for more than 6 months after the

last day of the program.

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

4. Procedures for Application and Selection

(1) Submission of the Application Documents

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

(All required material must arrive at JICA Tokyo Center in Japan **by August 18, 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 Tokyo 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 **no later than September 8, 2026**.

5. 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 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 (3) of "3.Expenses", "Administrative Arrangements",
- (9) to return the total amount or a part of the expenditure for the KCCP depending on the severity of such violation, should the participants violate the laws and ordinances,
- (10) not to drive a car or motorbike, regardless of an international driving license possessed,
- (11) to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation,
- (12) to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in schedule. And
- (13) to promptly notify JICA in the case that there are any changes in the health status since the time of application (such as changes requiring medical attention due to illness or discovery of pregnancy).

Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

- (1) **Center:** JICA Tokyo Center (JICA TOKYO)
- (2) **Program Officer:** Ms. Mei OGINO (Ogino.Mei@jica.go.jp)
- (3) **Contact:** Industrial Development and Public Policy division
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* Please add the course number "202514914J001" to a subject of the e-mail.

2. Expenses

The following expenses in Japan will be provided by JICA

- (1) Allowances for meals, living expenses, and stopover.
- (2) Expenses for study tours (basically in the form of train tickets).
- (3) Medical care for participants who become ill after arriving in Japan (the costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment **are not included**).
- (4) Expenses for program implementation, including materials.
- (5) For more details, please see "III. ALLOWANCES" of the brochure for participants titled "KENSU-IN GUIDE BOOK," which will be given before departure for Japan.

*Link to the Website:

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

3. Pre-departure Orientation²

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-WlQSDjI
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 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>

4. Reference

PDF: KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK

For more detailed terms and conditions

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

Video: JICA Predeparture Briefing

For more information on life in Japan and KCCP

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw>

PDF: Facility Guide for JICA Tokyo Center

<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/domestic/tokyo/others/participants.html>

Other Information

1. E-mail address

JICA Tokyo Center will contact the participants by e-mail to send the materials and information after the notice of acceptance, therefore you should write down your e-mail address surely on the Application Form.

2. Participant's Report

Inception Report is to be submitted before arrival. **Please refer to "ANNEX I: Guidance for Inception Report" for its format, contents and submission date.**

Please understand that Inception Report and Final Report that participants will develop before arrival and during this course respectively will be shared, prior to the presentations, with the relevant members of this course, such as other participants, instructors, lecturers and JICA officers in order to make the presentation and discussions more productive by a better understanding of each country.

If you have any particular concerns, kindly inform us when you submit your report.

3. Laptop Computer

The participants are required to bring a laptop computer by themselves when coming to Japan, as it will be needed throughout the course, including for exercises and presentations.

Annex I

Guidance for Inception Report

All participants are required to submit the inception report in advance and carry out the presentation **on the 1st day of the program.**

The deadline of the submission is **CoB at your location time on 7th October, 2026.**

The report should be typewritten in English in format of Microsoft PowerPoint for effective presentation, and include the following points.

1. Name of participants
2. Country/Region
3. The present post/department and responsibility
4. Your involvement in JICA project, if any
5. Current Status
 - 1) Conflicts and Political Crisis
 - 2) Your organization's Structure and System
6. Description of Challenges in Building Resilient State and Society in Your Country/Region (on the above "Current Status 1) and 2)")
7. Factors and Root Causes (of the above "Challenges")
8. Countermeasures and Initiatives Taken so far by Your Organization (to solve the above "Challenges")
9. Necessary or Useful Information (to solve the above "Problems or Challenges")/Expectation to the program ◆◆

Annex II

Schedule (Tentative, Subject to changes)

Day		Time	Subject
Oct 13	Tue.		Arrive to Japan
Oct 14	Wed.	AM	Briefing Program Orientation
		PM	Inception Report Presentation
Oct 15	Thu.	AM	Inception Report Presentation [L] Lecture on Peace Building
		PM	[L] Public Administration Supported Japan's Nation Building and Development
Oct 16	Fri.	AM	[L] National Land Policy in Postwar Japan
		PM	[L] Post-war economic recovery and industrial policy [D] Review of Lectures part1
Oct 17	Sat.		(Day off)
Oct 18	Sun.		Move to Hiroshima Prefecture
Oct 19	Mon.	AM	[L] Hiroshima Peace Study
		PM	[D] Postwar Reconstruction of Hiroshima
Oct 20	Tue.	AM	[T] Peace Study at Elementary School in Hiroshima
		PM	[D] Review of Visits in Hiroshima
Oct 21	Wed.	AM	[L] Building a Nation Based on Rural Areas
		PM	[L] Post-war regional revitalization policy [D] Review of Lectures part2
Oct 22	Thu.	AM	[L] Reconstruction of Tohoku Area
		PM	Move to Ishinomaki City
Oct 23	Fri.	AM	Courtesy visit to the Deputy Mayor of Ishinomaki City [L] Lecture by Ichinomaki City Hall
		PM	[L] Reconstruction of the town in the center of Ishinomaki City after the Great East Japan Earthquake
Oct 24	Sat.		Return to Tokyo

Oct 25	Sun.		(Day off)
Oct 26	Mon.	AM	[L] Building Public Trust: National Government Viewpoint
		PM	[T] Courtesy visit to the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
Oct 27	Tue.	AM	[D] Wrap-Up Discussion
		PM	Preparation of Final Report
Oct 28	Wed.	AM	Final Report Presentation
		PM	Evaluation Session Closing Ceremony
Oct 29	Thu.		Return to Home Country

[L]: Lecture [T]: Technical Visit [D]: Discussion

For Your Reference

JICA and Capacity Development

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

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

The Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus) has long occupied an important place in JICA operations. About 400 pre-organized courses cover a wide range of professional fields, ranging from education, health, infrastructure, energy, trade and finance, to agriculture, rural development, gender mainstreaming, and environmental protection. A variety of programs is being customized by the different target organizations to address the specific needs, such as policy-making organizations, service provision organizations, as well as research and academic institutions. Some programs are organized to target a certain group of countries with similar developmental challenges.

Japanese Development Experience

Japan, as the first non-Western nation to become a developed country, built itself into a country that is free, peaceful, prosperous and democratic while preserving its tradition. Japan will serve as one of the best examples for our partner countries to follow in their own development.

From engineering technology to production management methods, most of the know-how that has enabled Japan to become what it is today has emanated from a process of adoption and adaptation, of course, has been accompanied by countless failures and errors behind the success stories.

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

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

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



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