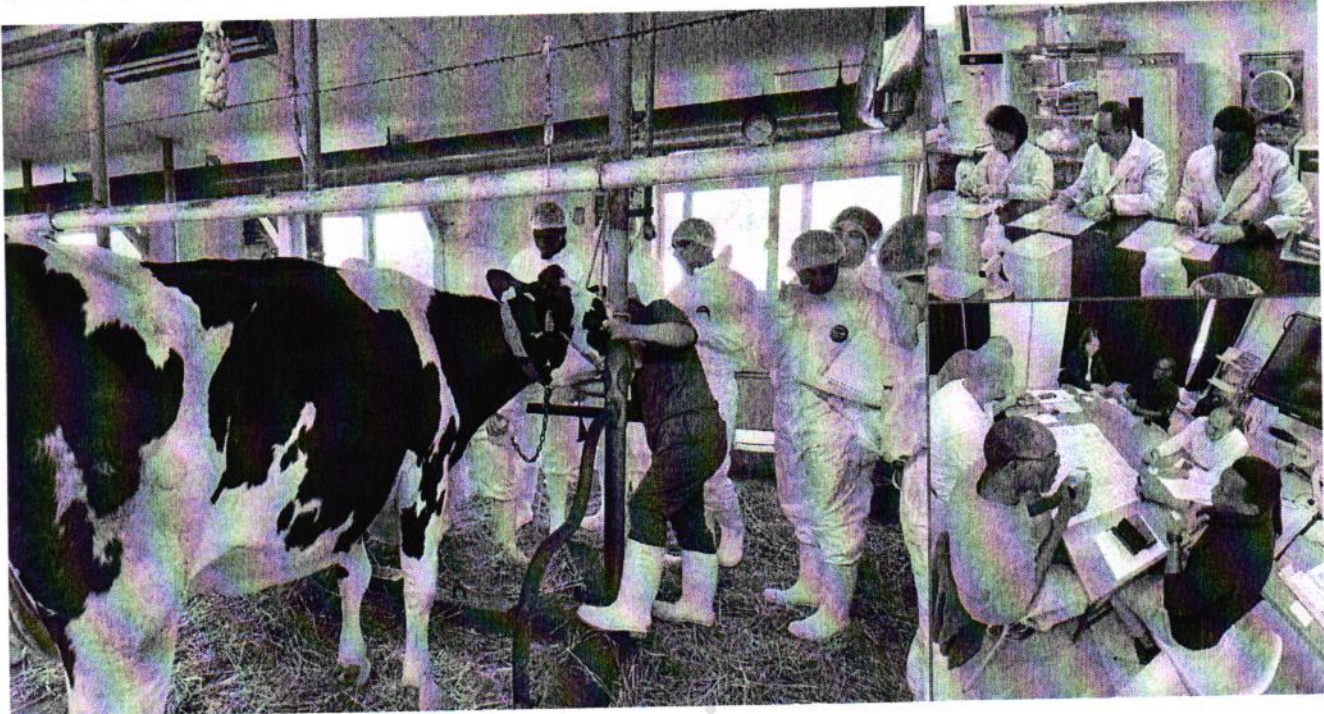




Online and Face-to-Face (in Japan)

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

Upgrading Practical Skills for Veterinary Officers in Livestock Health Services



Course Number: 202515068J001

Course Period:

Pre Online-Program*: From June 22 to July 21, 2026 (tentative)
*with a few live sessions and some self-study

Main Program in Japan : From July 22 to August 19, 2026

Follow up Online-Program: Once in JFY2027 (tentative)



NOTE: Adobe Acrobat Reader DC and Google Chrome are recommended as PDF viewer. JAWS and NVDA are recommended as screen reader.

NOTE: If there are any difficulties in reading this document, please contact JICA Office in your country or JICA Center in Japan.

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

家畜感染症対策のための獣医官のスキルアップ

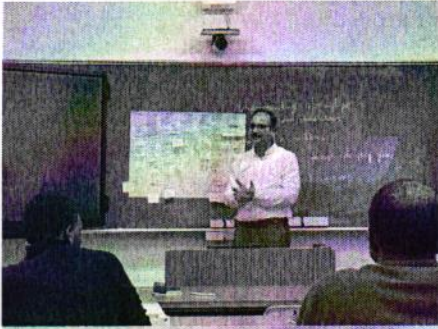


How do we strengthen the frontline animal health services?

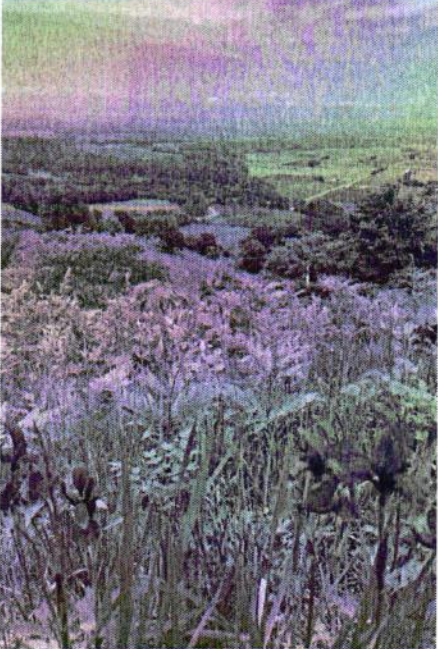
Learn practical techniques and concepts of clinical diagnosis, initial response, and prevention of livestock diseases from the experiences in Japan.



Outline



This program aims to strengthen the frontline animal health services by offering an opportunity to learn practical techniques and concepts of diagnosis, initial response, and prevention of livestock diseases.



The sessions will be held online and face to face including self-study and discussion with conference.



All sessions are carried out in English.

The period of the program is following,

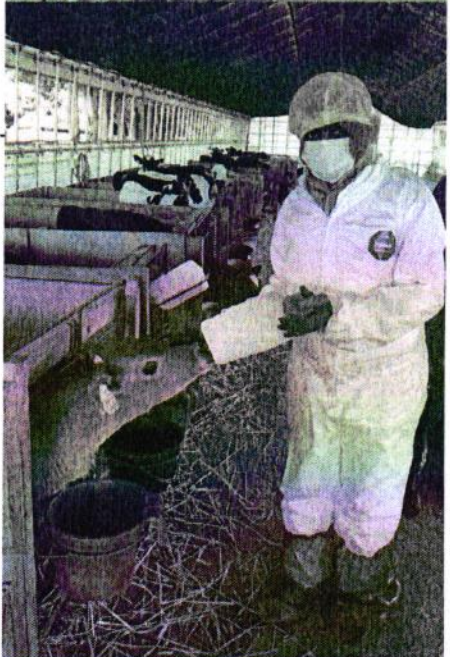
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Course Capacity:
8 participants



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?

Goal

Animal health services in the participating countries are improved to prevent and control animal diseases which threaten food security, food safety, and farmers' livelihoods.

Background

Around 20 percent of livestock production is lost due to animal diseases every year, leading to an estimated annual economic loss of about US\$ 300 billion. Veterinary authorities, therefore, need to strengthen their capacity with functioning frontline animal health services in different levels.

Objectives

Participants learn practical techniques and concepts of clinical diagnosis, initial response, and prevention of livestock diseases in the field and create concrete Action Plan in order to incorporate the animal health policies of each country into the field-level veterinary services.

To Whom?

Job Areas and Organizations

This program is designed for veterinary officers and veterinarians from state/district veterinary offices, governmental organizations involved in veterinary services, veterinary associations, and veterinary universities.

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

Targeted Countries

Argentina, Burundi, Eritrea, Mongolia, Pakistan, Samoa, Senegal, Tajikistan

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



When?

Online Program Period



- Pre-Online Program
From June 22 to July 21, 2026
(tentative)
- Follow up Online Program
Once in JFY2027 (tentative)

Face-to-Face Program

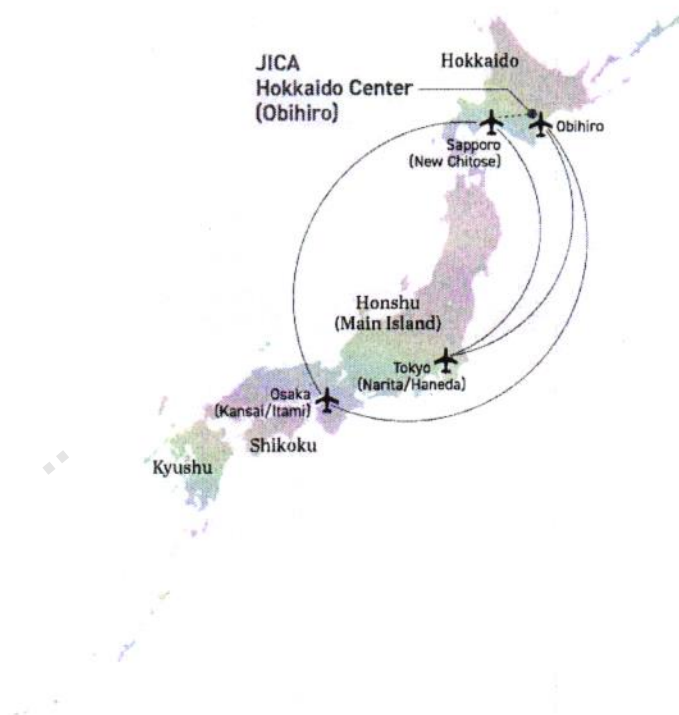


From July 22 to August 19, 2026

Where?

Organization

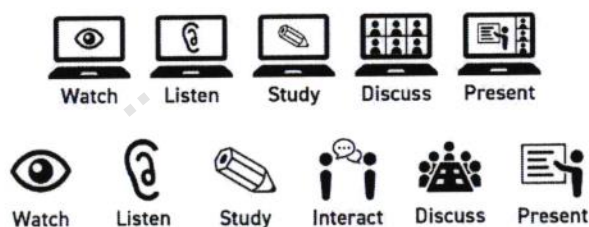
This course is carried out online and face to face, organized by JICA Hokkaido Center (Obihiro). You will receive essential materials for your self-study at your office or home.



How?

How to Learn

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



Language

English

Commitment to the SDGs



Program Structure (tentative)

Preliminary Phase

To formulate and submit Inception Report.

- Outlining the animal health service and its challenges in the participating countries

Pre-online program and Main program in Japan

To understand the necessary mechanisms and techniques for animal health services

- (1) Techniques for clinical diagnosis and farm hygiene management
- (2) Basic veterinary epidemiological knowledge for infectious disease control at community and state/district level.
- (3) Cooperative networking with laboratories



To create Action Plan to improve animal health services

- (4) Identification of the bottlenecks in the improvement of animal health services of the participating countries and create Action Plan for solution of the problems by making use of knowledge gained in this course

Follow up online program

To share the progress of the Action Plan

- Current situation, results and challenges
- Way forward

Management Members (Others to be confirmed)

Instructors

Course Leader

Dr. ASAKURA Shingo (DVM, PhD)

April, 2025~ Lecturer of Veterinary Epidemiology, Division of Preventive Medicine, Department of Veterinary Medicine, School of Veterinary Medicine

~March, 2025 Hokkaido Research Organization
Chief, Livestock Hygiene Group, Animal Research Center



Coordinator

Ms. OTSUKA Hisae

Coordinator of KCCP

She has extensive experience in coordinating the Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP), and has been the Coordinator for many courses.



Program Officer


Ms. HASHIMOTO Ami

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
Hokkaido Center (Obihiro)



Voice

Past Program Alumni Comments

 Ms. FLEITAS ROVIRA Mara Christy
Paraguay

I am a veterinarian and mom from Paraguay. I encourage participants to take part in this opportunity to expand their knowledge about how to improve animal health and productivity in farms, while also living enriching experiences with friends from different cultures and backgrounds from lovely Japan and worldwide



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.
- (3) As this program is designed to facilitate organizations to come up with



concrete solutions for their issues, participating organizations are expected to make due preparation by carrying out the activities of the online program period.

- (4) Participating organizations are also expected to support in finalizing and implementing the Action Plan suggested by the participants of this Program.

2. Nominee Qualifications

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

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

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

(1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) Current Duties: Veterinary officers or professionals who are working in the eligible organizations mentioned above on animal health services and/or continuing education of frontline veterinary and para-veterinary practitioners
- 2) Experience in the Relevant Field: have more than 3 years' experience in the related field
- 3) Language Proficiency: Sufficient conversation, reading and writing skills of English
- 4) Technical Requirements :
 - a Technology Proficiency
 - Basic computer skills such as, sending/receiving email with attachments, and using a web browser.
 - Ability to use Microsoft Excel for basic data entry and simple operations.



- Online course is delivered using the following services, Web Conferences (Zoom, Teams), Cloud Storage (GIGAPOD), and YouTube. Online tutorial and support by JICA will be limited. The ability to be self-directed in learning new technology skills are required.

b Internet Connection

- High Speed Broadband Connection (at least 2Mbps).

*Internet access charge incurred for this course shall be borne by your organization.

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.

*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.

6) Expected requirements* specific for the online course:

- a. Hardware: PC or tablet with speaker/microphone and web camera
- b. Software: Zoom, YouTube, GIGAPOD, Google Chrome/ Microsoft Edge/ Internet Explorer, Microsoft Excel/ Word/ PowerPoint, PDF, E-mail.
- c. Internet Connection: speed enough to use as shown in “b. Software” above.

*If your internet connection is slow or unstable, please make a contact to the local JICA office to get an assistance for preparation of the learning environment. However, please note that the JICA office may not be able to assist with all requirements.

(2) Recommended Qualifications

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



3. Required Documents for Application

- (1) **Application Form:** The Application Form is available at the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan)
 - * If you have any difficulties/disabilities which require assistance, please specify necessary assistances in the QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS RESTRICTION (1-(c)) of the application form. Information will be reviewed and used for reasonable accommodation.
 - (2) **Photocopy of Passport:** You should submit it with the application form if you possess your passport which you will carry when entering Japan for this program. If not, you are requested to submit its photocopy as soon as you obtain it.
 - *The following information should be included in the photocopy:
Name, Date of Birth, Nationality, Sex, Passport Number and Expiry Date
 - *It is recommended that your passport be valid for more than 6 months after the last day of the program.
 - (3) **Nominee's English Score Sheet:** If you have any official score sheets of English language proficiency test, e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, submit them by attaching with the application form.
 - *In case the applicants do not submit any official result of English tests, our office may verify the participant's English language proficiency in an interview or equivalent.
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4. Procedures for Application and Selection

(1) Submission of the Application Documents

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

(All required material must arrive at JICA Center in Japan by **May 6, 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 May 20, 2026.**

5. Additional Document to Be Submitted by Accepted Applicants

Accepted applicants are required to prepare an Inception Report before the Program starts. The instruction and form of the Inception Report will be provided once the applicants are accepted.

6. Conditions for Participation

The participants of KCCP are required

- (1) to strictly observe the course schedule,
- (2) not to change the air ticket (and flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging by the participants themselves,
- (3) to understand that leaving Japan during the course period (to return to home country, etc.) is not allowed (except for programs longer than one year),
- (4) not to bring or invite any family members (except for programs longer than one year),
- (5) to carry out such instructions and abide by such conditions as may be stipulated by both the nominating Government and the Japanese Government in respect of the course,
- (6) to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners to provide the program or establishments,
- (7) not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
- (8) to discontinue the program, should the participants violate Japanese laws or JICA's regulations, or the participants commit illegal or any type of immoral conduct including sexual harassment, or get critical illness or serious injury and be considered unable to continue the course. The participants shall be responsible for paying any cost for treatment of the said health conditions except for the medical care stipulated in (3) of "3.Expenses",



“Administrative Arrangements”,

- (9) to return the total amount or a part of the expenditure for the KCCP depending on the severity of such violation, should the participants violate the laws and ordinances,
- (10) not to drive a car or motorbike, regardless of an international driving license possessed,
- (11) to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation, and
- (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).
- (14) to respect copyright and portrait rights. To refrain from recording and sharing the video material, audio material, text, images, graphics and other content available during the program except for cases with specific permission, and
- (15) to record lectures and discussions are prohibited.



Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

- (1) Center: JICA Hokkaido Center (Obihiro) (JICA Obihiro)
 - (2) Program Officer: Ms. HASHIMOTO Ami (mailto:obic_kccp@jica.go.jp)
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2. Implementing Partner

- (1) Name: Tokachi International Association (TIA)
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3. Expenses

The following expenses in Japan will be provided by JICA

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

*Link to the Website:

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

4. 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.
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5. Accommodation in Japan

Basically, JICA will arrange accommodation(s) for participants in Japan.

JICA Hokkaido Center (Obihiro) (JICA Obihiro)
Address: 1-2, Minami 6, Nishi 20, Obihiro-city, Hokkaido, 080-2470, Japan
TEL: +81-155-35-2001 FAX: +81-155-35-2213
(where "81" is the country code for Japan, and "155" is the local area code)

If there is no vacancy at JICA Obihiro, or when conducting program outside Obihiro region, JICA will arrange alternative accommodations for the participants.

6. Pre-departure Orientation

A pre-departure orientation will be held at JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) in respective country, 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
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Hokkaido (Obihiro)	https://www.jica.go.jp/obihiro/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>



Introduction of Animal Agriculture	
History and Current Status of Dairy Farming in Japan	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2qldQb383g
History and Current Status of Beef Cattle Farming in Japan	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yh7MRqM_vT4
Outline of Animal Health Services in Japan	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jG0Em6hi1fU
Extension and Animal Health Services on Livestock farms	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5w4WkTTnCaM

7. Reference

KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK

For more detailed terms and conditions

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

Website: JICA

English/French/Spanish/Russian

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

Website: Facility Guide for JICA Hokkaido Center (Obihiro)

English

<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/domestic/obihiro/index.html>

Video: Welcome to JICA Hokkaido

Introduction of JICA Hokkaido (Obihiro)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LhgxHV1jyKY>



JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

Upgrading Practical Skills for Veterinary Officers in Livestock Health Services

Course No. 202515068J001

Other Information

1. Certificate

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

2. For your health

It is advisable for participants to bring the household medicine. Especially in case you have or have had malaria, you are requested to bring the medicine for malaria with you because it is quite difficult to obtain it in Japan. And you are kindly requested to contact the JICA center in advance, if you have the restriction of food for any reasons (illness or religion, etc.).

3. Electronic Devices

Participants are strongly recommended to bring your own laptop computer, USB flash memory, and suitable conversion plug for Japanese one. During the program, participants are required to work on the computers to create lesson plans, reports, action plan, and so on. Most of accommodations have internet access.

4. Ceremony







The program includes some ceremonies, for which it is recommended to bring appropriate clothes.

* Please bring traditional clothing, if possible.



5. Climate

The climate condition (air temperature, pressure, wind speed, and humidity) in Obihiro is given below. Participants are advised to prepare appropriate clothes.

JULY		AUGUST	
Day	Night	Day	Night
+29°	+20°	+26°	+20°
 753 mmHg		 753 mmHg	
 1.6 m/s		 1.6 m/s	
 77 %		 82 %	

World Weather <https://world-weather.info/forecast/japan/obihiro/2025/>

Japan Meteorological Agency

https://www.data.jma.go.jp/stats/etrn/view/monthly_s3_en.php?block_no=47417&view=1

6. Items to be lent to participants by JICA

JICA provides participants with the following necessary items during the program period;

- 1) rain jackets & trousers
- 2) work jackets & trousers
- 3) rubber boots

*Therefore, participants don't need to take own items above.

7. Currency Exchange

Participants are advised to exchange local currency to Japanese currency on your arrival at Narita (or Haneda) Airport if it is needed, since there is not enough time for currency exchange during program.



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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