



Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus)

GENERAL INFORMATION ON

ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

課題別研修「気候変動への適応」

JFY 2018

NO. J18-04079 / ID. 1884816

Course Period in Japan: From September 24th, 2018 to October 13th, 2018

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

‘JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)’ as a New Start

In the Development Cooperation Charter which was released from the Japanese Cabinet on February 2015, it is clearly pointed out 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 center of mutual learning process.

I. Concept

Background

Climate Change and its effects have already become visible all over the world and the importance of measures on adaptation to Climate Change is mentioned at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Especially in developing countries, it is urgent and vital task to consider adaptation measures based on regional and sectoral impact assessments and vulnerability assessments of respective countries.

The Paris Agreement, which came into effect in November 2016, established global goals on adaptation to enhance adaptive capacity, strengthen resilience, and reduce vulnerability to climate change. Considering this new international framework and global goals, JICA has set climate policy and institutional development in developing countries as one of primary issues on Climate Change Cooperation Strategy. This Knowledge Co-Creation Program aims at supporting policy and institutional improvement in respective countries.

For what?

This program aims to consider and to elaborate Action Plans to strengthen policy-making/implementation system of adaptation to Climate Change based on impact assessments and vulnerability assessments in participants' respective organizations.

For whom?

This program is offered to an officer in charge of planning and implementation of adaptation to Climate Change in a national or local governmental office. (Preferably an officer in national focal point to the UNFCCC, who is in charge of coordination of adaptation issues in respective countries, or an officer in charge of policy making on adaptation to Climate Change)

How?

Participants shall have opportunities in Japan to learn and identify approaches and strategies to strengthen their adaptive capacity for achieving sustainable development in respective countries especially focusing on international framework and policy making. Participants will formulate an Action Plan describing what participants will do after they go back to their home countries putting the knowledge and ideas acquired and discussed in Japan.

II. Description

1. Title (J-No.): Adaptation to Climate Change (J18-04079)

2. Course Period in JAPAN

Duration of whole program: August to October, 2018

Preliminary Phase: August to September, 2018

Core Phase in Japan: September 24 to October 13, 2018

3. Target Regions or Countries

Micronesia, Pakistan, Peru, Belize, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Dominican Republic,

4. Eligible / Target Organization

This program is designed for a national or local governmental office which is in charge of policy making and implementation of adaptation to Climate Change in respective countries.

5. Course Capacity (Upper limit of Participants)

15 participants

6. Language to be used in this program: English

7. Course Objective:

The program aims at strengthening participant's own capabilities to make draft plans to formulate or improve policies/measures on adaptation to climate change in participants' organizations.

8. Overall Goal

The policies/measures on adaptation to Climate Change including regional and sectoral strategy will be settled on or improved in participants' countries.

9. Expected Module Output and Contents:

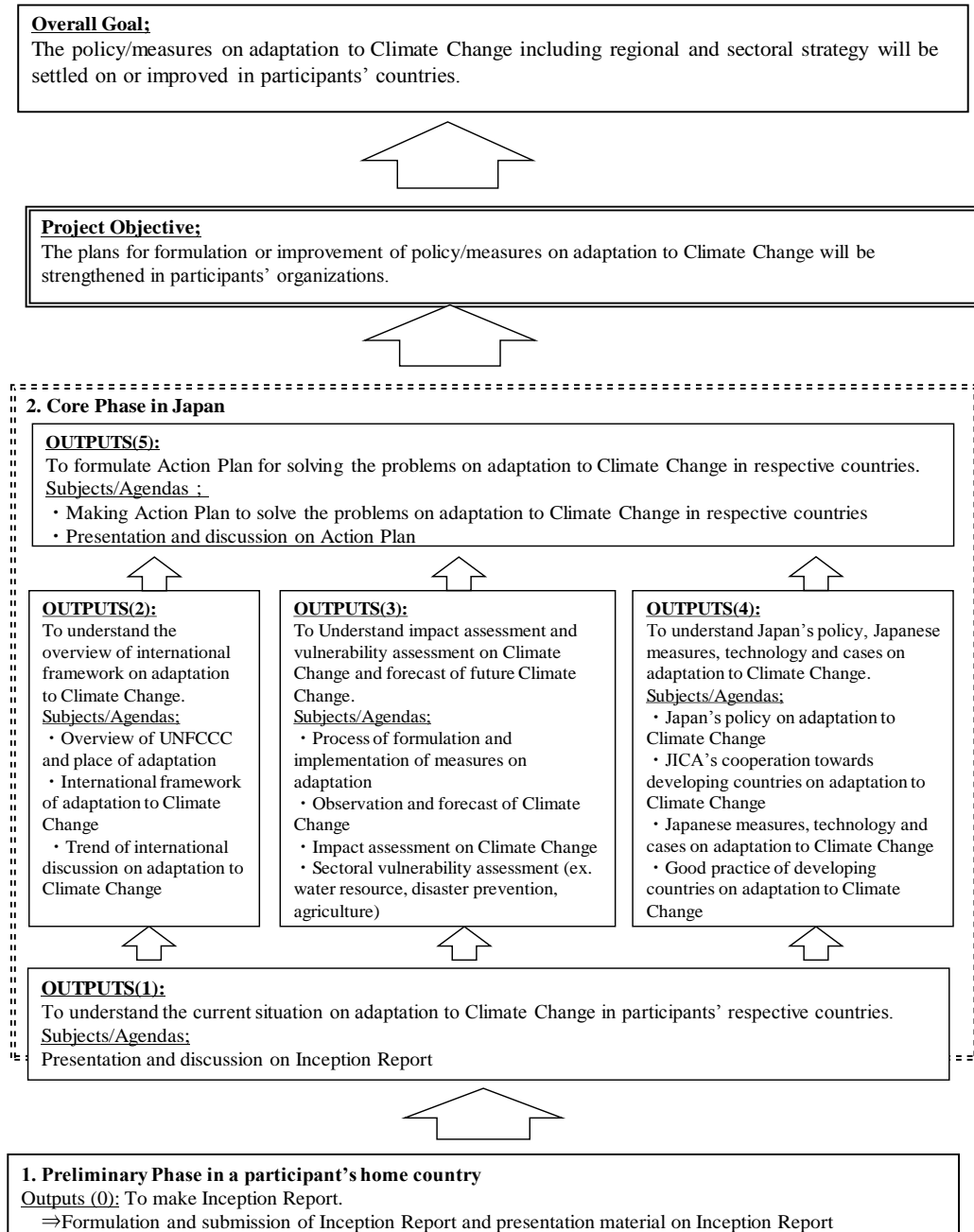
This program consists of the following components.

Details on each component are given below;

(1) Preliminary Phase in a participant's home country (August 2018 to September, 2018) <i>Participating organizations make required preparation for the Program in the respective country.</i>	
Expected Module Output	Activities
To make Inception Report.	Formulation and submission of Inception Report and presentation material on Inception Report

(2) Core Phase in Japan (September 24 to October 13, 2018) <i>Participants dispatched by the organizations attend the Program implemented in Japan.</i>		
Expected Module Output	Subjects/Agendas	Methodology
(1) To understand the current situation on adaptation to Climate Change in participants' respective countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation and discussion on Inception Report 	Presentation and Discussion
(2) To understand the overview of international framework on adaptation to Climate Change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview of UNFCCC and place of adaptation ● International framework of adaptation to Climate Change ● Trend of international discussion on adaptation to Climate Change 	Lecture and Discussion
(3) To Understand impact assessment and vulnerability assessment on Climate Change and forecast of future Climate Change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Process of formulation and implementation of measures on adaptation ● Observation and forecast of Climate Change ● Impact assessment on Climate Change ● Sectoral vulnerability assessment (ex. water resource, disaster prevention, agriculture) 	Lecture, Observation, Exercise, and Site Visit
(4) To understand Japan's policy, Japanese measures, technology and cases on adaptation to Climate Change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Japan's policy on adaptation to Climate Change ● JICA's cooperation towards developing countries on adaptation to Climate Change ● Japanese measures, technology and cases on adaptation to Climate Change ● Good practice of developing countries on adaptation to Climate Change 	Lecture and Site Visit
(5) To formulate Action Plan for solving the problems on adaptation to Climate Change in respective countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Making Action Plan to solve the problems on adaptation to Climate Change in respective countries ● Presentation and discussion on Action Plan 	Lecture, Workshop, Consultation, Presentation and Discussion

【Structure of the Program】



III. Conditions and Procedures for Application

1. Expectations from the Participating 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 project 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 project 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 before dispatching their participants to Japan by carrying out the activities of the Preliminary Phase described in section II -8.
- (4) Participating organizations are also expected to make the best use of the results achieved by their participants in Japan by carrying out the activities of the Finalization Phase described in section II -8.

2. Nominee Qualifications:

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

(1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) Current Duties: be an officer in charge of planning and implementation of adaptation to Climate Change in national or local governmental office.
(Preferably be an officer in national focal point of UNFCCC, who is in charge of coordination of adaptation issues in respective countries, or an officer in charge of policy making on adaptation to Climate Change)
- 2) Experience in the relevant field: have more than 3 years' experience.
- 3) Educational Background: be university graduates or have an equivalent academic background.
- 4) Language: have a competent command of spoken and written English which is equal to TOEFL CBT 173 or more (This training program includes active participation in discussions and development of Action Plan, thus requires high competence of English ability both in conversation and composition. Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC etc, if possible)
- 5) Computer skill: be proficient in MS Word, Excel and Power Point.
- 6) Health: must be in good health, both physically and mentally, to participate in the Program in Japan. Pregnant applicants are not recommended to apply due to the potential risk of health and life issues of mother and fetus.

7) Age: between the ages of twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) years

3. Required Documents for Application

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

(2) Photocopy of passport: to be submitted 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.

*Photocopy should include the followings:

Name, Date of birth, Nationality, Sex, Passport number and Expire date.

(3) Nominee's English Score Sheet: to be submitted with the application form. If you have any official documentation of English ability. (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS) , please attach it (or a copy) to the application form.

(4) Inception Report: Applicants should prepare Inception Report according to ANNEX and submit it with the Application Form. The Application Form without the proposals will be rejected.

4. Procedures for Application and Selection :

(1) Submission of the Application Documents:

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

(After receiving applications, the JICA office (or the Embassy of Japan) will send them to **the JICA Center in JAPAN** by **July 20, 2018**)

(2) Selection:

After receiving the document(s) through due administrative procedures in the respective government, the respective countries' JICA office (or Japanese Embassy) shall conduct screenings, and send the documents to JICA Center in charge in Japan, which organizes this project. Selection shall be made by JICA Center in consultation with the organizations concerned in Japan based on submitted documents according to qualifications.

The organization with intention to utilize the opportunity of this program will be highly valued in the selection. Qualifications of applicants who belong to the military or other military-related organizations and/or who are enlisted in the military will be examined by the Government of Japan on a case-by-case basis, consistent with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan, taking into consideration their duties, positions in the organization, and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner.

(3) Notice of Acceptance

Notification of results will be made by the JICA office (or the Embassy of Japan) **not later than August 17, 2017**.

5. Document(s) to be submitted by accepted candidates:

Before coming to Japan, only accepted participants are required to prepare the following materials;

Presentation material on Inception Report:

Participants will be requested to make a presentation (within 20 minutes) and discuss on their Inception Report in group discussion session at the beginning of the training program. Only accepted participants are requested to improve the contents of Inception Report. And they are requested to submit the presentation material not later than **September 10, 2018**, preferably by e-mail to the respective country's JICA Office and JICA Tsukuba (tbicttp@jica.go.jp).

6. Conditions for Attendance:

- (1) to strictly adhere to the program schedule.
- (2) not to change the program topics.
- (3) not to extend the period of stay in Japan.
- (4) not to be accompanied by family members during the program.
- (5) to return to home countries at the end of the program in accordance with the travel schedule designated by JICA.
- (6) to refrain from engaging in any political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain.
- (7) to observe Japanese laws and ordinances. If there is any violation of said laws and ordinances, participants may be required to return part or all of the training expenditure depending on the severity of said violation.
- (8) to observe the rules and regulations of the accommodation and not to change the accommodation designated by JICA.

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer:

(1) **Name:** JICA Tsukuba

(2) **Contact:** Mr. YAMABE Tomohiro (tbictp@jica.go.jp)

2. Implementing Partner:

Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC)

3. Travel to Japan:

(1) **Air Ticket:** The cost of a round-trip ticket between an international airport designated by JICA and Japan will be borne by JICA.

(2) **Travel Insurance:** Coverage is from time of arrival up to departure in Japan. Thus traveling time outside Japan will not be covered.

4. Accommodation in Japan:

JICA will arrange the following accommodations for the participants in Japan:

JICA Tsukuba International Center (JICA TSUKUBA)

Address: 3-6 Koyadai, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-0074, Japan

TEL: +81-29-838-1111, FAX: +81-29-838-1776

(where “81” is the country code for Japan, and “29” is the local area code)

If there is no vacancy at JICA TSUKUBA, JICA will arrange alternative accommodations for the participants. Please refer to facility guide of TBIC at its URL, http://www.jica.go.jp/english/contact/domestic/pdf/tsukuba_facility.pdf

5. Expenses:

The following expenses will be provided for the participants by JICA:

(1) Allowances for accommodation, meals, living expenses, outfit, and shipping

(2) Expenses for study tours (basically in the form of train tickets.)

(3) Free medical care for participants who become ill after arriving in Japan (costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment are not included)

(4) Expenses for program implementation, including materials

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.

6. Pre-departure Orientation:

A pre-departure orientation will be held at the respective country’s JICA office (or Japanese Embassy), to provide participants with details on travel to Japan, conditions of the workshop, and other matters.

V. Other Information

1. Computer:

Participants are strongly advised to bring own laptops to prepare Action Plan.
Since this program does not provide any laptop computer for the participants.

2. Latest Data for Adaptation to Climate Change issue your country:

Participants are recommended to bring the latest relevant data concerning Climate Change of your country in your laptop for discussion and preparation of Action Plan.

3. Clothes and belongings:

Participants have lots of opportunities to get on the trains and buses to visit relevant organizations in Japan, so please bring some clothes which are comfortable to walk as well as small bags to carry with you.

4. Weather condition in Tsukuba city (Data: Japan Meteorological Agency)

	October
Temperature:	16.0°C(20.9-11.3)
Humidity:	80%
Precipitation:	136.5mm

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ANNEX I: Inception Report

(To be submitted with the Application Form)

All of the applicants are required to prepare Inception Report on the following issues and submit it to JICA as an attachment of application by **July 20, 2018.** Inception Report should be typewritten in English on A4 size paper (21 cm x 29.5 cm) in single spacing at maximum of 10 pages.

【Cover】

**Inception Report
JICA Group Training Course on
“Adaptation to Climate Change”**

Name: _____

Country: _____

Organization: _____

Position: _____

【Contents】

Inception Report

< Main Body >

1. General information on your country:

(General information related to adaptation to Climate Change is requested, e.g. geographical status of your country, weather conditions, social and economic conditions, population, emission of greenhouse gases, most vulnerable sectors to Climate Change, with particular attention to energy consumption pattern, industrial structure and forest status.)

2. Name of the organization and organization chart:

- Brief description of your organization
- Role of your organization to cope with Climate Change, including activities relevant to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- Your position and duty in your organization
- Brief description of your working experience

3. Existing laws and regulations relevant to Climate Change:

(e.g. Natural Environment Preservation Law, Energy Conservation Law, specific law to cope with Climate Change)

* Please describe the current situation of existing laws and regulations relevant to Climate Change as well as listing them.

4. Current situation on adaptation to Climate Change in your country:

- Essential points of national policies and plan on adaptation as described in the National Communication to the UNFCCC as well as the National Adaptation Programs of Action (NAPA). Please include key points of NAPA, if your country has already made it.
- Major results of vulnerability assessment and predicted Climate Change impacts in your country.
- Responsible organizations on adaptation and their capacity.
(e.g. observation, impact and vulnerable assessment, policymaking and implementation.)
- Planned and implemented concrete activities on adaptation taken in your country.
- International cooperation from donor agencies in the field of adaptation.
- Barriers and challenges (what are most needed to implement adaptation appropriately?)

5. Find out major constraints (institutional, technical, financial or legislative) on coping with adaptation to Climate Change and analyze them.

6. Possible and feasible measures to be taken to overcome above-mentioned constraints.

➤ **Remarks:**

Only accepted applicants are required to prepare the presentation material of Inception Report based on the one submitted with the Application Form. The deadline is **September 10, 2018.**

The presentation material should be made by **PowerPoint at maximum of 20 slides.** Participants are requested to make a presentation of Inception Report within 20 minutes per person at the beginning of the training course in Japan.

ANNEX II: Sample Schedule (JFY 2017)

Training Program for “Adaptation to Climate Change”(Oct.15-Nov.11, 2017)

Date	Time		Module		Lecture/ Subject, Lecturer					Accommodation
						From	Via	Time	To	
16-Oct	10:00	~ 12:00		Lec	Briefing Session	JICA	Hotel			JICA Tokyo
	13:30	~ 15:30		Lec	Program Orientation	General Manager, OECC	JICA Tokyo		17:00	Hotel
17-Oct	9:45	~ 12:15	1	Presen	Inception Report Presentation	General Manager, OECC Senior Researcher, OECC	Hotel	Hatagaya		JICA Ichigaya
	13:30	~ 16:00	1				JICA Ichigaya			Hotel
18-Oct	9:45	~ 12:15	2	Lec	JICA's Cooperation in Climate Change Adaptation	Director, Office for Climate Change, JICA	Hotel	Hatagaya		JICA Ichigaya
	13:30	~ 16:00	2	Lec	Activities & Business Introduction of METI (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry), and Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities Co., Ltd.	Assistant Director, Global Environment Partnership Office, Industrial Science and Technology Policy and Environment Bureau, METI Senior Consultant, Clean Energy Finance Division, Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities Co., Ltd.	JICA Ichigaya		17:00	Hotel
19-Oct	9:45	~ 12:15	5	Wshop	PCM(Project Cycle Management) I	Consultant, IC Net Limited	Hotel	Hatagaya		JICA Ichigaya
	13:30	~ 16:00	5	Wshop			JICA Ichigaya		17:00	Hotel
20-Oct	9:45	~ 12:15	5	Wshop	PCM(Project Cycle Management) II	Consultant, IC Net Limited	Hotel	Hatagaya		JICA Ichigaya
	13:30	~ 16:00	5	Wshop			JICA Ichigaya		17:00	Hotel
21-Oct	~									Sakura Hotel
22-Oct	~									Sakura Hotel
23-Oct	9:45	~ 12:15	2	Lec	Outline of Adaptation to Climate Change / IPCC / UNFCCC, Paris Protocol and International Negotiation Process	United Nations Univ.	Hotel			JICA Tokyo Sr. C
	13:30	~ 16:00	2	Lec	Guidance for formulation of NAP①②	General Manager, OECC	JICA Tokyo		16:30	Hotel
24-Oct	9:45	~ 12:15	2	Lec	Guidance for formulation of NAP③④	General Manager, OECC	Hotel			SR. 101
	13:30	~ 16:00	2	Lec	Guidance for formulation of NAP⑤ /Guidance for Action Plan Writing		JICA Tokyo		16:30	Hotel
	16:00	~	2		Return flight meeting		JICA Tokyo		16:30	Hotel
25-Oct	10:00	~ 12:00	3	Lec	Climate Change Predictions / Earth Simulator Tour	Department of Integrated Climate Change Projection Research - Director, Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC)	Hotel			JAMSTEC
	13:30	~ 15:30	4	Visit	Visit Kawasaki Eco-Gurashi Mirai-kan	Kawasaki Eco-Gurashi Mirai-kan	JAMSTEC	Mirai-kan	16:30	Hotel
26-Oct	9:45	~ 12:15	4	Lec	Climate Change Adaptation Policies in Japan	Climate Change Adaptation Office, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of Environment	Hotel			SR. 101
	13:30	~ 16:00	5	Wshop	Action Plan Guidance and Preparation①	Senior Researcher, OECC	JICA Tokyo		16:30	Hotel
27-Oct	9:45	~ 12:15	4	Lec	Climate Change Fund (International Fund)	Senior Researcher, OECC	Hotel	Hatagaya		JICA Ichigaya
	13:30	~ 16:00	3	Lec	Good Practice of Climate Change Adaptation in developing countries	Executive Vice President, Director, Green Pacific Co., Ltd. President, Green Pacific Co., Ltd.	JICA Ichigaya		17:00	Hotel
28-Oct	~									Sakura Hotel
29-Oct	~				* Send your carry case to JICA Tsukuba by delivery service					Sakura Hotel
30-Oct	Check out				Transfer (Tokyo→Tsu City, Mie Prefecture)		Hotel	Hatagaya		Tokyo
	14:30	~ 16:00	4	Lec	Mie's Cooperation in Climate Change Adaptation	Assistant Director, Global Warming Prevention Division, Department of Environmental and Social Affairs, Mie Prefectural Government	Tokyo Nagoya		12:31 13:44	Nagoya Tsu
	16:00	~ 16:30		Visit	Courtesy Call	Vice Governor of Mie Prefecture	Castle		14:20	Office
31-Oct	10:00	~ 12:30	4	Lec	History and Demining of the Yokkaich Pollution	Chief Project Officer, Project Management Division Global Environment Department, International Center for Environmental Technology Transfer	ICET	Nagoya Shin-Yokohama	17:00	Yokohama Camelot Japan
	~				Transfer (Tsu City, Mie Prefecture →Yokohama City)		Yokohama		17:00	Hotel

*Check out Baggage down	9:45	~	12:15	4	Lec	Climate Change Fund (Climate Change Insurance)	Commercial Risk Solutions Department, Alternative Solutions Section, Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance Inc.	Hotel	Yokohama	9:40	JICA Yokohama	JICA Tsukuba
1-Nov	14:15	~	15:45	4	Visit	Visit Kanagawa Agricultural Technology Center	Production Environment Division / Soil Environment Reserch, Kanagawa Agricultural Technology Center	JICA Yokohama		14:10	Center	
		~				Transfer (Yokohama City→Tsukuba City)		Center	SA	18:15	JICA Tsukuba	
2-Nov	9:15	~	11:45	4	Lec	The Impacts of Climate Change and Adaptation Measures in the Region, Japan	Professor, Hosei Univ. (Institute for Sustainability Research)	LR. 1				JICA Tsukuba
	13:30	~	15:30		Wshop	Visit Japanese senior high school (Cultural Exchange program)	JICA	High School			JICA Tsukuba	
3-Nov		~				National Holiday (Culture Day)						
4-Nov												
5-Nov		~										
6-Nov	9:45	~	11:45	4	Lec	Adaptation Technology	CSR Office, General Affairs Division, Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.	LR. 1		11:45		JICA Tsukuba
	14:00	~	16:30	3	Lec	Environmental Impact Assessment of Climate Change and vulnerability of each sector (Disaster Prevention)	Professor, Faculty of Engineering, Ibaraki Univ.	LR. 1		16:30		
2017/11/7 *Deadline of Questionnaire	9:45	~	12:15	3	Lec	Evaluation of Climate Changes and Adaptation Measures	Associate Professor, Department of Urban Environment Graduate School of Environment Studies, Nagoya Univ.	TV room		12:15		
	13:30	~	16:00	3	Lec	Environmental Impact Assessment of Climate Change and vulnerability of each sector (Agriculture)	Division of Climate Change Senior Researcher, Institute for Agro-Environmental Sciences, NARO	LR. 1		16:00		
8-Nov	9:45	~	12:15	5	Wshop	Action Plan Guidance and Preparation①	Senior Researcher, OECC	LR. 1		12:05		
	13:30	~	16:00	2	Lec	SDGs and Adaptation	United Nations Univ.	LR. 1		16:00		
9-Nov	9:45	~	12:15	5	Pres en	Action Plan Presentation	Senior Researcher, OECC	LR. 1		12:15		
	13:30	~	16:00	5	Pres en		Consultant, IC Net Limited	LR. 1		16:00		
9-Nov	10:00	~	11:15			Evaluation Meeting	JICA, OECC	LR. 1		11:15		
	11:30	~	12:00			Closing Ceremony	Secretary General, OECC	Ceremony room		12:00		
	12:15	~	13:30			Lunch Party		Meeting room 1		13:30		

The program will be revised in response to the result of the training course in 2017.

For Your Reference

JICA and Capacity Development

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

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

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

Japanese Development Experience

Japan was the first non-Western country to successfully modernize its society and industrialize its economy. At the core of this process, which started more than 140 years ago, was the “*adopt and adapt*” concept by which a wide range of appropriate skills and knowledge have been imported from developed countries; these skills and knowledge have been adapted and/or improved using local skills, knowledge and initiatives. They finally became internalized in Japanese society to suit its local needs and conditions.

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

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

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



CORRESPONDENCE

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