



Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus)

General information on

Policy Making in a Digital Age (Online Program)
課題別研修「デジタル時代の政策策定」(遠隔研修)
JFY 2022

Course No.: 202107716-J001

Online program period: From February 8, 2023, to February 28, 2023

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.

JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in February 2015, which stated, *“In its development cooperation, Japan has maintained the spirit of jointly creating things that suit partner countries while respecting ownership, intentions and intrinsic characteristics of the country concerned based on a field-oriented approach through dialogue and collaboration. It has also maintained the approach of building reciprocal relationships with developing countries in which both sides learn from each other and grow and develop together.”* JICA believes that this ‘Knowledge Co-Creation Program’ will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

I. Concept

Background

The global outbreak of new coronavirus infections has triggered a dramatic increase in the digitization of the economy and society throughout the international community, including developing countries.

The digital technology and use of data has become indispensable for economic activities and social life, and is also expected to be a cost-effective means for efforts to achieve the SDGs.

However, Conventional ICT policies are said to be inadequate to address the multi-sectoral challenges and may lead to a decline in international competitiveness.

For what?

This program aims to contribute to the promotion of digital economies in developing countries by enhancing digital-related policy making capabilities through learning the efforts of other countries including Japan and analyze them.

For whom?

This program is offered to Section chiefs or personnel in charge in central government offices involved in the formulation of ICT/Digital policies and strategies and analysis of issues.

How?

Participants will have the opportunity to identify approaches and strategies to accelerate digital policy in their countries. Participants will also develop an action plan on how they will apply what they have learned and discussed in Japan upon their return to their home countries.

All Programs will be held online.

II. Description

1. Title (Course No.)

Policy Making in a Digital Age (202107716-J001)

2. Course Duration in Japan

(Tentative) February 8 to February 24, 2023

Depend on the availability of lecturers, the date may change.

3. Target Regions or Countries

Mongolia, Bangladesh, India, Peru, Ghana, Nigeria, Angola, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Mauritania, Rwanda, Senegal, Moldova, Turkmenistan

4. Eligible / Target Organization

This program is organized to Section chiefs or personnel in charge in central government offices involved in the formulation of ICT/Digital policies and strategies and analysis of issues

5. Capacity (Upper Limit of Participants)

14 participants

6. Language

English

7. Objective(s)

By understanding the case studies and analytical frameworks of other countries, the project will improve their ability to identify and analyze the issues facing their countries and develop digital-related policies that will help promote the digital economy.

8. Overall Goal

The digital economy is promoted each country.

9. Output and Contents

This course consists of the following components. Details on each component are given below.

Mode: Online

Time: Times between below.

UTC 0 (GMT) 6 :00 – 11 :00

UTC +9 (JST) 15 :00 – 20 :00

Date	Program Content	Organization
10 th Feb (Mon)	Program orientation	JICA
	Initiatives and challenges in promoting digitalization in Japan and other countries	Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting
15 th Feb (Wed)	EBPM (Evidence Based Policy Making)	Tokyo University
16 th Feb (Thu)	Cases of utilization of data using digital technology in advanced countries	eGA
17 th Feb (Fry)	Discussion/Lecture about digital policies – based on the actual cases	The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
22 th Feb (Wed)	Next Generation Communication Network	Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
23 th Feb (Thu)	Activities to promote Digital society by local government in Japan	Aizuwakamatsu city
24 th Feb (Fry)	Creating action plan	JICA
	Closing	JICA

***Please note that the above is subject to change in accordance with the final schedule. The final version of the lecture contents and schedule will be shared to you later.**

III. 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.

2. Nominee Qualifications

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

(1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) Current Duties: Section chiefs or personnel in charge in central government offices involved in the formulation of ICT policies and strategies and analysis of issues
- 2) Experience in the Relevant Field: have more than 3 years' experience in the field of ICT.
- 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)

(2) Remote program implementation requirements.

- Stable network environment
- To be able to access to 2-3GB of data every day. * Please consider daily consumption under the same internet environment
- Install Zoom <https://zoom.us/download>
- To be able to attend a Zoom Meeting at a designated time. - Preparation of PC with camera and earphone with microphone
- Please refer to the following for PC specifications. 8 GB memory; 250 GB External Storage, Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)

3. Required Documents for Application

- (1) **Application Form:** The Application Form is available at **the JICA overseas office or the embassy of Japan (only in Turkmenistan).**

(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

(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: All required material must arrive at **JICA office for STI-DX (JICA HQ)** by **6 January , 2023**)

(2) Selection

Primary screening is conducted at the JICA overseas office (or the embassy of Japan) after receiving official documents from your government. JICA 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 20 January 2023.**

5. Conditions for Participation

The participants of KCCP are required

(1) To strictly adhere to the program schedule.

(2) Not to change the program topics.

(3) 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.

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer

(1) **Department:** JICA office for STI · DX (JICA HQ) (gpgsd@jica.go.jp)

(2) **Program Officer:** Mr. Yoshida, Tasuku (Yoshida.Tasuku@jica.go.jp)

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.



Contact Information for Inquiries

For inquiries and further information, please contact the JICA overseas office or the Embassy of Japan. Further, address correspondence to:

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