



TRAINING AND DIALOGUE PROGRAMS

GENERAL INFORMATION ON

**Region-Focused Training Program: Strengthening for
Implementation Capability of Development Training under
South-South Cooperation**

地域別研修：南南協力での研修実施能力強化

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From December 2010 to February 2011

Phase in Japan: From Jan. 30, 2011 to Feb. 9, 2011

This information pertains to one of the Training and Dialogue Programs 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.

I. Concept

Background

The international donor community has been increasing its interest in the qualitative aspect centering on enhancement of aid effectiveness and shared the recognition in the 2005 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness that ownership of partners (developing countries) and enhanced coordination and cooperation between partner and donor countries were important to improve aid effectiveness.

It has been also confirmed at the International Conference on Effectiveness of International Development Training held in Berlin, Germany in June 2008, co-hosted by InWEnt and WBI, that measures should be taken to make more effective the trainings organized in developed donor countries as well as an increasing number of trainings implemented in leading research institutions in developing nations and regions and that the donors should cooperate more actively with those institutions.

JICA has been conducting the Third Country Training Program as a way of extending effective and efficient technical cooperation utilizing local resources. Many trainings have been delegated to training institutions of developing countries with relatively advanced technology and training know-how in the region. Though delegating their management and coordination to the training institutions, we think it will be necessary to work for enhancement of aid effectiveness including efficient acquisition of technology and approach to make trainings useful not only for participants themselves but also for their organizations' capacity development and improvement.

This seminar is to provide an opportunity for donor and partner countries responsible for implementing training programs to assemble and exchange views for improving training quality and sharing directions for enhanced collaboration.

For what?

To identify challenges for improving training quality and to share directions toward improvement

For whom?

This program is offered to the persons responsible (managerial level) for the planning, implementation and evaluation of the training programs in the framework of South-South cooperation.

How?

Identify challenges by analyzing current programs and extracting issues through lectures and group discussions. Share directions toward improvement among participants through their presentations.

II. Description

1. Title(Course No.): Strengthening for Implementation Capability of Development Training under South-South Cooperation (J-10-04148)

2. Period of program Preliminary Phase

Duration of whole program: December 2010 to February, 2011

Preliminary Phase: December, 2010 to January, 2011
(in a participant's home country)

Core Phase in Japan: January 30 to February 9, 2011

Finalization Phase: February 10, to February 28, 2011
(in a participant's home country)

3. Target Regions or Countries

Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Panama, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and Fiji

4. Overall Goal

To improve training programs by JICA's South-South Cooperation Scheme and to increase the number of training programs which lead to improvement and enhancement of organizations where the participants belong.

5. Program Objective:

Participants are expected to:

1. Identify challenges for improvement of training programs
2. Establish directions for improvement of training programs
3. Share the challenges and the directions

6. Total Number of Participants

21 participants

7. Language to be used in this program: English

8. Expected Module Output and Contents:

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

(1) Preliminary Phase in participant's home country (December 2010 to January 2011) <i>Participating organizations make required preparation for the Program in the respective country.</i>	
Expected Module Output	Activities
Inception report	Participants are required to write an inception report including organization overview, outline of Third Country Training Program, evaluation concept of training outcome, other issues etc.
(2) Core Phase in Japan (January 30 to February 9, 2011) <i>Participants dispatched by the organizations attend the Program implemented in Japan.</i>	

Expected Module Output	Subjects/Agendas	Methodology
Understand approaches by JICA and donor nations for improvement of training	Lectures on approaches for improving training programs that focus on specific training outcome such as improvement of organizations.	Lecture and Exercise
Draw up draft of Joint Statement stating directions for improvement, shared by countries who provide training programs	Group discussion based on IC/R Present outcome of discussion and formulate Joint Commitment	Exercise and Presentation

(3) Finalization Phase in a participant's home country

(February 10, to February 28, 2011)

Participating organizations produce final outputs by making use of results brought back by participants. This phase marks the end of the Program.

Expected Module Output	Activities
Implementation of activities for training improvement	After return home, each participant is to take actions based on the directions for improvement stated in Joint Commitment.

III. Conditions and Procedures for Application

1. Expectations for the Participating Organizations:

- (1) This program is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in the projects. 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) Present position, assignment: Managers/senior instructors /senior officials /senior researchers who are in charge of Development Training and/or South South Cooperation.
- 2) Language: Be proficient in spoken and written English
- 3) Health: Be in good health, both physically and mentally, to participate in the Core Phase in Japan.

※Pregnancy: Pregnant participants are strictly requested to complete the required procedures before departure in order to minimize the risk to their health. The procedures include submitting (1) a letter providing the participant's consent to bear economic and physical risks, (2) a letter of consent from the participant's supervisor, (3) a letter of consent from the participant's Embassy in Japan, and (4) a medical certificate. Please ask National Staff at the JICA office for details.

- 4) Must not be serving any form of military services.

3. Required Documents for Application

- (1) **Application Form:** The Application Form is available at the respective country's JICA office or Embassy of Japan.
- (2) **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. Procedure for Application and Selection:

(1) Submitting the Application Documents:

Closing date for application to the JICA Center in JAPAN: **November 26, 2010.**

Note: Please confirm the closing date set by the respective country's JICA office or Embassy of Japan of your country to meet the final date in Japan.

(2) Selection:

After receiving the document(s) through due administrative procedures in the respective government, the respective country's JICA office (or Japanese Embassy) shall conduct screenings, and send the documents to the JICA Center in charge in Japan, which organizes this project. Selection shall be made by the 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.*

(3) Notice of Acceptance

Notification of results shall be made by the respective country's JICA office (or Embassy of Japan) to the respective Government by **not later than December 17, 2010.**

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

Inception Report -- to be submitted by **January 14, 2011:**

Before coming to Japan, only accepted participants are required to prepare an Inception Report (detailed information to be provided.). The Inception Report should be sent to JICA or the Japan International Cooperation Center by **January 14, 2011** preferably by e-mail to jicatic-jice@jica.go.jp.

6. Conditions for Attendance:

- (1)** to observe the schedule of the program,
- (2)** not to change the program subjects or extend the period of stay in Japan,
- (3)** not to bring any family members,
- (4)** to return to home country at the end of the program in Japan according to the travel schedule designated by JICA,
- (5)** to refrain from engaging in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain,
- (6)** to observe the rules and regulations of place of accommodation and not to change the accommodation designated by JICA, and
- (7)** To participate in the whole program including a preliminary phase prior to the program in Japan. Applying organizations, after receiving notice of acceptance for their nominees, are expected to carry out the actions described in section II

-8.

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer:

(1) **Name:** JICA Tokyo (TIC PP)

(2) **Contact:** Mr. KIMURA Satoshi (jicatic-jice @jica.go.jp)

2. 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:** Term of Insurance: From arrival to departure in Japan. The traveling time outside Japan shall not be covered.

3. Accommodation in Japan:

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

JICA Tokyo International Center (JICA TOKYO)

Address: 2-49-5 Nishihara, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0066, Japan

TEL: 81-3-3485-7051 FAX: 81-3-3485-7904

(where “81” is the country code for Japan, and “3” is the local area code)

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

4. Expenses:

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

(1) Allowances for accommodation, 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 p. 9-16 of the brochure for participants titled “KENSU-IN GUIDE BOOK,” which will be given to the selected participants before (or at the time of) the pre-departure orientation.

5. 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.

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.



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