



Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus)

GENERAL INFORMATION ON

**Improvement of Accessibility for Social Inclusion
- Barrier-free Environment for All -**
**課題別研修「共生社会実現のためのアクセシビリティの改善
-バリアフリー化の推進-」**

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Course Period in Japan: From 10th June, 2018 to 30th June, 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

Barrier-free environment is indispensable in order to realize an inclusive society including the elderly persons and persons with disabilities. Ensuring access to public transportation, buildings, institutions and information is important.

In addition, the improvement of accessibility is expected to have positive economic effect, such as the activation of the tourism industry. In JICA's thematic Guidelines (Disability and Development), the improvement of accessibility is clearly stated as one of the most important approaches.

The training aims to strengthen the capacity of government officers in formulating policies on accessibility and in ensuring community participation. The participants will gain knowledge on Japanese policies and regulations, the role of government officials, those of organizations of persons with disabilities and of the private sector.

For what?

This program aims to strengthen the capacity of government officials to formulate policies on accessibility

For whom?

This program is offered to national or local government agencies*, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs).

*Participants from national or local government agencies are expected to be administrative officers in charge of policy, regulation, system and coordination of the accessibility rather than engineers, since this program will not focus on the engineering field.

How?

Participants shall have opportunities to identify approaches and strategies to ensure program effectiveness, enhance financial security, and improve organizational viability on the accessibility. Participants will also formulate an action plan describing what they will do after they go back to home country, utilizing the knowledge and ideas acquired and discussed in Japan into their activities.

II. Description

- 1. Improvement of Accessibility for Social Inclusion - Barrier-free Environment for All - (J1804399)**
- 2. Course Period in JAPAN**
June 10 to June 30, 2018
- 3. Target Regions or Countries**
Bhutan, Colombia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Mongolia, Myanmar, Paraguay, Rwanda, Sudan, Swaziland, Uruguay
- 4. Eligible / Target Organization**
This program is designed for a government officials and members of DPOs and/or NGOs.
- 5. Course Capacity (Upper limit of Participants)**
15 participants
- 6. Language to be used in this program:**
English
- 7. Course Objective:**
To strengthen the capacity of government officials to formulate policies on accessibility
- 8. Overall Goal**
The participants are prepared to take a leading role in policy making and implementation for the improvement of the accessibility in the context of their home 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 [May 2018]	
Preliminary Phase	Formulation and submission of an Inception Report [to be submitted by 25th May, 2018]

(2) Core phase in Japan [10th June to 30th June 2018]		
Expected Module Output	Subjects/Agendas	Methodology
1. To identify current situation and challenges in terms of the policies for older persons, those for persons with disabilities and the policies related to accessibility issues in the home country.	(1) Presentation of an Inception Report and discussion over comparative analysis by all participants.	Presentation, Discussion
2. To understand the historical development of Japan's concept of accessibility, Japan's accessibility laws and subsidy system for promoting barrier-free environment, local governments' activities and keys to improve the accessibility of infrastructure in the municipality.	(1) Lecture on the historical development of Japan's concept of accessibility, Japan's accessibility laws and subsidy system for promoting barrier-free environment, local governments' ideas on accessibility and their efforts and challenges of improving the accessibility of infrastructure	Lecture Field visit Discussion
3. To comprehend the role of government, private sector and community, especially the importance of DPOs.	(1) Lecture on the role of government, private sector and community, especially the importance of community participation	Lecture Field visit Discussion
4. To make an action plan for community development based on the idea of accessibility for realizing inclusive society.	(1) Through the lecture and discussion, compiling the action plan. (2) Presentation of an Action Report and discussion over comparative analysis by all participants.	Lecture, Presentation, Discussion
5. To share and discuss the action plan with stakeholders / organizations that participants belong to.	Presentation of an Action Plan and discussion over comparative analysis by all participants.	Presentation, Discussion

(3) Activity in a participant's home country	
To report and review the action plan	(1) Report on the program in Japan to participant's organization for sharing useful information. (2) Discussion and review on the action plan drafted in Japan. (3) Implementation of the activities re-planned by the organization.
Implementation of the Action Plan	Application and implementation of the action plan back in the participant's country.

<Structure of the program>

Topic outline (tentative) *subject to minor changes

1. Preliminary Phase (activities in your home country)
 - (1) Preparation on the Inception Report
[to be submitted by 25th May, 2018]
2. Core Phase (activities in Japan)
 - (1) Inception Report: Make presentation of the Inception Report to share the participants country's situation in terms of the accessibility and barrier-free environment among participants and implementation organization.
 - (2) Lecture: Learn the historical development of Japan's concept of accessibility, Japan's accessibility laws and subsidy system for promoting barrier-free environment.
 - (3) Lecture and site-visit: Observe local governments' projects and challenges.
 - (4) Case study: Understand the role of government, private sector and community, especially the importance of community participation, through examining various cases.
 - (5) Action plan: Make an action plan to improve accessibility in the participants' own country.
3. Finalization Phase (activities in your home country)
 - (1) Participants are expected to implement the action plan.

Reference: Program Schedule in 2017

* Activities are subject to change in this year's program.

Detail Schedule for JICA Knowledge Co-creation Program Improvement of Accessibility for Social Inclusion - Barrier-free Environment for All - FY 2017

* Style of programs: D = Discussion, L = Lecture, P = Presentation, V = Field Visit/Observation, W = Workshop/Exercise

Date	Time	*	Program / Lecturer(s)
21 June (Wed)	9:00 - 9:40		Return Flight Meeting by Travel Agent
	9:40 - 12:00		Briefing
	12:00 - 12:30		Program Orientation
	12:30 - 14:00		Lunch Break
	14:00 - 15:30	L	<u>Course Orientation</u>
	15:45 - 17:00	W	<u>Accessibility Check and Wheelchair Experience</u>
	17:10 ~ 17:30		Briefing by Training Coordinators
22 June (Thu)	~ 8:30		Assemble in the lobby
	8:35 - 9:35		Move to AJU CIL
	10:00 - 12:00	P/D	<u>Inception Report Presentations (1)</u>
	12:00 - 13:30		Lunch Break
	13:30 - 17:00	P/D	<u>Inception Report Presentations (2)</u>
	17:00 ~ 18:00		Return to JICA Chubu
23 June (Fri)	~ 8:40		Assemble in the lobby
	8:45 - 9:45		Move to AJU CIL
	10:00 - 12:00	W	<u>Disability Equality Training (1)</u>
	12:00 - 13:30		Lunch Break
	13:30 - 17:00	W	<u>Disability Equality Training (2)</u>
	17:00 - 18:00		Break
	18:00 - 20:00		Welcome Party
20:00 - 21:00		Return to JICA Chubu	
24 June (Sat)			Free
25 June (Sun)			Free
26 June (Mon)	~ 8:40		Assemble in the lobby
	8:45 - 9:45		Move to AJU CIL
	10:00 - 11:30	L	<u>Independent Living of and Housing for PwD</u>
	11:45 - 13:00	V	<u>Accessibility in Housing for PwD</u>
	13:00 - 14:30		Lunch Break
	14:30 - 17:00	L	<u>Life of and Service Programs for PwD</u>
	17:00 - 18:00		Return to JICA Chubu
27 June (Tue)	9:30 - 12:00	L	<u>Community Planning for Welfare in Naqoya City</u>
	12:00 - 13:30		Lunch break
	13:30 - 16:00	D	<u>Review & Guidance on Action Plan Making (1)</u>
28 July (Wed)	10:00 - 13:00	L	<u>and Paralympic Games -</u>
	13:00 - 14:30		Lunch Break
	14:30 - 17:00	L	<u>Initiatives of System Reform toward Ratification of CRPD</u>
29 June (Thu)	9:30 - 12:00	L	<u>Measures Concerning Employment and Labor of PwD</u>
	12:30 - 14:30		Lunch Break
	15:00 - 17:00	L	<u>Advocacy for the Rights of PwD</u>
30 June (Fri)	9:30 - 12:00	L	<u>Improvement of Accessibility for Social Inclusion</u>
	12:00 - 13:00		Lunch Break
	13:00 - 14:00		Move to Chiyoda Ward
	14:00 - 15:45	L	<u>Leader Training and Survey Methods</u>
	16:00 - 17:00	W	<u>Accessibility Survey</u>
1 July (Sat)			Free
2 July (Sun)			Free
3 July (Mon)	9:30 - 12:00	L	<u>Role of Academic Experts in Community Development Committee</u>
	12:00 - 13:30		Lunch Break
	13:30 - 15:30	L	<u>PwD Movement and History of Barrier-free Promotion</u>
	15:45 - 17:00	D	<u>Current Situation and Future Prospects of Barrier-free Promotion in Participants' Countries</u>
4 July (Tue)	9:30 - 12:00	L	<u>Universal Design Efforts for Roads and Streets</u>
	12:00 - 13:30		Lunch Break
	13:30 - 14:30		Move to Minami-Seikyo Hospital
	14:30 - 17:00	V	<u>Minami Seikyo Hospital Created by 1000-Member Conference</u>
	17:00 - 18:00		Return to JICA Chubu
5 July (Wed)	9:30 - 12:00	D	<u>Review & Guidance on Action Plan Making (2)</u>
	12:00 - 13:30		Lunch Break
	13:30 - 16:30	L	<u>Central Government's Initiatives to Promote Barrier-free Public Transportation</u>
6 July (Thu)	~ 8:40		Assemble in the lobby
	8:45 - 9:45		Move to AJU Center for Independent Living
	10:00 - 12:00	D	<u>Guidance on Action Plan Making (3) & Rehearsal</u>
	12:00 - 13:00		Lunch Break
	13:00 - 15:00	D	<u>Guidance on Action Plan Making (4) & Rehearsal</u>
	15:00 - 15:30		Break
	15:30 - 17:00		Evaluation Meeting
17:00 - 18:00		Return to JICA Chubu	
7 July (Fri)	~ 8:30		Assemble in the lobby
	8:35 - 9:35		Move to AJU Center for Independent Living
	10:00 - 12:00	PD	<u>Action Plan Presentation (1)</u>
	12:00 - 13:00		Lunch break
	13:00 - 15:30	PD	<u>Action Plan Presentation (2)</u>
	15:45 - 16:15		Closing Ceremony
17:30 - 19:30		Farewell Party hosted by AJU CIL	
8 July (Sat)			Leave Japan

III. Conditions and Procedures for Application

1. Expectations from the Participating Organizations:

- (1) This project is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operations. Applying organizations are expected to use the Program for those specific purposes.
- (2) In this connection, applying organizations are expected to nominate the most qualified candidates to address the said issues or problems, carefully referring to the qualifications described in section III-2 below.
- (3) This program is enriched with contents and facilitation schemes specially developed in collaboration with relevant prominent organizations in Japan. Applying organizations are also expected to be prepared to make use of knowledge acquired by the nominees for the said purpose.

2. Nominee Qualifications:

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

(1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) Current Duties: be a director/executive official/manager in designing/formulating policies and measures from National or local governmental agency, or members of organizations of persons with disabilities and/or NGOs.
 - Participants from government officers are expected to be administrative officers in charge of policy, regulation, system and coordination of the accessibility rather than engineers.
- 2) Experience in the relevant field: have more than 5 years' experience
- 3) Educational Background: be a graduate of university or equivalent
- 4) Language: have a competent command of spoken and written English which is equal to TOEFL iBT 100 or more (This workshop includes active participation in discussions, which requires high competence of English ability. Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC etc, if possible)
- 5) 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.

(2) Recommendable Qualifications

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)

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 **April 27, 2018**)

(2) Selection:

After receiving the documents through proper channels from your government, the JICA office (or the embassy of Japan) will conduct screenings, and then forward the documents to the JICA Center in Japan. Selection will be made by the JICA Center in consultation with concerned organizations in Japan. *The applying organization with the best 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 May 11, 2018**.

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

Inception Report -- to be submitted by **May 25, 2018.**

Before coming to Japan, only accepted candidates are required to prepare an Inception Report (detailed information is provided in the ANNEX "Inception Report".) The Inception Report should be sent to JICA by May 25, 2018, preferably by e-mail to cbictp1@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 Chubu International Center (JICA CHUBU)

(2) **Contact:** Mr. ITOYAMA Hiroshi (cbictp1@jica.go.jp)

2. Implementing Partner:

(1) **Name:** Social Welfare Organization, A.J.U Center for Independent Living

(2) **URL:** <http://www.aju-cil.com/english.html>

(3) **Remark:** “AJU Center for Independent Living” positively supports the concept that the persons with disabilities not only depend on the welfare, but also create welfare and aims to create the society here even bedridden persons with disabilities find happiness in their livings, and to commit to play a responsible role to carry forward new welfare.

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 Chubu International Center (JICA CHUBU)

Address: 4-60-7 Hiraike-cho, Nakamura-ku, Nagoya 453-0872, Japan

TEL: 81-52-533-0125 FAX: 81-52-564-3751

(where “81” is the country code for Japan, and “52” is the local area code)

If there is no vacancy at JICA CHUBU, JICA will arrange alternative accommodations for the participants.

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 “KENSHU-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. Personal Computer

It is highly recommended that participants should bring their own personal computer (laptop/notebook) and conversion adapters available in preparing their Action Plan, presentation slides, etc. as well as communicating through E-mail and using internet during their stay in Japan. The electrical current in Japan is 100volts, 50cycles, and plug shape is A type.

2. Development Education Program

For the promotion of mutual friendship, JICA Chubu encourages international exchange between JICA participants and local communities, including school and university students as a part of development education program. JICA participants are expected to contribute by attending such activities and may be asked to make presentations on the society, economy and culture of their home countries.

VI. ANNEX:

Inception Report

After receiving notice of acceptance, the participants (selected nominees) are strictly requested to prepare an Inception Report, on the following issues and submit it to JICA Chubu preferably by e-mail (cbictp1@jica.go.jp) by **May 25, 2018**

The report should be typewritten in English. The report shall be no more than 10 pages long with Microsoft PowerPoint. Your report need to include following substances.

At the beginning of the program, scheduled in, you will be asked to make presentation of your inception report. We encourage you to prepare Power Point presentation. Any reference materials, such as pamphlets, photos, and video, would also useful to promote understanding your report in deep.

1. Introduction

Brief description of;

- (1) Your job and your organization
- (2) Organization charts and function of each department

2. Challenges and strategy of you or your organization

- (1) Challenges you or your organizations are now facing
- (2) The strategy and the future plan of you or your organization to overcome the challenges at this moment.

3. Your expectation for this training course related with the challenges.

4. Current situation on accessibility in your country referring to the article 9 of CRPD

5. Good examples to be shared among participants

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

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

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