



Knowledge Co-Creation Program

(Young Leaders)

(Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Lebanon,
Madagascar, Mali, Pakistan, Tunisia)

General information on

**Disaster Risk Reduction
and Community Development B
防災とまちづくり B
JFY2026**

Course No.: 202517492J001

Course Period in Japan: 11,11,2026, – 12,1,2026

This information pertains to one of the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (Young Leaders) 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 June 2023, 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

The "Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Young Leaders)" is conducted by JICA (the Japan International Cooperation Agency) under a technical cooperation scheme of the Government of Japan, with the purpose of promoting human resource development in developing countries.

KCCP-Young Leaders is a program focused on building regional relationships between developing countries and Japan. Participants are also expected to build ties between their own countries and Japan through their participation in the program.

Under the program, young leaders, who will become nation-building leaders in the future, are invited to Japan for about 18 days to be provided with opportunities to:

- 1) develop their specialties through experiencing and learning technologies and skills in Japan,
- 2) increase their willingness to resolve issues on their own, and
- 3) know Japanese society and culture deeply through the program.

II. Description

1. Title (Course No.)

Disaster Risk Reduction and Community Development B (202517492J001)

2. Course Duration in Japan

November 11 to December 1, 2026

3. Target Regions or Countries

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Pakistan and Tunisia

4. Target Group

Staff of government organizations/departments currently responsible for disaster risk reduction.

5. Number of Participants

8 participants

6. Language

English

7. Objectives

Through participation in this course, the participants are expected

- 1) To understand disaster mitigation and how the country has bounced back from past disasters through lessons learned in Japan.
- 2) To understand the division of roles for disaster management based on cooperation between central government, local authorities, communities, and others.
- 3) To acquire basic concepts on relevant aspects to be considered to implement and promote DRR.

8. Outline

This course consists of the following components.

- (1) Lectures
- (2) Site Visits
- (3) Workshop and Discussions

<Structure of the program>

This is last year's Schedule for your reference.

Date	Day	Time	Type	Session	Organization
1/15	Thu			Arrival in Japan	
1/16	Fri	10:00 ~ 11:30	Lecture	Briefing	Training Program Division, JICA Kansai
		11:30 ~ 12:00	Lecture	Program Orientation	Training Program Division, JICA Kansai
		13:30 ~ 16:00	Lecture	Japan's Approach to Disaster Risk Reduction	Global Environment Department, JICA
1/17	Sat	8:35 ~ 12:00	Practice	Field Visit: Kobe	

						Memorial Walk - Learning from the Great Hanshin- Awaji Earthquake	
1/18	Sun	No official activities (Day off)					
1/19	Mon	7:45	~	9:45	Transfer	JICA Kansai → Wakayama Prefectural Office (All transfers by chartered bus unless otherwise noted.)	
		10:00	~	12:00	Lecture	Disaster Risk Reduction Measures for Foreign Residents in Wakayama Prefecture	Wakayama International Exchange Association
		12:00	~	12:15	Transfer	Wakayama Prefectural Office → Izumiya Shopping Center Wakayama	
		12:15	~	13:15	Lunch	Izumiya Shopping Center Wakayama	
		13:15	~	13:20	Transfer	Izumiya Shopping Center Wakayama → Wakayama Big Ai, Wakayama International Exchange Center	
		13:30	~	14:30	Lecture	Wakayama Prefecture's Disaster Risk Reduction Measures	Wakayama Prefectural Government
		14:40	~	15:20	Transfer	Wakayama Big Ai, Wakayama International Exchange Center → Naga Senior High School	
		15:30	~	16:30	Lecture	Initiatives to Enhance High School Students' Disaster Risk Reduction Awareness	Wakayama Naga Senior High School
		16:40	~	17:20	Transfer	Naga Senior High School → Diawa Roynet Hotel Wakayama	
1/20	Tue	7:56	~	8:00	Transfer	Wakayama Castle → JR Wakayama Station (Wakayama local bus)	
		8:07	~	8:51	Transfer	JR Wakayama →	

						Yuasa (Japan Railway)	
		10:00	~	12:00	Lecture	The Importance of Tsunami Disaster Preparedness and Community Awareness	Hirogawa Town Office
		13:30	~	16:00	Lecture	Passing down a Culture of Disaster Preparedness and Community Awareness* Visit to the Yuasa Preservation District of Traditional Buildings	Inamurano Hi no Yakata
		16:23	~	17:07	Transfer	JR Yuasa → Wakayama (Japan Railway)	
		17:16	~	17:21	Transfer	JR Wakayama Station → Wakayama Castle (Wakayama local bus)	
1/21	Wed	8:20	~	9:20	Transfer	Daiwa Roynet Hotel → Kudoyamacho Town Hall (All transfers by chartered bus unless otherwise noted.)	
		9:30	~	12:00	Practice	Japanese Papermaking Experience / Visit to the Kudoyama Sanada Museum / Courtesy Call to the Kudoyama Town Hall	Kudoyama Town Office
		13:00	~	13:50	Transfer	Kudoyama Town Hall → Mt. Koya	
		14:00	~	17:00	Lecture	Disaster Preparedness Measures to Protect Cultural Heritage	Mt. Koya
		17:10	~		Transfer	Mt. Koya → Daiwa Roynet Hotel	
1/22	Thu	10:00	~	12:00	Observation		
		11:52	~	12:25	Transfer	Wakayama Castle → Wakayama University (Wakayama local bus)	
		13:00	~	15:00	Lecture	Tunami Evacuation While	Wakayama University

					on a Train	
		15:00	~	17:00	Lecture	"Inamura no Hi" (The Fire of Rice Sheaves) and Disaster Preparedness Drills Wakayama University
		17:22	~	17:45	Transfer	Wakayama University → Wakayama Castle (Wakayama local bus)
1/23	Fri	9:10	~	9:33	Transfer	Wakayama Castle → Wakayama University (Wakayama local bus)
		10:00	~	12:00	Lecture	Building Disaster-Resilient Communities and Landscapes Wakayama University
		13:00	~	15:00	Lecture	Disaster Risk Reduction Education Wakayama University
		15:00	~	17:00	Lecture	Landslide (Sediment) Dams and Related Disasters Wakayama University
		17:00		18:00		Discussion and Interaction with University Students
			~		Transfer	Wakayama University → Wakayama Castle (Wakayama local bus)
1/24	Sat	No official activities (Day off)				
1/25	Sun	No official activities (Day off)				
1/26	Mon	8:30	~	9:50	Transfer	Daiwa Roynet Hotel → Tanabe City Hall (All transfers by chartered bus unless otherwise noted.)
		10:00	~	12:00	Lecture	Efforts to Address Tsunami-Prone, Hard-to-Evacuate Areas Disaster-Resilient Urban Development Division, Tanabe City Hall
		12:40	~	13:20	Transfer	Tanabe City Hall → Susami Town Hall
		14:00	~	15:30	Lecture	Applications of Drones in Disaster Preparedness Disaster Management Office, General Affairs Division, Susami Town Office
		15:40	~	17:20	Transfer	Susami Town Hall

						→ Pals Inn Katsuura	
1/27	Tue	9:10	~	9:23	Transfer	Tenma Ninosebashi (Kumanobonankai Bus - local bus)	
		10:00	~	12:00	Lecture	Understanding Sediment-Related Disasters	Wakayama Prefecture Sediment Disaster Awareness Center
		14:00	~	16:00	Practice	Action Plan Development	
		16:35	~	16:48	Transfer	Ninosebashi Tenma (Kumanobonankai Bus - local bus)	
1/28	Wed						
		10:00	~	12:00	Lecture	Tsunami Countermeasures, Including the Development of Tsunami Evacuation Towers, and the Ertuğrul Frigate Shipwreck and International Cooperation / Site Visit to the Kushimoto Turkish Memorial Hall	General Affairs Division, Kushimoto Town Office
		13:30	~	16:00	Lecture	Disaster Risk Reduction in Harmony with Nature	Nanki Kumano Geopark
1/29	Thu	10:00	~	12:00	Observation	Site Visit: the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution Museum (DRI)	
		13:30	~	16:00	Presentation	Action Plan Presentation	
1/30	Fri	10:00	~	10:45		Evaluation	Wakayama International Exchange Association
		11:00	~	11:30		Closing Ceremony	JICA Kansai
							Wakayama International Exchange Association Training Division, JICA Kansai Training Division, JICA Kansai
1/31	Sat					Departure from Japan	

III. Eligibility and Procedures

1. Nominee Qualifications

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

【Remarks】

Gender: 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

All applicants must satisfy the following:

- 1) Nomination: be nominated by the Government in line with the procedures mentioned in 3.(1) below.
- 2) Experience in the relevant field: be involved in a field corresponding to the course mentioned in II. Description.
- 3) Age: be from twenty (20) to thirty-five (35) years of age and be expected to become leaders in their specialized fields in the future.
- 4) Language Proficiency: have a reasonable command of English and good command of spoken and written English.
- 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 ¹and 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.

¹ 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) Attitude : have interest in Japanese society and culture, and interaction with local residents

(2) Recommended Qualifications

- 1) Experience Visiting/Living in Japan: It's preferable that the applicant has not made any previous visits to Japan.
- 2) Educational Background: It's preferable that the applicant hold a Bachelor's degree.
- 3) 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.

2. 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. 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 require material must arrive at **JICA Center in Japan** by **September 16, 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 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 **October 9, 2026**.

4. Additional Document(s) to Be Submitted by Accepted participants

Job Report -- to be submitted by **October 30, 2026**

Accepted participants are required to prepare a Job Report (Please read **Annex "Job Report"** for detailed information.) before their departure. The Job Report should be sent to JICA by **October 30, 2026**. (Submission details will be provided to accepted participants.)

5. 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 the 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 "5. Expenses", "IV. 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).

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

(1) **Center:** JICA Kansai Center (JICA Kansai)

(2) **Program Officer:** Mr. SAKANISHI Yuta (Sakanishi.Yuta@jica.go.jp)

2. Implementing Partner

(1) **Name:** Wakayama International Exchange Association

(2) **URL:** [Wakayama International Exchange Center – The Wakayama International Exchange Center is a place for people, regardless of nationality, to gather and communicate.](#)

3. 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.

4. Accommodation in Japan

Basically, JICA will arrange the following accommodation(s) for the participants in Japan:

JICA Kansai Center (JICA Kansai) Address: 1-5-2 Wakinohama Kaigandori, Chuo-ku, Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture 651-0073
TEL: +81-78-261-0341/0386 FAX: +81-78-261-0432 (where “81” is the country code for Japan, and “78” is the local area code) Please refer to facility guide of JICA Kansai at its URL,
<https://www.jica.go.jp/kansai/english/office/index.html>

If there is no vacancy at JICA Kansai, JICA will arrange alternative accommodation(s) for the participants.

5. Expenses

The following expenses 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/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.html or

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

6. Pre-departure Orientation*

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

*YouTube of "Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan" and "Introduction of JICA Center" are viewable from the link below.

Image videos of 'Introduction of JICA Center (YouTube)' show the following information of JICA Centers: Location, Building, Entrance, Reception(Front desk), Lobby, Office, Accommodation(Room), Amenities(Hand dryer), Bathroom(Shower and Toilet), Toiletries, Restaurant, Laundry Room(Washing machine, Iron), ICT Room(Computer for participants), Clinic, Cash dispenser, Gym, Neighborhood

Part I: Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan	
English ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw
French ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2yU9ISYcTY
Spanish ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7l-WIQSDjI
Russian ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7_ujz37AQc
Arabic ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iBQqdpXQb4
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Kansai	https://www.jica.go.jp/kansai/english/office/index.html

V. Other Information

1. Participants who have successfully completed the program will be awarded a certificate by JICA.
2. For the promotion of mutual friendship, JICA Kansai 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 will possibly be asked to make presentations on the society, economy and culture of their home country.
3. Participants are required to bring laptop computers. During the program, participants are required to work on the computers, including preparation of Action Plan (AP), etc. Most of the accommodations have internet access. Also, there is a computer room in JICA Kansai where 6 desk-top computers are available with internet access.
4. Allowances, such as for living will be deposited to your temporary bank account (opened by JICA) 2 to 5 days after your arrival in Japan. It is highly advised to bring some cash in order to cover necessary expense for this period.
5. It is very important that some of your currency must be exchanged to Japanese Yen at any transit airport or Kansai International Airport (KIX) in Osaka, Japan soon after your arrival. It is quite difficult to exchange money after that, due to limited availability of facility or time during the program.

VI. Annex: Job Report

Accepted participants are required to submit this report by [October 30, 2026](#)

1. Style

- (1) Job report should be prepared by Microsoft® Power Point.
- (2) Job report should cover the following six elements
 - 1. Overview**

An overview of your country or region, the mission of the participant's organization, and the participant's roles and responsibilities.
 - 2. Disasters**

The disasters that typically occur in the participant's country or region.
 - 3. Countermeasures**

Countermeasures implemented by the participant's organization and/or the participant.
 - 4. Experience in Disaster Management**

The experience(s) of the participant's organization and/or the participant in disaster management.
 - 5. Issues and Challenges**

Key issues and challenges related to DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) faced by the participant's organization and/or the participant.
 - 6. Objectives**

Objectives of participating in this program.

Note: Please use some tables, figures and pictures for better understanding of other participants and lecturers (e.g. pictures taken before and after disasters).

- (3) The report should be about 10 slides (Power Point). On each slide, please indicate only main points (NOT long-winded sentences).

2. Language : English

3. Job Report Presentation:

- (1) Job report presentation is planned to be held at the beginning of the program.
- (2) Each participant has 10-15 minutes to make a presentation and 5 minutes for Q&A.

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 for Young Leaders is designed for young leaders expected to become future leaders in their specialized fields. Participants in the program learn about Japan's experience and technologies in the relevant fields that will be required for the future development of their own country. A variety of programs is open to young people in each field in each country.

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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