

**General Information on  
JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program for Long Term Participants  
“Program on Investment Promotion and Industrial Development for Asian Region  
(FY2020)”**

**1. Overview**

JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP) is the program for future leaders from partner countries to offer them the opportunity to learn about Japan's modernization and development experiences, which differs from those of Europe and the U.S., and its wisdom as a country that provided cooperation toward the progress of developing countries after World War II.

JICA-DSP was launched as one of the Japanese government's official programs related to the 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration in 2018.

It is co-organized by universities in Japan and JICA for the participants from partner countries. This program offers participants an opportunity to study the respective academic fields in master's or doctor's degree courses at Japanese graduate schools, and to deepen the understanding of Japanese development experiences.

Through this program, participants will gain a deep understanding of Japan, so that they may use this knowledge to contribute to the development of home countries. Also, it is expected that participants will play a significant role as a leader in the respective fields after their return, fostering a long lasting bilateral relationship between each respective country and Japan.

The Program on Investment Promotion and Industrial Development for Asian Region is newly established in FY 2019 (for admission in Japanese FY2020 which is from April 2020 to March 2021) to contribute to human resource development at high level who can bridge between industries of Japan and other Asian region.

JICA is implementing “sub-cluster program on Investment Promotion and Industrial Development in Asian region”, aligning with “Industrial Human Resource Development Cooperation Initiative 2.0”, announced by Japanese Government in 2018, which aims at assisting industrial human resource development of approx. 80,000 people in the coming five years in Asia. In this sub-cluster program, JICA focuses on creating business linkages between industries of Japan and other Asian region a key factor for this sub-cluster program.

**2. Objectives**

**Overall Goal**

To enhance investment promotion and industrial development in Asian region through high-level leaders

To strengthen bilateral economic relationships in a long run

**Project Purpose**

To develop high-level human resources who will contribute to improving business environment in the home country, promoting business linkages with Japanese industries, and promote investments from Japan

**3. Program Outline**

The program consists of the acceptance of scholars from 7 countries; Cambodia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Myanmar, Mongolia, and Lao.

Applicants may select the university, to which he/she wishes to apply, from the universities, which have concluded an agreement on accepting JICA participants on the condition that the candidate passes the entrance examination. The list of these universities is provided separately.

Proposed research topics will be the one that contribute to improving business environment in the home country, promoting business linkages, and promoting investments especially from Japan. (Example: MBA, Master in International Business, Global Business etc.)

#### **4. Duration**

In principle, 2 years for Master's Program and 3 years for Ph.D. Program (It depends on each program offered by universities)

#### **5. Number of Participants**

1 participant for Cambodia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Myanmar, Mongolia and 2 participants for Lao PDR(FY2020).

#### **6. Eligibility**

Candidate Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- a. **Current Duties: Young or middle Government officials at ministries and agencies in charge of investment promotion and industrial development**
- b. Nationality: Citizen of the target countries
- c. Educational Background: Have a Bachelor Degree or Master Degree

#### **7. Admissions**

**Applicants must pass University's usual admission procedures including examinations to enter program.**

#### **8. Application Guidelines**

Applicants must apply through the procedure as below.

It is necessary for both participant's Government and the Government of Japan for the Official Development Assistance.

##### (1) Procedures and Required Documents for Application:

Each participants is required to submit the "Application documents" listed in (2) below to JICA overseas office in your country.

##### (2) Application Documents

- 1) Application materials check list
- 2) Application Form for the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program  
Consists of:
  - Official Application
  - Part A: Information on the Applying Organization
  - Part B: Information about the Nominee
  - Medical History
- 3) Application Form for Investment Promotion and Industrial Development for Asian Region for FY2020 (Appendix-1)  
Consists of:
  - University Information
  - Research Plan
  - Career Plan after Graduation
- 4) Graduation certificate
  - \*Officially certified copies of the original
  - \*Written in English or accompanied with official translation

- 5) Academic Transcript
  - Notary Seal shall be affixed for all the grades earned
  - Name and date of birth shall be same as the passport/ID
  - Shall be written in English or English translation shall be attached
- 6) Photocopy of certificate of English Test
- 7) A copy of Passport with photo
- 8) 2 ID photos (4cm x 3cm) pasted on application form (Original and copy)

Based on the above documents, Candidate applicants are nominated and approved by each country's government, and then approved by JICA.

Applicants must follow each university's application procedures including examinations to enter program after the first screening.

\*Please refer to "9. Schedule" below.

### 9. Schedule (Tentative)

Date	Process
February- June, 2020	Preparation for application by the applicant
	*Application and examination (mostly to be conducted by the end of June)
June 30, 2020	Deadline of submission to JICA Office to be listed as candidate nominee for further consideration
July - August, 2020	*Application and examination (if still open) Notification to JICA Office of admission results (as soon as known) Designation of the prioritized nominee (the earliest person admitted) Preparation for study in Japan by the prioritized nominee
August - October, 2020	Orientation is conducted by JICA overseas office before departure
	Arrival at Japan
	Orientation is conducted by JICA regional center in charge
	Beginning of Term

\*Schedule for the application and examination depends on each university

### 10. Expenses To Be Borne By JICA

Under the JICA Long-term Trainee Allowance standards, JICA will cover expenses and allowance to participants accepted for the program. See the table below for further details. Note that the payments (e.g. for tuition, research support expenses, school support expenses) will not be paid to the training participants themselves, but directly to the university or other relevant institutions.

Expense category	Payment amount	Payment frequency
Tuition (official examination fees, entrance fees, course fees)	Actual costs	Every semester
Living Allowance	JPY 143,000–148,000 per month*	Every month via university

Airfare	Actual costs	Upon arrival in Japan and upon returning home
Outfit Allowance	JPY105,300	Once (upon arrival in Japan)
Moving Allowance	Up to JPY164,000-224,000	Once (during the training period)
Research Support Expenses**	Actual costs(Up to JPY360,000 per year)	

\*Varies according to living area, type of accommodation, etc.

\*\* Research Support Expenses are allowed to be provided via your university and be disbursed with the approval of your supervisor.

### **11. Expenses Not To Be Borne By JICA**

JICA will not bear costs other than the allowances described above. JICA is not responsible for the following expenses:

- (1) Passport fees (for re-issuance and extensions, etc.)
- (2) Visa fees of a transit country and transportation expenses to obtain Visa
- (3) Transportation expenses to obtain Japanese Visa
- (4) Domestic travel expenses in the home country
- (5) Departure tax
- (6) Airport tax/airport facility charges outside of Japan, including third countries
- (7) Customs duty
- (8) Excess baggage charges
- (9) Compensation for lost and/or damaged baggage
- (10) "no show charge" to the transit airport hotel (non-refundable)
- (11) Lost - ticket fee
- (12) Accommodation fee for day-use hotel in return flight
- (13) Transportation expenses other than official programs
- (14) Telephone bill or mini-bar tab at accommodation

Note: If participant does not follow the regulation of JICA, the participant may have to bear such other cost of necessary expenses.