



JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program for Long Term Participants (JICA Development Studies Program)

General Information on Agriculture Studies Networks for Food Security (Agri-Net) JFY2026

**長期研修
「食料安全保障のための農学ネットワーク(2026 年度)」**

This handout provides an overview of the “Agriculture Studies Networks for Food Security (Agri-Net)” program/course, which is one of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)’s Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Long-Term). The program will be implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between respective governments.

The objective of the Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Long-Term) is to offer opportunities to people from developing countries to study at higher educational institutions in Japan and to help them build their network of people. This is intended to assist in the human resource development plans of the governments of developing countries and Japan, and eventually to expand and strengthen bilateral ties between the developing countries and Japan.

0. Background

What is JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet revised 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.

What is JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP)

Japan is the very first country and still is one of the very few countries that has modernized from a non-Western background to establish a free, democratic, prosperous, and peace-loving nation based on the rule of law, without losing much of its tradition and identity. With such belief, JICA invites future leaders from partner countries to Japan under KCCP, and offers them opportunity to learn about Japan's unique modernization and development experiences. This special program is called, JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP).

JICA-DSP is provided to all participants of KCCP during their stay in Japan. JICA will offer participants various opportunities through which they can learn about Japan's modernization and development experiences.

<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/activities/schemes/dsp-chair/index.html>

1. Overview

Until now, JICA has provided training programs as a part of technical cooperation in various fields. In order to strengthen networks between the target countries in respective fields, JICA established a new long-term training program to foster young/middle-aged bureaucrats, academicians and leading human resources in various fields of target countries who are capable of influencing policy making processes in their countries or contributing to socioeconomic development in the near future.

The Agri-Net Program was established in JFY 2019 under the framework of JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP) for the purpose of promoting cooperation of sustainable development in the world.

JICA has set JICA Global Agenda in 2022 to promote sustainable and inclusive agricultural and rural development and stimulating agriculture (including fisheries and the livestock industry) and related industries (such as processing and distribution). JICA aims to eradicate poverty in rural areas through increasing farmers' income and revitalizing rural economies, as well as to ensure food security through the stable production and supply of food setting the five prioritized clusters as follows:

- (1) Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment & Promotion (SHEP)
- (2) Strengthening Food Value Chains (FVC)
- (3) Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD)
- (4) Promotion of Fisheries-centered Blue Economy
- (5) Sustainable Livestock Development toward One Health.

For more information on the five prioritized clusters, please refer to JICA's Global Agenda for No. 5: Agricultural and Rural Development (Sustainable Food Systems) at the link below.

[JICA's Global Agenda for No. 5: Agricultural and Rural Development \(Sustainable Food Systems\)](#)

The program/course will offer participants with special curriculums on Japanese developmental experience (JICA-DSP) and internships, if necessary, in addition to obtaining a Master's or PhD. degree.

2. Objectives

- (1) To develop high level human resources who are capable of contributing to appropriate policy decisions and its implementation for tackling political and developmental issues in respective fields.
- (2) To establish and maintain mid and long-term amicable relationships between target countries and Japan.

- (3) To develop human resources of public and private sectors under JICA Global Agenda related to Agriculture and Rural Development Sector.
- (4) To Strengthen a human network between partner countries and Japan in the above-mentioned field.

3. Course Outline

The course consists of the acceptance of participants from target countries to study at Japanese universities in the following fields.

- (1) (1) to (5) listed in "1. Overview" (to be prioritized during the selection process)
- (2) Others (System, Policy and Organizations on Agriculture and Rural Development Sector)

*Please see Appendix 6-Agri-Net Sub-program List for details.

The Appendix1-University Information provides information related to long-term courses including master's degree courses, Ph.D. courses. *JICA recommends the universities and graduate schools highlighted in yellow as "recommended" universities. 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 of the selected university.

In addition to curriculums of the master's and Ph.D. courses, activities such as short-term programs (e.g. Understanding the Japanese Development Experience¹), will be planned in order to enrichen the participants' academic and personal experience of their courses of studies at the universities.

4. Duration

In principle, two (2) years for master's course and three (3) years for Ph.D. course (depending on the program offered by universities). The participants should arrive in Japan in September or October 2026 to start degree courses in principle.

Course Duration:

For master's degree: September or October 2026 –September 2028 (2years)

For doctor's degree: September or October 2026 – September 2029 (3years)

Note 1 (Conditional Acceptance / Research Student):

- As a result, if a certain university judges that a certain candidate is not readily acceptable (insufficient) as a proper student, that candidate may be accepted as a "research student" for a

¹ As part of JICA-DSP, this program is co-organized by GRIPS (National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies), IUJ (International University of Japan) and JICA for JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program for Long Term Participants. The program offers participants with opportunities to gain a deep understanding of the Japanese development experience, and to draw lessons and gain insights that will support their development work at their home countries and internationally.

period of six (6) months at longest. This period is not counted as a part of regular course of Master's or Doctor's program. Research students are requested to stay in Japan and study intensively to utilize their time to prepare for the entrance examination.

- In case research students cannot pass the entrance exam within the six (6) months, they **MUST** return to their home countries without delay (Agri-Net Program scholarship will be terminated at that moment).
- Before application, the candidates should consider the possibility of additional period as research students and should be approved by belonging organization.
- Necessary living cost during the period as research students will be paid by JICA following JICA's regulation as described in Section 11-Expenses to be Borne by JICA.

Note 2 (Longer Duration):

- Some universities set more than three (3) years for doctor's course, please check admission information of the universities that you intend to apply to.
- If so, be sure to obtain permission from your belonging organization to leave in that period.

5. Number of Participants

36 participants in total from the target countries.

(Maximum 10 participants allowed for Ph.D. courses)

*Please note that for the Agri-Net Program, which aims to develop human resources in the public and private sectors based on JICA's Global Agenda, JICA may prioritize applicants whose research interests are strongly related to the five fields mentioned above, those who have participated JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Programs and those who are related JICA's technical cooperation projects.

6. Language to be used in this Program

English

7. Eligibility

Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- (1) Current Duties: young or middle-career government officials, prospective academics, who are expected to contribute policy formulation or its implementation for tackling sustainable developmental issues in respective fields.

* In principle, candidates without affiliations are not eligible for acceptance.

*Applicants from private sector must be from the field related to System, Policy and Organizations on Agriculture and Rural Development Sector; Sustainable Agriculture Production; Food Value Chain (FVC); Livestock Development and Animal Hygiene; Fisheries Development and Resources.

- (2) Nationality:

Citizens of the target countries for Agri-Net program JFY2026 (see Appendix 4)

(3) Working experiences/ status:

- to have working experiences more than five (5) years in total.
- to have more than six (6) months working experience at their current belonging organization.
- to obtain permission for application from their current belonging organizations.
- to secure reinstatement from their current belonging organizations.

(4) Age:

for master's programs, thirty-five (35) years of age or under in principle (As of April 1st, 2026). However, should there be certain circumstances deemed to be considered, applicants over the age of 35 may become accepted. Please contact our JICA overseas office for more information

for Ph.D. programs, forty (40) years of age or under in principle (As of April 1st, 2026). However, should there be certain circumstances deemed to be considered, applicants over the age of 40 may become accepted. Please contact our JICA overseas office for more information.

(5) Educational Background:

for master's programs, a Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree holder
for Ph.D. programs, a Master's Degree holder

(6) Language: adequate English skills both in written and oral communication to complete master's and/or Ph.D. courses with skills equivalent or exceeding the following.

TOEFL iBT: 90, IELTS: 6.5, CEFR: B2, DET (Duolingo English Test) : 120

* Applicants to Agri-Net program are required to demonstrate official results of the English language proficiency test (such as TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC and Duolingo) at the moment of the application.

* JICA will NOT cover the costs necessary to obtain such a score. However, there is one exception: Fees for English proficiency can be reimbursed within the same Japanese fiscal year (from April 1 to March 31 of the following year) for **those who pass the first selection by JICA Headquarters and take the entrance examination.**

(7) Physical Presence: must physically come to Japan to carry out research activities to complete this program.

(8) 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. See Appendix7- Encourage Women to Joint the Course.**

8. Admissions

Candidates must be selected as JICA's official candidate through JICA's internal selection

procedure and must pass the entrance examination² of the university they have applied to, including examinations to enter the candidates' desired master's degree or Ph.D. degree course.

9. Application Guidelines

Applicants must apply through the procedures as described below, which are necessary requirements by both applicant's Government and the Government of Japan for the Official Development Assistance.

(1) Procedures and Required Documents for Application:

Each applicant is required to submit the "Application Documents³" listed in (2) below to JICA overseas office in charge of the applicants' countries. ALL application documents are required at the moment of the application.

(2) Application Documents

1) Application Form (see Appendix 2 and 3)

- Confirmation by the head of the relevant department
- Personal Information
- Educational Background
- Present Organization and Nomination
- Work Experience
- Declaration (Terms and Conditions needed to be agreed by applicants)
- Research Plan (Annex 2)
- Career Plan (Annex 2)

2) Graduation certificate.

- * Officially certified copies of the original
- * Written in English or accompanied with official translation

3) Academic transcript

- * Must contain all the grades earned at the university attended by the applicant
- * Officially certified copies of the original transcript
- * Written in English or accompanied with official translation in English

4) Photocopy of certificate of English Test*

- i. **ALL** applicants to Agri-Net Program are required to demonstrate English language proficiency by submitting official results of TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), IELTS (International English Language Testing System) or Duolingo. However, some universities do not acknowledge / accept all these tests, applicants are requested to confirm with the university they apply to.

* As mentioned at (6) Language, 7. Eligibility on page six, applicants who pass the

² The results of JICA's screening procedure and University's entrance examination will not accept any inquiry.

³ Submitted documents will not be returned.

first selection by JICA Headquarters and take the entrance examination, photocopy of certificate of English Test is not an absolute requirement. However, JICA Headquarters highly recommends that applicants obtain the certificate as early as possible. JICA Headquarters values the certificate in the first selection process. This is because the certificate score is closely connected to the research performance of former and current Agri-Net participants, based on past experience.

ii. Exemption from English proficiency test

The following applicants are exempt from the English proficiency test requirement in the first selection mentioned in "10. Schedule" by JICA Headquarters:

- ✓ have completed or are completing their Bachelor's or Master's program that are taught entirely in English in one of the following countries*
- ✓ have been working for full-time in a professional or academic environment where English is used at least three years in one of the following countries*

*Countries: Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, USA, UK

5) A copy of Passport or ID with photo (for checking nationality, name, sex, and date of birth).

* A certified English translation must be attached if the ID is written in a language other than English, French, Portuguese, or Spanish.

6) Two ID photos (4cm × 3cm) pasted on application form (Original and copy).

*Health certificate and Medical History are not required at the time of the above-mentioned documents' submission. Only applicants who have passed the graduate school entrance exam and become final candidates must submit these two documents to JICA. JICA will then make a final decision on their eligibility.

Health certificate (must be taken at the time of application for entrance examination or within 6 months before coming to Japan, whichever is later, and submitted with Medical History at a later date.⁴

Please kindly note that universities may reject the candidate's application when the required documents, or the submitted research plan is not accepted by the universities.

Candidates must follow each university's application procedure after the screening.

(3) Procedures in General

Based on the above documents, applicants are nominated and approved by their country's government. Applicants consult with the supervisors of their chosen university listed unless the graduate school doesn't accept the prior consultation from applicants as "No" in "Column

⁴ If the candidate applicant passes the university entrance examination, a health certificate of JICA format will be required. Without the certificate, admission may become rejected.

W' of Appendix 1. If the applicant obtained the unofficial consent from the potential supervisor, check the checkbox on the Application Form (AF). The information is referred in the 1st selection in JICA Headquarters. Applicants who pass the first selection process conducted by JICA will apply to the university, take the entrance examination according to the university's instructions and screening will be conducted at the universities chosen by the applicant. After these procedures, candidates (*Change the name of those who have passed the first selection process at the JICA headquarters from "Applicant" to "Candidate.") who have been accepted to the universities must be finally approved by JICA.⁵

(4) Points to be Noted regarding Procedures

The English language proficiency test fee is refundable only once and only within the same Japanese fiscal year (April 1 to March 31 of the following year) in which the general entrance exam was taken as a Agri-Net candidate. Details of the reimbursement vary by each area and should be consulted with the nearest JICA overseas office of each candidate.

JICA shall determine whether the candidate is eligible to participate in training in Japan. JICA shall make a decision on acceptance or rejection based on several factors such as entrance examination results, planned number of participants, medical examination results and others. The reason for the decision will not be disclosed.

10. Schedule

For Fall 2026 enrollment, the application process for Agri-Net long-term participants is as follows:

(1) Schedule

<p>From the end of July to mid-November of 2025.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicants are nominated by their respective organizations in the target countries. The responsible organization in the target countries will select the applicants. 2. Applicants applying for Fall 2026 enrollment, must read Appendix1 (University Information) carefully. Applicants are highly encouraged to consult with their university supervisors whose research interests align with those of the applicants independently and acquire unofficial consent for acceptance. For the first contact to the supervisor, applicant must clearly indicate that he/she is applying under the Agri-Net Program by using the Preliminary Consultation Form (Appendix 5.2). Please refer to Pre-Consultation Guide (Appendix 5.1) for details on important considerations.
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⁵ The Government of Japan will examine candidates 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.

	<p>3. Applicants must submit their application forms to the JICA overseas office responsible for their country by the designated date by JICA. Applications without unofficial consent for acceptance will still be accepted. However, applicants who have obtained this confirmation may be given higher priority during the AF review by JICA. This does not apply to supervisors who do not accept pre-consultation (see "column W" of Appendix 1).</p> <p>Note: Since JICA and university rules may not always align, please contact your desired university in advance to confirm important matters, such as the timing of inviting your family to Japan.</p>
December 2025 – January 2026	Selection process by JICA Headquarters (1 st Selection)
End of January 2026	The results of the selection process will be notified to each applicant through the JICA overseas office. *Change the name of those who have passed the selection process at the JICA headquarters from "Applicant" to "Candidate."
February - June(approximately) 2026	Candidates will apply for admission to take university's entrance examination.
February - June(approximately) 2026	<p>Selection process by university (2nd Selection: Entrance Examination)</p> <p>*Candidates should adhere to the entrance exam schedule established by each university.</p>
June - July 2026	Arrival of results of entrance examination from the university
June - July 2026	Finalization of candidates at JICA Headquarters (3rd Selection)
	Submission of a health certificate and medical history to JICA overseas office. (must be within 6 months prior to entering Japan)
July - August 2026	JICA sends a "Letter of Acceptance" to final candidates as the official result of the approval. Preparation for study in Japan if candidate is determined as a KCCP (Long-term) participant
September-October 2026	Orientation by JICA overseas office before departure
September -October 2026	<p>Orientation by JICA domestic office</p> <p>Beginning of Fall Semester in Japan</p>

*Schedule for the application period for the general entrance examination depends on each university.

*Schedule and program contents might be adjusted appropriately due to unforeseen circumstances.

(2) Selection process

There are mainly following three selection processes:

(A) The first selection is conducted by JICA Headquarters (December 2025 to January 2026).

(B) The second selection by Japanese universities is through candidates' applications and entrance examinations (February to June of 2026).

(C) The third selection by JICA Headquarters (July 2026).

*There are no fees to be charged directly by JICA at the selection process.

*The reasons for disqualification on each selection procedure will NOT BE DISCLOSED.

(A) The first selection: Selection by JICA Headquarters is based on application forms (AFs) from JICA overseas offices.

[Necessary Actions for Applicants for this selection]

Applicants are highly encouraged to consult with the supervisors of their chosen university and submit their application to JICA after receiving UNOFFICIAL CONSENT FOR ACCEPTANCE from the supervisors.

Period	Late July to mid-November of 2025. Please confirm the local deadline with the JICA overseas office.
Contents	(1) Screening of submitted Application Documents by JICA overseas office (2) Interview of applicants by JICA overseas office in applicants' country (3) Consultation with the supervisors at the university of applicants' choice for unofficial consent for acceptance. (4) Screening of submitted Application Documents by JICA Headquarters.
Objectives	To review qualifications and requirements of each applicant. To confirm applicants' understanding of the program's objectives To confirm if the applicant has obtained an unofficial consent for acceptance from his or her supervisor. To review working experiences/educational background in the context of the "Eligible Participants" (shown in the section 7. "Eligibility"). This confirms applicants' ability to contribute to achieving the course objectives and addressing their country's development challenges after the program.
Result	Applicants who pass this selection can proceed to the second Selection.

(B) The second selection: Selection (Entrance Examination) by Japanese universities

[Necessary Actions for Applicants for this selection]

- Each candidate may only apply to one (1) university, which is indicated by JICA, for the entrance examination. (See Appendix 1.)

Each candidate needs to check the necessary application documents set by the university where he/she applies to. He/she then needs to submit the university's application documents directly to the university by the deadline set by the university. It is ALL the candidate's responsibility to duly submit required documents to the university by its deadline. JICA will NOT intervene in this process. Some universities require sending hard copies of documents to Japan. Those who are required to enter as research students also need to check necessary application procedure as research student set by

each university. JICA will NOT cover the cost of postage.

During this selection process, each candidate may be interviewed (e.g. by using Zoom) depending on the university's selection process.

Fee for entrance examinations is paid directly to each university by JICA.

Period	February 2026 – June 2026 (approximately)
Contents	Screening of submitted university application documents and interviews by Japanese universities
Objectives	Entrance examination by Japanese universities
Venue	If necessary, using Zoom or other means for interviews
Selection	Universities will screen the candidates based on the documents they submit, as well as on interviews etc.
Result	The candidates who pass this selection will proceed to the third screening by JICA Headquarters.

(C) The third selection: Determination of the Final Candidate by JICA Headquarters

JICA makes a decision for the third selection processes.

Even if some candidates pass the second selection, they may NOT be selected as successful program candidates.

Note:

- **Withdrawal of the Application:** If applicants or candidates encounter the situation that needs to withdraw the application by force majeure during the selection process, they need to inform JICA overseas office about the situation as soon as possible. The letter from belonging organization is required.
- **Research Student:** When candidates are accepted as only research students, the candidates need to attend an additional six-month course to prepare for the entrance examination of the university. If the candidate fails the entrance exam, he/she must return to the home country without delay by the flight designated by JICA (*Agri-Net Program scholarship will be terminated at that moment*).

11. Expenses to Be Borne By JICA

Under the JICA KCCP Long-term Trainee Allowance standards, JICA will cover expenses and allowance to participants accepted to the program/course. 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 accepted participants themselves, but directly to the university or other relevant institutions.

Expense category	Payment amount	Payment frequency
Tuition (examination fees, entrance	Actual costs	According to the request

fees, course fees)		from universities
Living Allowance	JPY 117,000–148,000 per month*	Every month via university
Airfare	Actual costs	Upon arrival in Japan and upon returning home
Outfit Allowance**	JPY100,000	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)	
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).	In accordance with the provisions of the medical insurance	

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

**Once, after opening bank account in Japan. *As it takes several weeks to have the bank account opened, it is strongly recommended to bring cash for personal expenses during the period.*

***Depending on the accommodation facility. Consultation with the university is required.

****Research Support Expenses are allowed to be provided via the university and be disbursed with the consultation and approval of the applicant's supervisor.

12. 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 applicant's 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
- (15) Medical costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment
- (16) Medical cost related to the same illness over 180days
- (17) National Health Insurance fee

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

13. Conditions for Participation

The applicants/participants of KCCP are required,

- (1) to understand that participants must physically come to Japan to participate in this program at the date designated by JICA,
- (2) not to change the air ticket (and flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging by the participants on their own,
- (3) not to change course subjects or extend the course period,
- (4) to understand that inviting participant's family members is not recommended before their stay in Japan has passed more than 6 months,
- (5) to return to their home country on the designated flight by JICA, when they finish the program/course or when it is deemed impossible to finish the program within the program period, or when the participant is not successful on the regular course examination,
- (6) 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,
- (7) to enroll and complete JICA-DSP online courses, when you receive JICA's instructions to do so,
- (8) to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners to provide the program or establishments, ("Plagiarism" especially is taken severely by enrolling university, regardless of whether it is direct plagiarism or self-plagiarism and participants may be subjected to disciplinary action such as suspension),
- (9) not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
- (10) to agree to be discontinued of the program, should the participant (a)violate Japanese laws, JICA's regulations, or University's regulations, (b)commit illegal or any type of immoral conduct including sexual harassment, (c)become critically ill or seriously injured after arrival in Japan,
- (11) to be responsible for paying any cost for treatment of the said health conditions except for the medical care expenses described in the table of "11. Expenses To be borne by JICA,"
- (12) to return the total amount or a part of the expenditure for KCCP depending on the severity of such violation, should the participants violate the laws and ordinances,
- (13) not to drive a car or motorbike in Japan, regardless of an international driving license possessed,
- (14) to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation,

- (15) to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in schedule,
- (16) to accept that 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,
- (17) to submit a Health Certificate in JICA format at the participant's expense, within 6 months before arrival in Japan, whichever is later,
- (18) to accept to submit a second Health Certificate in JICA format if deemed necessary by JICA. The cost of acquiring the Health Certificate will be borne by JICA unless it is required due to the candidates' fault,
- (19) to promptly resubmit your medical history, if there are changes in your health condition, such as pregnancy or a pre-existing disease,
- (20) to be in good health to participate in the program. In order to reduce the risk of worsening symptoms associated with respiratory tract infection, please be honest when consulting the doctor for your Health Certificate,
- (21) not to be receiving nor plan to receive other scholarships from the Japanese government, such as Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), The Japan Foundation (JF) during the program,
- (22) to understand not to make other applications for different JICA training courses at the same time,
- (23) to understand that the maximum duration of "Overseas research" and "Temporary Leave (leaving Japan for private purpose)" is 60 days, in principle.
- (24) to accept to take tuberculosis related inspections organized by JICA after arriving in Japan and to submit the results to JICA and university.
- (25) to approve the following conditions on summary of my thesis;
 - ① Summary of the thesis shall be kept at JICA.
 - ② Summary of the thesis can be read by anyone who made a request to JICA .
 - ③ Summary of the thesis can be used for publication by JICA or JICA website.
 - ④ Taking Photocopy of the thesis shall be allowed by anyone with JICA's permission.
- (26) to acknowledge that a leave of absence from school is not permitted in principle,
- (27) to understand that the maximum duration of research student is 6 months for both master's and doctor's courses, and duration of acceptance as a regular student is based on the course years determined by the university,
- (28) To indicate all educational background, including currently enrolled university, if any.
- (29) To understand that the use of Generative AI such as Chat GPT to create Application

Forms including Research Plans, and your research papers may not be acceptable and may result in rejection of your application or termination of training if discovered, according to each university policy.

Appendixes:

1. University Information (Excel)
2. Application Form (Excel)
3. Additional Application Form for the Agri-Net Program (Word)
4. List of the Target Countries for Agri-Net JFY2026 (Word)
- 5.1 Pre-Consultation Guide (PDF)
- 5.2 Preliminary Consultation Form for Matching Progress by JICA Applicant (related to research plan) (Excel)
6. Agri-Net Sub-program List (PDF)
7. "Encourage Women to Joint the Course" (PDF)



CORRESPONDENCE

For enquiries and further information, please contact your nearest JICA overseas office.



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**(JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program)(KCCP) for Long-Term Participants
(JICA Development Studies Program)**

OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

To be Confirmed and signed by the head of the relevant department / division of the applying organization

1. Course Title:(Please write down as shown in the General Information)

2. Course Number (the number as "XXXXXXXXJXXX" shown in the GI)※1

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3. Country Name

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4. Name of Applying Organization:

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5. Name of Nominee(s):

1)	3)
2)	4)

Our organization hereby applies for Knowledge Co-Creation program (KCCP) of the Japan International Cooperation Agency and proposes to dispatch qualified nominees to participate in the programs.

Date			Signature		
Name					
Designation / Position					Official Stamp
Department / Division					
Office Address and Contact Information	Address				
	Telephone		FAX		E-mail

Confirmation by the organization in charge (if there is no Note Verbale/ Letter from the government nominating the applicant) ※2
I have examined the documents in this form and found them true. Accordingly I agree to nominate this person(s) on behalf of our government.

※1. 研修員決定後、KCCPシステムでの研修コース登録を行う場合は記載不要。

※2. 署名又は代替書類は必須であり、いずれも無い場合、研修員の受入、来日手続きが不可となるため留意すること。

ただし、ABEイニシアティブなど、民間人材を対象にしている一部のプログラムにおいてはこの限りではない

Part A: Information on the Applying Organization**1. Profile of Organization****1) Name of Organization****2) The mission of the Organization and the Department / Division:****2. Purpose of Application****1) Current Issues: Describe the reasons for your organization claiming the need to participate in Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP), with reference to issues or problems to be addressed.****2) Objective: Describe what your organization intends to achieve by participating in KCCP.****3) Future Plan of Actions: Describe how your organization shall make use of the expected achievements, in addressing the said issues or problems.****4) Selection of the Nominee: Describe the reason(s) the nominee has been selected for the said purpose, referring to the following view points; 1) Course requirement, 2) Capacity /Position, 3) Plans for the candidate after the KCCP, 4) Plan of organization and 5) Others.**



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(JICA Development Studies Program)

Part B: Information about the Nominee

Instructions

1. Fill-in all YELLOW areas (or cells) of this form by computer. (DO NOT handwrite.).
2. Fill in the form in English.
3. All YELLOW areas MUST be filled-in (Do not leave these areas blank. Please write "N/A" if not applicable).
4. Write dates in the order of day, month, year (ex:31st day of January, 2025 is "31/Jan/2025").
5. Write proper nouns in full without abbreviation.
6. Check your application form using the check lists at the bottom of this application form.
7. Print out all pages after entering required information in all questions.
8. Obtain Signature(s) of the applicant's present organization (if necessary, digital stamp/signature is acceptable.).

1. Personal Information

1-1. Course Title

Color Photo
(4cm×3cm)

1-2. Number (Not need to fill in. JICA will inform after selection Procedures)

Paste your photo
taken within
6 months

1-3. Information about the applicant

Family Name							
First Name							
Other Name (If any)							
Gender for Visa application	Male	Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year)	1	/	Jan	/	2001
Nationality	El Salvador	Age (As of 1/Apr/2025)	24				
Resident Country							
City/Town		TEL (Primary)	Country Code				
State/Province		TEL (Secondary)	Country Code				
Email				Passport possession			

1-4. Contact Person in Emergency (2 Persons)

1	Name				Relationship		
	Province & Country	TEL	Country Code		Email		
2	Name				Relationship		
	Province & Country	TEL	Country Code		Email		

2. Educational Background

Instructions

1. Please list primary education through higher education, excluding kindergarten education and nursery education (Preparatory education for university admission is included in upper secondary education).
2. If you attended multiple schools at the same level of education due to moving house or readmission to university, modify level column and write the schools in the separate rows.
3. Any school years or levels skipped or repeated should be indicated in the Remarks column.
4. End date for Higher Education should match with the date on the graduate certificate which you submit.
5. Academic Degree must be filled for Higher Education level. (If not obtained any degree, write "N/A")

※Please add additional fields if necessary.

Level	Name of Educational Institution	Province, Country	From (Month) / (Year) To (Month) / (Year)	Type of Academic Degree Obtained	Major
(Ex.)	Name of Faculty / Department / School				
Primary Education			From / To /		
Lower Secondary Education			From / To /		
Upper Secondary Education			From / To /		
Higher Education (Bachelor level)			From / To /		
Other Higher Education (except training)			From / To /		
			From / To /		
			From / To /		
			From / To /		

If the period you have entered in 2. Educational Background above does not match a regular academic period, please indicate your reason in "Remarks" below.

Remarks	
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1) Language Proficiency

Indicate your English abilities with reference to the following

English Proficiency	Listening							
	Speaking							
	Reading							
	Writing							
	Certificate (Please specify Name of Certificate) ex.: TOEFL, IELTS	To be taken						
If Others, specify								
Score points obtained								
Test Dates		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Day</td> <td>Month</td> <td>Year</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Day	Month	Year			
Day	Month	Year						
Your Mother Tongue								

Excellent: Refined fluency skills and topic-controlled discussions, debates & presentations. Formulates strategies to deal with various essay types, including narrative, comparison, cause-effect & argumentative essays.

Good: Conversational accuracy & fluency in a wide range of situations: discussions, short presentations & interviews. Compound complex sentences. Extended essay formation.

Fair: Broader range of language related to expressing opinions, giving advice, making suggestions. Limited compound and complex sentences & expanded paragraph formation.

Poor: Simple conversation level, such as self-introduction, brief question & answer using the present and past tenses.

2) Have you ever been awarded a scholarship for studying abroad?

Yes	Name of scholarship				
	Duration	From	/	To	/

3) Are you currently applying for any scholarship(s), other than Program?

Yes	Name of scholarship	
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4) Have you ever participated in any training course in your country or abroad including any offered by JICA?

Yes	Name of the course				
	Country you visited		Name of the institution or the agency		
	Duration	From	/	To	/
Yes	Name of the course				
	Country you visited		Name of the institution or the agency		
	Duration	From	/	To	/
Yes	Name of the course				
	Country you visited		Name of the institution or the agency		
	Duration	From	/	To	/

3. Present Organization and Nomination**3-1. Present Organization and Position**

Categories of Organization	Others	Types of organization	
Name of Organization			
Department / Division			
Position			
Date of employment	/ /	Date of assignment to the present position	/ /
Province & Country	TEL	Country Code	Email

Categories of Organization	Types of Organization	Description
A. Ministry / Government Institution	National Government	Ministry or Federal Institution
	Local Government	Governmental Institution run by state/province or city/town
	Public Enterprise	Government-owned corporation or facilities
B. Higher Education and TVET	University	Either public or Private University
C. Private Sector	Private	Private company including Private school
D. Others	NGO/Private(non-profit)	NGO or non-profit organization
	Self-employed	Freelancer (if you own a company, chose "Private")
	Fresh Graduate	Just graduated or will Graduate soon from University and not working
	Unemployed	not working
	Others	Any status not applying to all above

3-2. 【Questionnaire on Relationship with the Military】 (FOR ALL THE APPLICANTS)

Please mark Yes or No about your status.

YES	Personnel of the military or organizations under the military (active military personnel or military personnel listed in the muster roll/military register)
	Personnel of the Ministry of Defense, or organizations under the Ministry of Defense
	Personnel of organizations that are specified by law under the military or the Ministry of Defense in case of an emergency
	Persons listed in the muster roll/military register who are not currently affiliated with the military, the Ministry of Defense, or affiliated organizations
	Personnel of civilian organizations which have divisions to conduct military-related activities

3-3 Confirmation of the nomination by the applicant's present organization

I agree to nominate this person as qualified nominees to participate in the programs on behalf of our organization.

Date		Signature	
Name			
Department / Division			
Position			
TEL	Country Code		
Email			

* This confirmation is necessary if the applicant's present organization is the ministry / government institution or any higher education and TVET institution

Confirmation by the organization in charge (if there is no Note Verbale/ Letter from the government nominating the applicant)

I have examined the documents in this form and found them true. Accordingly I agree to nominate this person(s) on behalf of our government.

Date		Signature	
Name			
Department / Division			
Position			

4. Work Experience

Provide the information of your work experience following the most recent one after graduation from higher education.

The first row (most recent one) will be filled automatically if 3-1 Present Organization and Position is correctly filled.

* In "To", please write the month and year as of you apply for this program.

Ex., If you applied for this program in the end of October in 2025, Please choose October as month and 2025 as year.

Organization	Department	Position	Period of Working	From / To			Full / Part Time	Type of Org
				From	/			
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				*To	/			

****For the Types of Organization, please choose from the followings:**

- A. Ministry / Government Institution
- B. Higher Education and TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) Institutions
- C. Private Sector
- D. Others (non-profit organization etc.)

*For the details of description of each type of organization, please refer to "Categories of Organization" in 3. Present Organization and Nomination)

4. Expectation on the applied KCCP

1) Personal Goal: Describe what you intend to achieve in the applied KCCP in relation to the organizational purpose described in Part A-2.

2) Relevant Experience: Describe your previous vocational experiences which are highly relevant in the themes of the applied KCCP. (required)

3) Area of Interest: Describe your subject of particular interest with reference to the contents of the applied KCCP. (required)

5. Declaration

I declare to apply for with a full understanding of the General Information, especially the articles stipulated below

(1) APPLICATION

1. All information answered and provided in this application form by me, is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability
My application will be canceled if any information is proven to be false
2. All information provided by me in this application form had been approved by my supervisor in my organization
(Required only for Governmental Officials (including public organizations) and/or Educators)
3. An application form which is incomplete or missing any necessary documents will be deemed ineligible and not considered
4. The selection procedure and results rest entirely with JICA as the secretariat of SDGs Global Leader. No inquiries or objections by applicants regarding the result of the selection process will be considered
5. Submission of a master's thesis is optional for doctoral candidates

(2) OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

- (2-1) When I am accepted for the Program, I agree
 - 2-1-1 that the objective of the program which is written in G.I. Therefore, I will participate in additional programs as being instructed in G.I. if necessary
 - 2-1-2 that I am required to contribute to the development of my nation's long-term good relationship with Japan after completing the course in Japan.
 - 2-1-3 that the objective of the program is not provision of employment in Japan upon completion of the program.

(3) JICA'S GUIDELINES

【General Rules】

The accepted applicants/participants are requested

- (1) to understand that participants must physically come to Japan to participate in this program at the date designated by JICA,
- (2) not to change the air ticket (and flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging by the participants on their own,
- (3) not to change course subjects or extend the course period,
- (4) to understand that inviting participant's family members is not recommended before their stay in Japan has passed more than 6 months,
- (5) to return to their home country on the designated flight by JICA, when they finish the program/course or when it is deemed impossible to finish the program within the program period, or when the participant is not successful on the regular course examination; (Please note that participants prepare by yourself all the documents necessary for the regular course examination.)
- (6) 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,
- (7) to enroll and complete JICA-DSP online courses, when you receive JICA's instructions to do so
- (8) to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners to provide the program or establishments. ("Plagiarism" especially is taken severely by enrolling university, regardless of whether it is direct plagiarism or self-plagiarism and participants may be subjected to disciplinary action such as suspension),
- (9) not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
- (10) to agree to be discontinued of the program, should the participant (a) violate Japanese laws, JICA's regulations, or University's regulations, (b) commit illegal or any type of immoral conduct including sexual harassment, (c) become critically ill or seriously injured after arrival in Japan
- (11) to be responsible for paying any cost for treatment of the said health conditions except for the medical care expenses described in the table of "Expenses To be borne by JICA" in General Information.
- (12) to return the total amount or a part of the expenditure for Knowledge Co-Creation Program for Long-Term Participants depending on the severity of such violation, should the participants violate the laws and ordinances,
- (13) not to drive a car or motorbike in Japan, regardless of an international driving license possessed,
- (14) to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation,
- (15) to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in schedule,
- (16) to accept that 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,
- (17) to submit a Health Certificate in JICA format at the participant's expense, within 6 months before arrival in Japan, whichever is later
- (18) to accept to submit a second Health Certificate in JICA format if deemed necessary by JICA. The cost of acquiring the Health Certificate will be borne by JICA unless it is required due to the candidates' fault.
- (19) to promptly resubmit your medical history, if there are changes in your health condition, such as pregnancy or a pre-existing disease,
- (20) to be in good health to participate in the program. In order to reduce the risk of worsening symptoms associated with respiratory tract infection, please be honest when consulting the doctor for your Health Certificate,
- (21) not to be receiving nor plan to receive another scholarship during the program,
- (22) to understand not to make other applications for different JICA training courses at the same time
- (23) to understand that the maximum duration of "Overseas research" and "Temporary Leave (leaving Japan for private purpose)" is 60 days, in principle
- (24) to accept to take tuberculosis related inspections organized by JICA after arriving in Japan and to submit the results to JICA and university
- (25) to approve the following conditions on summary of my thesis,
 - ① Summary of the thesis shall be kept at JICA
 - ② Summary of the thesis can be read by anyone who made a request to JICA
 - ③ Summary of the thesis can be used for publication by JICA or JICA website
 - ④ Taking Photocopy of the thesis shall be allowed by anyone with JICA's permission.
- (26) to acknowledge that a leave of absence from school is not permitted in principle,
- (27) to understand that the maximum duration of research student is 6 months for both master's and doctor's courses, and duration of acceptance as a regular student is based on the course years determined by the university,
- (28) to indicate this as your educational background, if you are enrolled in a university, whether in your home country or in another country,
- (29) To understand that the use of Generative AI such as Chat GPT to create Application Forms including Research Plans, and your research papers and your Application may not be acceptable and may result in rejection of your application or termination of training if discovered, according to each University policy

【Privacy Policy】

The participants/applicants are requested to understand Privacy Policy of JICA as follows

(1) Scope of Use

Personal information specified in this form and other personal information such as, participants' programs, activities, and networking record, will be stored, used, or analyzed by JICA only within the scope of conducting, supervising/selection, coordination, travel and life support of the participants in Japan, implementation of various programs and following up with participants during and after the program period, in accordance with rules and regulations of JICA

After the completion of the program period, JICA (including its country offices) may contact participants to carry out follow-up activities including but not limited to: career path survey, interviews, and dissemination of information on programs and activities organized by JICA. The personal information contains also medical history information and health certificate

JICA will provide the personal information to the universities that the applicants wish to enroll.

Once the candidate is accepted by a university, JICA will make a contact for the implementation of the program with that university

JICA will not use the acquired personal information for purposes other than the above

JICA will take safety management measures for the acquired personal information and manage it appropriately in accordance with the privacy policy and internal rules.

(2) Provision of acquired personal information to a third party

JICA shall never provide personal information to third parties except as required by law. However, in the following cases, we will provide personal information and will take the following measures

(a) In the case of contracted universities for the implementation of the program

The use of the personal information is limited to the scope of the commissioned tasks (implementation of the program) and JICA will request the commissioned party to take safety management measures and manage it appropriately, and will confirm the implementation status

(b) In the case of uncontracted universities for the purpose of admission screening

The use of the personal information is limited to the admission screening of the applicants by universities (career, academic background, research plan, medical history information and medical certificate), and JICA will notify the applicants of the name of the universities to which the information is provided and the privacy policy of the universities at the time of its provision

【Security Notice】

JICA takes any measures required to prevent leakage, loss, or destruction of acquired information, and to otherwise properly manage such information.

*Information Security Policy of JICA in relation to Personal Information Protection

■ JICA will properly and safely manage personal information collected through Application Forms in accordance with JICA's Privacy Policy and the relevant laws of Japan concerning protection of personal information and take protection measures to prevent divulgence, loss or damages of such personal information.

■ Unless otherwise obtained approval from the Applicant him/herself or there are valid reasons such as disclosure under the laws and ordinances, etc., and except for the reasons 1-3 below, JICA will neither provide nor disclose personal information to any third party. JICA will use personal information provided only for the purposes in 1-3 below and will not use the information for any purposes other than those described in 1-3 below without prior approval of the Applicant him/herself.

1. To provide the KCCP to Participants.

2. To provide the KCCP to Participants under the Citizens' Cooperation Activities.

3. In addition to 1 and 2 above, if the government of Japan or JICA determines it necessary in technical cooperation.

※JICA's policy for the transfer of personal data from the European Economic Area (EEA) to outside the EEA (to Japan and third countries).

JICA has revised "Bylaws for the Implementation of Personal Information Protection" which was published based on Japan's legislation by adding new provisions regarding how to deal with personal data within the EEA in order to meet General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR's) requirements for data protection. Based on the new bylaws, JICA entered into the EU Standard Contractual Clauses (SCCs) which allows us to transfer personal data from offices within the EEA to offices outside the EEA (in Japan and third countries).

【Copyright Policy】

The participants are requested to comply with the following:

1. The participants shall use all the documents provided for the KCCP (including texts, materials, etc.), within the scope approved by each copyright holder.

If the participants apply to online KCCP, the participants shall also comply with terms of use of copyrighted works for the online KCCP that are shown on the JICA website (https://www.jica.go.jp/english/out_work/types_of_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.html).

2. All the documents for the KCCP (including reports, action plans, presentations, etc.) shall be prepared by the participants themselves in principle. If the participants use a third party's work (reproduction, photograph, illustration, map, figures, etc.) which is protected under the laws and regulations in the participants' country or copyright-related multinational agreements, the participants shall obtain a license to use the work within the scope approved by the copyright holder.

3. The participants shall agree that JICA may use the documents prepared by the participants (including but not limited to reproduction, public transmission, distribution and modification) for other programs conducted by JICA (for example, as reference for other KCCP courses and project formulation).

【Portrait Right Policy】

During the implementation period of KCCP, JICA (including hired photographer and program implementing partners) will shoot photographs and video footage mainly for the following purposes:

• Use on the website or in SNS administrated/operated by JICA.

• Use in JICA publications (public relations magazines, annual reports, journals, etc.) in printed or electronic form.

*Photos and images taken will not be used for commercial purposes and the participants' personal information will not be disclosed to any third party without the consent of the participants.

JICA would appreciate it if the participants of KCCP grant the participants themselves portrait right license to JICA for photos and images taken described above. It is, however, not a requirement of KCCP. The participants do not agree to grant the participants themselves portrait right license to JICA, has absolutely no problem in participating KCCP. JICA respects the intention of each Participant.

• I understand and fully agree to the following terms and conditions set forth above.

• I will be subject to any penalties imposed as a consequence of my failure to abide by the above terms and conditions.

• I understand the intention of JICA on "Portrait Right Policy" mentioned above, and my intention for usage/publication of photographs and videos including the portrait of myself by JICA for the purpose above is as follows.

***Please check the box whether you are AGREE or DISAGREE.

☐ Agree / ☐ Disagree

I certify that the statements I made in this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

By Applicant

Name of Applicant: _____

Signature: _____

DATE (Day / Month / Year) _____ / _____ / _____

Check List

Please check the following BEFORE printing

Page	Check Point	Applicant	JICA
All	Are all the Yellow columns (MANDATORY to answer) filled out?		
1	Is the full name written as shown on the Passport? (Check the spelling) (National ID is acceptable if the applicant does not own a Passport) Is the date of birth same as on the Passport or ID? Is the applicant's age between 22 to 39? (if not, check qualified age at JICA overseas office in charge of your country)		
2	Is the name of supervisors chosen from the professor list in the University Information List? If the name of supervisor is required to enter for all courses of PhD and some Master's courses, is the section of "supervisor of choice" in Annex 1-1 (for Courses with Pre-application matching), and Annex 1-2 (for Courses without Pre-application matching) filled out?		
3	Do schooling years correspond to the years indicated in the provided University Diploma and Academic Transcript? Is the name of the degree same as in the "University Diploma" and "Academic Transcript"? If the schooling years do not match with the regular academic period, is it explained in the Remarks column?		
4	Is the applicant applying for any scholarship other than Program?		
5	Is the applicant's name of organization, department, and position correctly spelled out? (No abbreviation is allowed) Has the applicant entered whether the applicant's present organization is related to the Military / the Ministry of Defense?		
6	Is the working history and period of the applicant correctly filled out? Any employment before university completion is not considered as working history. Only full-time working with acquisition of diploma, such as night school, is approved as working experience		
7	In 5. Declaration, has the applicant entered a check mark (✓) for either Agree or Disagree?		
Word File for Annex 2 Research Plan and Career Plan	Is the research plan written in format of "Title", "Introduction", "Objective" and "Conclusion", according to instructions of Research Plan of Annex 2? (Extreme lack of words may not be accepted.) Is the research plan written with the "Title", "Introduction", "Objective" and "Conclusion", respectively followed by Rules of Outline of Research Plan as instructed in Annex 2-1 Research Plan?		

Please check the following AFTER printing

Page	Check Point	Applicant	JICA
1	Is the applicant's photo attached on the Application form?		
5	Are the official stamp and signature of the current organization affixed in 3-3?		
8	In the Declaration Form, is the signed date within the application period?		
University Diploma	Is the notary seal affixed to University Diploma? The copied document of original one is approved only with the original notary seal affixed. *The notary seal: To officially notarize the copied document, affixed by authorized public institutions or lawyers Is the name and date of birth as shown on the Passport or ID? if not, please describe the reason in the letter If not written in English, is the official English translation attached?		
Academic Transcript	Is the notary seal affixed to Academic Transcript for all the grades earned in the university? Is the name and date of birth as shown on the Passport or ID? if not, please describe the reason in the letter If not written in English, is the official English translation attached?		
Copy of Passport(ID)	Is the copy of valid Passport (or National ID) attached? If not written in English, is the official English translation attached?		
ID Photo	Is the applicant's photo (4cm x 3cm) attached on Page 1 of Application Form?		
(Health Certificate & Medical History)	You must take Health check(Annex3) by the doctor in your country at the time of application for entrance examination or within 6 months before coming to Japan, whichever is later, and submitted with Medical History(Annex4) at a later date. The Annex3 should describe current status of the applicant's illness and state the Physician's consent to join the program		

Please check the following BEFORE submission

Page	Check Point	Applicant	JICA
All	Are all documents and attachments included? • Application Form • Annex1 (University Information) • Annex2 (Research Plan and Career Plan) • University Diploma (and Official English translation if the documents are issued other than English) • Academic Transcript (and Official English translation if the documents are issued other than English) • Copy of Passport/ID (and English translation if necessary) • Official English Proficiency Certificate as required by the desired university • Master's Degree Thesis (if any)		

Name of Applicant: _____



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1. University Information:

(1) After examining university list provided by JICA, please fill in University, Supervisor, and the respective Field of studies that you expect to study in Japan.

Name of University and Graduate School	
Name of Course/Major	
Master/PhD	
Supervisor of choice*	
Field of Study	

Please place a check mark in the appropriate box.

☐ I have obtained an unofficial consent for acceptance to enroll as a REGULAR student from the supervisor.

☐ I have obtained an unofficial consent for acceptance to enroll as a RESEARCH student from the supervisor.

*If you wish to apply for a PhD, please make sure to fill in "Supervisor of choice".

Master's degree applicants must also fill in the name of desired supervisor for some universities. Please refer to the appropriate section of the "university list".

[IMPORTANT] JICA will provide your desired university with your personal information (educational background, career, health condition, health certificate, etc.) necessary for selection.

For the privacy policy of each university, check the description on the university website.

5 作成を原則とするが、研修コース特性に応じて作成しないことも可とする

6 受入大学に候補者情報を提供する研修コースにおいては記載必須

Research Plan and Career Plan_s

Write a brief research plan of your proposed Master's or Ph.D. thesis more than 700 words (minimum 3 pages).

Below is an example of the structure of the research plan. Usage of this structure is not essential but strongly recommended.

(a) TITLE of your Master's or Ph.D. thesis

(b) INTRODUCTION (1 paragraph):

To state clearly what your research interests are. Necessary to include the followings:

- Background information regarding the selected topic and your involvement (e.g. what is the main reason that you chose the topic, your relevant working experience, etc.)
- The main objective of your study

(c) MAIN BODY (approximately 3 paragraphs):

To provide specific information to support your ideas. To explain what you are going to study and how the research is conducted.

Necessary to include the followings:

- Brief explanation for your analysis of this topic.
- Brief explanation for your research methodology.

(d) CONCLUSION (1 paragraph):

To stress the most important point(s) of your research plan, and your future work. Necessary to include the followings:

- The skills which you wish to obtain in Japan.
- How you intend to utilize your research to solve the issue(s) mentioned in the first part of the plan after returning to your home country.

*For Ph.D. courses, please attach your master thesis in English and related papers (if any).

!! IMPORTANT !!

✓ It is recommended to make prior contact the faculty before submitting the applications in order to know whether or not the university can accept the research plan. You should write the research plan in light of the requirements and characteristics of the Master's or Ph.D. course.

✓ It must be demonstrated that your academic background and/or job experience are sufficient enough to engage in and complete the Master's or Ph.D. course in Japan. In this regard, it is essential for you to select a research theme which is associated with your current or future job.

✓ If you are currently employed, it is desirable for you to discuss with your organization to get supporting references, such as a policy J/or strategic paper of the organization.

Career Plan after Graduation_s

In connection with the fields of study, please describe your idea /plan to utilize your knowledge, skills and experiences that you obtained in Japan after returning to your home country in 400-500 words.

Please be reminded of the aim of SDGs Global Leadership Program which expects the participants to be leaders who share values of Japan in order to help establish and maintain mid and long - term good relations between Japan and the participants' countries



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Knowledge Co-Creation Program under Technical Cooperation with the Government of Japan

Additional Application form for Agri-Net FY2026

1. Your Name and country:

Name:
Country:

2. Please choose the most relevant cluster of JICA Global Agenda in agriculture sector for your field of study:

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment & Promotion (SHEP)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Fisheries-centered Blue Economy in island countries</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Building a Food Value Chain (FVC) in Southeast Asia</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Promotion of the "One Health" concept through strengthening of livestock hygiene.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD)</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Others ()	

3. Expectation on the applied Agri-Net program

1) Personal Goal: Describe what you intend to achieve in the applied Agri-Net program.

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2) Relevant Experience: Describe your previous vocational experiences which are highly relevant in the themes of the Agri-Net program.

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3) Area of Interest: Describe your subject of particular interest with reference to the contents of the Agri-Net program

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DECLARATION (to be signed by the Applicant)

• I hereby declare all the above statement and information are true and correct.

By Applicant

Date
Name and Title/Position
Signature