



Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus)

General information on

**Promotion of SATOYAMA Initiative: Biodiversity conservation
and rural development through the sustainable management of
natural resources**

課題別研修「持続可能な自然資源管理による生物多様性保全と
地域振興～「SATOYAMA イニシアティブ」の推進～
JFY2024

Course No. 202311651J001

Course Period

Online: January 8, 2025

In Japan: From January 19 to February 6, 2025

This information pertains to one of the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (Group & Region Focus) 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

Background

The Satoyama Initiative is a global effort to realize "societies in harmony with nature" through landscape approaches to biodiversity conservation and human well-being. COMDEKS was launched in 2011 as a flagship program of the Satoyama Initiative. It has supported over 200 projects aimed at maintaining and reconstructing secondary natural environments and can be said to be contributing to the achievement of the "Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework¹" adopted in 2022.

In Japan, the knowledge of Satoyama, has also been reevaluated. However, Satoyama is threatened due to industrialization, depopulation, and weakening self-governance. For example, Noto region, which has designed Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System, has been suffered severe damage from the earthquake, and the succession of the Satoyama is in a critical situation. There is a need to regenerate local resources as commons by building a new joint management system that involves a variety of actors.

For what?

Participants will learn the cases of regenerating natural resource management system in Japan to acquire practical knowledge for the realization of a society in harmony with nature in their own countries.

For whom?

- Central or local governmental officers or management staff of public organizations who is in charge of planning and implementing natural resource management.
- Staff or researchers from NGO or other institutions related to natural resource management.

How?

- Lectures for basic understanding of Satoyama, SATOYAMA Initiative and related policies
- Learning the cases of natural resource management through observation and practice
- Preparation and presentation of action plan for a sustainable natural resource management by local communities based on the SATOYAMA Initiative.

¹ <https://www.cbd.int/gbf>

II. Description

1. Title (Course No.)

Promotion of SATOYAMA Initiative: Biodiversity conservation and rural development through the sustainable management of natural resources (202311651J001)

2. Course Duration in Japan

From January 19 to February 6, 2025

* Online orientation to be held on January 8, 2025

3. Target Regions or Countries

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Ecuador, Laos, Timor-Leste

4. Target Group

- National / local governmental agencies and other organizations (NGO, Research Institution etc.) related to natural resource management
- Counterparts in JICA projects and JICA Volunteers in the relevant fields

5. Number of Participants

8 participants

6. Language

English

7. Objective

Through participation in this course, the participants are expected

- (1) to organize the current status and challenges of natural resource management in their countries based on the concept of the SATOYAMA Initiative
- (2) to understand policies and institutions related to sustainable natural resource management in Japan
- (3) to acquire ideas for knowledge on sustainable natural resource management by local communities through observation of practical examples based on the SATOYAMA Initiative in the Hokuriku region and efforts toward recovery on the Noto Peninsula after the earthquake, and exchange information and opinions with the concerned parties.
- (4) to create an action plan for "realization of a society in harmony with nature" based on the knowledge gained through the program

8. Overall Goal

In order to realize a society in harmony with nature, their action plans will be carried out by the affiliated institutions.

9. Expected Module Output and Contents: in Annex-2

10. Tentative Program Schedule: in Annex-3

III. Eligibility and Procedures

1. Expectations to the Applying Organizations

(1) This course is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operation. Applying organizations are expected to use the program for those specific purposes.

(2) This course is enriched with contents and facilitation schemes specially developed in collaboration with relevant prominent organizations in Japan. These special features enable the course to meet specific requirements of applying organizations and effectively facilitate them toward solutions for the issues and problems.

2. Nominee Qualifications

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

(1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) Current Duties: (a) Central or local governmental officers or management staff of public organizations who is in charge of planning and implementing natural resource management, (b) Staff or researchers from NGO or other institutions related to natural resource management.
- 2) Experience in the Relevant Field: have more than 3 years' experience in the field of natural resource management.
- 3) Educational Background: be a graduate of university.
- 4) Language Proficiency: have a competent command of spoken and written English proficiency equivalent to TOEFL iBT 100 or above (This workshop includes active participation in discussions, which requires high competence in English. Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC etc., if possible)
- 5) Health: must be in good health to participate in the program in Japan. To reduce the risk of worsening symptoms associated with respiratory tract infection, please be honest to declare in the Medical History (QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS RESTRICTION of the application form) if you have been a patient of following illnesses; Hypertension / Diabetes / Cardiovascular illness / Heart failure / Chronic respiratory illness.

(2) Recommended Qualifications

- 1) Age: between the ages of twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) years
- 2) 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.

3. 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

(3) English Score Sheet: to be submitted with the application form, if the nominees have any official English examination scores. (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS)

(4) Job Report: to be submitted with the application form. Job Report on the main issues concerning the targeted field in your country must be submitted. It will be a material for Problem Analysis session in the program. Detailed information is provided in Annex-1.

4. 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 December 6, 2024**)

(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 December 18, 2024.**

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 immoral conduct, 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.

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

- (1) **Center:** JICA Hokuriku Center (JICA Hokuriku)
- (2) **Program Officer:** Ms. TAKEDA Misato (Takeda.Misato@jica.go.jp)

2. Implementing Partner

- (1) **Name:** Platform of Environmental Citizenship TOYAMA (PEC TOYAMA)
- (2) **URL:** <https://www.pectoyama.org/> (in Japanese)

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 : Hotels in Toyama city/ other suburb cities and JICA TOKYO
If there is no vacancy at JICA TOKYO, JICA will arrange alternative accommodation(s) for the participants.
Please refer to facility guide of JICA TOKYO at its URL,
<https://www.jica.go.jp/tokyo/english/office/index.html>

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 the brochure for participants titled “KENSU-IN GUIDE BOOK,” which will be given before departure for Japan.

*Link to JICA HP (English/French/Spanish/Russian):

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.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
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Tokyo	https://www.jica.go.jp/tokyo/english/office/index.html
JICA Hokuriku	https://www.jica.go.jp/hokuriku/english/office/index.html

V. Other Information

1. Personal computer

Participants should bring a personal computer (Laptop Computer) to prepare and/or revise Inception Report and Action Plan.

As Japanese electric outlet is Type-A, if the participants would like to bring own computer, it is necessary to bring a Type-A adaptor also. Japanese voltage is 100V, frequency is 50/60Hz.



2. Participants should bring about 200 US dollars because it takes a few days for you to be able to withdraw the allowance in Japan.

3. Wear

It is recommended for participants to bring the wear for winter and an umbrella referring the temperature and precipitation table below.

It often snows in this season.

And please bring formal wear for ceremony. It depends on you whether you bring ethnic costume or suits as formal wear.

4. Climate in Toyama

MONTHLY AVERAGES												
Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Average Temperature(C)	3.7	3.6	6.5	12.2	16.9	20.9	25.1	26.6	22.2	16.7	11.3	6.5
Highs(C)	6.8	6.7	10.5	16.6	21.4	24.5	28.7	30.4	26	21	15.3	10
Lows(C)	0.8	0.6	2.7	7.9	12.6	17.7	22.2	23.1	19	13	7.4	3.2
Precipitation(mm)	266	184	153	143	154	193	226	164	241	188	267	287

* 0 C = 32F (F = 9/5C+32) --- 10 C = 50 F --- 20 C = 68 F --- 30 C = 86 F

VI. Annex:

Annex-1: Job Report (format)

All nominees are required to formulate a Job Report on the following issues and submit it to the respective countries' JICA offices (or Embassies of Japan) with the Application form.

NOTE:

- ✓ The report should be prepared **specified format** in next page and typewritten in A4 sized paper with Times New Roman or similar fonts (12 point), single-space, page numbering at the bottom. Any supporting documents, statistical data, tables and figures could be annexed.
 - ✓ Each participant is expected to give a **10-15 minute presentation** on the Job Report by Microsoft Power Point (5-10slides) when you coming to Japan. So you are expected to prepare for the presentation.
 - ✓ Visual presentation with maps, graphs and pictures is appreciated. Please save the data in USB flash memory and we recommend bringing printed version of the presentation to Japan in case of any mechanical problem.
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- * Reference: Many case studies in SATOYAMA are introduced in Satoyama initiative website by United Nation University.
<https://satoyama-initiative.org/>
 - * Reference: the Ministry of the Environment of Japan has categorized and put together practices for sustainable management of natural resources and related cases on the website.
https://www.env.go.jp/nature/satoyama/syuhourei/practices_en.html

Job Report

1. Introduction

- (1) Name of the nominee
- (2) Name of the country
- (3) Name of nominee's organization
- (4) Address
- (5) Tel/Fax/E-mail

2. Organization information

- (1) Organization Chart (indicating the position you hold)

(2) Mandate of your organization/department/division

(3) Outline of your duty

3. Situation Information

(1) Current state of natural resources management and approach for community promotion in your country/organization

(2) Issues and problems your organization is currently facing

(3) Your personal vision on how to improve the situation

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:

JICA Hokuriku Center (JICA HOKURIKU)