



TRAINING AND DIALOGUE PROGRAMME

GENERAL INFORMATION ON

THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND WELFARE WORKSHOP

-What can be done to attain Welfare and MCH collaboration
for the benefit of mothers and children -

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This information pertains to one of the Training and Dialogue Programme of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which shall be implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between both Governments.

I. Concept

Background

The current pictures of women and children facing a threat to life caused by pregnancy and childbirth are reported in many developing countries. Behind this, there lie various problems such as poverty, gender inequality, and lack of family planning information and its methods, unsafe delivery and ignorance of reproductive health concept.

In developing countries, the level of poverty reduction and development appears straight in the health condition of people. Although the health level of people in developing countries has been improving due to past developing efforts, average infant motility rate in developing countries shows as high as 57/1000 and average motility rate of children under 5 year-old, 83/1000. (Reference: average child motility rate in OECD countries is 9/1000, 11/1000 for under 5 year-old children.) UN millennium development goals also include: 1) reduction of child mortality and 2) improvement of maternal health for working out to achieve.

Japan has steady reduced child mortality rate by community activities together with government and coordination efforts with welfare administration after World War II. Recently the importance of the coordination between Welfare and Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Administration is recognized. Therefore, it is expected that Japanese experience of having worked toward overcoming various difficulties from both perspectives, that is to say, knowledge, information and experience in the field of welfare and maternal and child health, should be made best use by developing countries.

For what?

It is to promote welfare and MCH activities in the community that are acquired based on the experience of those administrations in Japan, considering the aspects of linkage between the two.

For whom?

National or local government administrators in charge of planning and managing welfare and MCH programmes as well as being able to consider or discuss about collaboration between welfare and MCH.

How?

The participants shall have opportunities in Japan to acquaint themselves with Japanese experiences in Welfare Administration and MCH activities, particularly community level activities in which local citizens play a major role and exchange the views on their experiences.

Participants will also formulate “promoting collaboration plans” describing what they will do after going back to their home country putting the knowledge and ideas acquired and discussed in Japan into their on-going activities.

II. Description

1. Title

The Maternal and Child Health and Welfare Workshop

~What can be done to attain Welfare and MCH collaboration for the benefit of mothers and children~ (J0900766)

2. Period of programme

January 31, 2010 to February 20, 2010

3. Target Regions or Countries

Afghanistan, Morocco, Moldova, Philippines, Laos, Vietnam, Syria, Bolivia, Swaziland and Sierra Leone

4. Eligible / Target Organization

National or local government administrators in charge of planning and managing welfare and MCH programmes as well as being able to consider or discuss about collaboration between welfare and MCH.

5. Total Number of Participants

10 participants

6. Language to be used in this programme

English

7. Programme Objective:

This programme is designed:

- to introduce the approaches that Japan has adopted to promote the collaboration between Welfare and MCH, and
- to share knowledge/ information/ experience regarding issues that participants are facing in their countries as well as measures to be taken.

Also, this aims to develop further friendship among participating countries.

~It is important, for the better life of mothers and children at anyplace in the world, to create children-friendly environment as well as to promote cooperation in the community. Also in developing countries, Collaboration between Welfare and MCH will become crucial in order to improve the situations in both fields.~

8. Overall Goal

The issues in the field of Welfare and MCH Administration in participating countries are identified and close coordination between them is promoted.

9. Expected Module Output and Contents:

This programme consists of the following components. Details on each component are given below:

(1) Preliminary Phase in a participant's home country. (December 2009 to January 2010) <i>Participating organizations make required preparation for the Program in the respective country.</i>		
Modules	Activities	
To learn the current situation of welfare and MCH in participant's country	Preparation of Assignments below: (1) Country Report (See Annex 1), (2) Preparation for the discussion (See Annex 2)	

(2) Core Phase in Japan (January 31, 2010 to February 20, 2010) <i>Participants dispatched by the organizations attend the Programme implemented in Japan.</i>		
Modules	Subjects/Agendas	Methodology
Clarify problems in welfare and MCH of their own countries based on the experiences in Japan.	(1) Discussion for collaboration between Welfare and Maternal and Child Health (2) Analysis of problems and objectives to clarify the priority of problems to be solved	Presentation Discussion Group Exercise
Acquire tips and examples of countermeasures to solve the identified problems of their own countries.	Policy for Maternal and Child Health in Japan(include"The 21st Century "Sukoyaka "families) / Trend and Status of Child Welfare Services / Development of infants and significance of Infants Health check up / MCH Handbook/ The Linkage of Maternal and Child Health and the Welfare	Lecture
	National Rehabilitation Center for Disabled Children / Maternity center / Obstetrics department in the Hospital / Osaka Medical Center and Research Institute for Maternal and Child Health / Health and Welfare Center/ Facility of the Maternal and child life support/ Facility for mentally-retarded children "Soratorori kindergarden"/ Day care Center / Welfare facilities for children, Child Rehabilitation Center / Aiku-Han Activities /	Study Visit

Sort out (planning, implementing) tasks and make a clear direction to address necessary measures after returning to their own countries.	Short discussion/ Review/ Group Exercise(1)(Analysis of problems and objectives)/ Group Exercise(2)(Analysis of problems and objectives) / Group Exercise(3) Preparation for Promoting collaboration plan between Welfare and MCH / Group Exercise(4) (Final Presentation)	Presentation Discussion Group Exercise
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(3) Finalization Phase in a participant's home country.
 (February 2010 to August 2010)
Participating organizations produce final outputs by making use of results brought back by participants. This phase marks the end of the program.

Modules	Activities	
To start activities for the promotion of collaboration between welfare and MCH in participant's country.	Report the progress of "promoting collaboration plans" by August 2010.	

Programme(Tentative) in Japan

1. Lectures and study visits

Most of the information will be presented in the form of classroom lectures given by the Japanese experts in the field of Welfare and Maternal and Child Health (hereinafter called Welfare and MCH). Through those lectures, current situation and experience of the Welfare and MCH in Japan will be introduced. Also there will be study visits to the related facilities and organizations to obtain further information regarding Welfare and MCH in Japan. For your reference, tentative schedule of the course is attached herewith.

(1) Lecture

Programme Title	Programme Contents
Policy for Maternal and Child Health in Japan(include"The 21st Century "Sukoyaka "families)	How the MCH of Japan has been improved since the end of the Second World War will be described by mentioning the challenges of the times and measures to address them, which will be verified by the changes in the MCH statistics, and an explanation will be given about the system of current MCH measures, relevant laws and regulations, new challenges in the social environment including the falling birthrate and the "Sukoyaka Oyako 21" (Healthy Family 21) campaign.
Trend and Status of Child Welfare Services	An explanation will be given about the structure, principles, measures, laws and system of child welfare administration of Japan, the postwar history of child welfare, the measures (future generation development assistance, MCH, sound nurturing, childcare, reformation, children with disabilities and people with intellectual disabilities, child support allowance, etc.) and challenges of the current child welfare programs, etc.
MCH Services and MCH Handbook	1) Review the role of MCH handbook in MCH service. 2) Review the role of MCH handbook in other public service. 3) Assess the possibility of application of MCH handbook in your country
Development of infants and significance of Infants Health check up	To observe health management for down's syndrome children before their acquisition of gait and support for development through parent-and-child exercises.
The Linkage of Maternal and Child Health and the Welfare	To confirm the mechanism/system of prevention, early detection and early intervention of disability by the collaboration between welfare and MCH in Japan.

(2) Study visit

Maternity center / Obstetrics department in the Hospital.	Visit to Maternity center and obstetrics department in the hospital.
Osaka Medical Center and Research Institute for Maternal and Child Health	Visit to General Perinatal Medical Center to observe what kind of medical support and welfare services are given to high-risk pregnancy and infant that cannot be handled by local medical institutes and/or mother and child who have social problems, and to understand a health care and welfare as well as collaboration with local community in Tertiary Perinatal Medical Center.
Health and Welfare Center -4month health check up-	To observe the actual situation of utilization of maternal and child health record book for health check up, dissemination of knowledge among parents and screening by an appropriate contents of health check up in accordance with development of children.
Facility for the Maternal and Child life support	The facilities are intended for accepting and taking care of mothers and children of single-female-parent households with mothers having difficulty in making a living or nurturing children and for assisting them with their living to encourage their independence.
Integrated child care (Facility for mentally-retarded children "Soratoriki kindergarden) (Day care Center "Nonoyuri Hoikuen")	To observe the coordination of individual guidance and group guidance through the collaboration between a day care facility and an adjacent nursery school, and efforts to encourage children without disabilities to nurture friendship with children with disabilities.
Health and Welfare Center -20months health check up-	To observe the actual situation of utilization of maternal and child health record book for health check up, dissemination of knowledge among parents and screening by an appropriate contents of health check up in accordance with development of children.
Aiiku-Han Activities	A field trip to 'Aiiku-Han' activities, which are voluntary group activities of MCH and welfare services by local residents, and other related facilities in such advanced stage of MCH and welfare program at community level in Japan, will be provided.

2. Discussion for the collaboration between Welfare and MCH

In the 'Discussion for the collaboration between Welfare and MCH' scheduled on 2 February, 2010, every participant would focus to the current situation and problems in respective country.

All participants are kindly requested to prepare background information, for your reference, based on the Discussion Guidelines. For more details, please refer to the attached "Suggested Guidelines for the Discussion" (ANNEX-2).

3. Group Exercise

<Purpose of Group Exercise>

The session aims to design his/her own "Promoting collaboration plan between Welfare and MCH" (For your reference, see Annex 3). Through the exercises, participants may identify the issues to be solved, and may acquire tips and examples to solve them. Presentation of each plan is scheduled on 19 February, 2010. Through the exercises, participants may identify the issues to be solved, and may acquire tips and examples to solve them

※"Promoting collaboration plan between welfare and MCH" . . . is a plan which shows feasible and practical ways and procedures for improving current situation and/or solving problems in participant's working place. This plan will be made by participants themselves and may be set at organizational, regional, or national level where they will do after going back to their home country.

Group Exercise (1)(2)&(3)

Preparation for Promoting collaboration plan between welfare and MCH

Each participant will do analysis of problems and objectives to clarify the priority of the problems to be solved.

Group Exercise (4) (Final Presentation)

Each participant will make an own "promoting collaboration plan between welfare and MCH" based on this workshop, finalize them and make a presentation at **Group Exercise (3) on 18 February 2010. An OHP and MS Power Point will be available as presentation aids.**

4. Others

- Courtesy call to MHLW
- JICA Evaluation
- Closing ceremony & Farewell Party

Daily Schedule (tentative)

2010		AM(9:30~12:00)	PM(13:30~16:00)
31-Jan	Sun	Arrival in Tokyo, Japan	
1-Feb	Mon	Briefing and Programme Orientation	
2-Feb	Tue	Discussion for the collaboration between Welfare and MCH Facilitator (Ms Akemi Bando, Mr Tamotsu Nakasa)	
3-Feb	Wed	9:30~9:50 Courtesy call to Director General, Equal Employment•Children & Families Bureau, MHLW/ 10:00~12:00 Policy for Maternal and Child Health in Japan(include"The 21st Century "Sukoyaka "families)	13:30~15:30 Trend and Status of Child Welfare Services
4-Feb	Thu	MCH service and MCH Handbook (Dr. Yoko Watanabe)	<Study visit> National Rehabilitation Center for Disabled Children
5-Feb	Fri	<Study visit> Maternity center	<Study visit> Obstetrics department in the Hospital 16:00 – 16:30 Short Discussion
6-Feb	Sat	Holiday	
7-Feb	Sun	Move Tokyo to Osaka	
8-Feb	Mon	Development of infants and significance of Infants Health check up	<Study visit> Osaka Medical Center and Research Institute for Maternal and Child Health
9-Feb	Tue	<Study visit> Health and Welfare Center -4month health check up- (Kyoto city)	<Study visit> Facility for the Maternal and Child life support (Kyoto city)
10-Feb	Wed	<Study visit> Integrated child care (Facility for mentally-retarded children "Sorannotori kindergarden) (Day care Center "Nonoyuri Hoikuen")	<Study visit> Health and Welfare Center -20months health check up- (Uji-shi Health Center)
11-Feb	Thu	National holiday	
12-Feb	Fri	<Study visit> Activities for children with disabilities (Welfare facilities for children, Child Rehabilitation Center "Kira-kira en")	<Study visit> 3 years old health check up (Uji-shi Health center) 16:00-16:30 Short discussion
13-Feb	Sat	Move Osaka to Tokyo	
14-Feb	Sun	Holiday	
15-Feb	Mon	<Study visit> Aiku-Han Activities	
16-Feb	Tue	The Linkage of Maternal and Child Health and the Welfare (Ms Akemi Bando)	Review (Overall questions and comments) (Ms Akemi Bando)
17-Feb	Wed	Exercise(1) "Preparation for the collaboration plan presentation" (Ms Akemi Bando)	
18-Feb	Thu	Exercise(2)(Analysis of the problems and purposes)(Ms Akemi Bando)	Exercise(3) "Preparation for the collaboration plan presentation" (Ms Akemi Bando)
19-Feb	Fri	Exercise(4) "Presentation for collaboration plan" (Ms Akemi Bando, Mr Tamotsu Nakasa)	13:00-15:00 Exercise(4) "Presentation" (Ms Akemi Bando, Mr Tamotsu Nakasa) /Gourp Evaluation by JICA/ Closing ceremony/Farewell party
20-Feb	Sat	Departure from Tokyo	

III. Conditions and Procedures for Application

1. Expectations for the Participating Organizations:

This programme is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operation. Participating organizations are expected to use the project for those specific purposes.

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

As this programme is designed to facilitate organizations to come up with concrete solutions for their issues, participating organizations are expected to make due preparation before dispatching their participants to Japan by carrying out the activities of the Preliminary Phase described in section II-9.

Participating organizations are also expected to make the best use of the results achieved by their participants in Japan by carrying out the activities of the Finalization Phase described in section II-9.

2. Nominee Qualifications:

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

(1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) be nominated by the government in accordance with the procedures mentioned in **IV below**,
- 2) be a national or local government administrators **who qualify (A) or (B) below and can consider and discuss collaboration between welfare and MCH programmes, (A) the person who in charge of planning or managing welfare administration. (B) the person who in charge of planning or managing MCH administration.**
- 3) be expected to possess a background in the field of MCH and welfare and continue their careers in MCH and welfare services,
- 4) be sufficient for both written and spoken English,
- 5) be in good health both physically and mentally, to attend all of the sessions of the workshop (Please be sure not to be pregnant),
- 6) not have attended this workshop ('Asian Maternal and Child Health Workshop' held by MHLW/JICWELS from 1989 to 2003 and by JICA in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007) in the past,
- 7) not be serving in the military.

(2) Recommendable Qualifications.

- 1) be 35 to 50 years of the age.

※ It is preferable, as implementing side, to have plural nominates from both welfare and MCH fields, even though only one participation may be allowed.

※Pregnancy : There is higher risk for pregnant women and people with chronic diseases to cause serious medical consequences when infected with the new Influenza A (H1N1) virus according to the past cases.

Under the pandemic situations of the new Influenza, pregnant applicants shall not be accepted for the time being. And applicants who suffer from chronic diseases, such as respiratory illness, cardiac disease, metabolic disease (diabetes, etc), renal dysfunction and immune insufficiency (systemic steroid administration, etc), shall not be accepted in principle. However, for those applicants with the chronic diseases, if they and their organizations express strong interest in participating in training programs, JICA shall accept them as an exceptional case after receiving a letter of consent from themselves and their organizations. Please ask national staffs in JICA office for the details.

3. Required Documents for Application

(1) **Application Form:** The Application Form is available at the respective country's JICA office or the Embassy of Japan.

4. Procedure for Application and Selection :

(1) Submitting the Application Documents:

Closing date for application to the JICA Center in JAPAN: **November 24, 2009**

Note: Please confirm the closing date set by the respective country's JICA office or Embassy of Japan of your country to meet the final date in Japan.

(2) Selection:

After receiving the document(s) through due administrative procedures in the respective government, the respective country's JICA office (or Japanese Embassy) shall conduct screenings, and send the documents to the JICA Center in charge in Japan, which organizes this project. Selection shall be made by the JICA Center in consultation with the organizations concerned in Japan based on submitted documents according to qualifications. *The organization with intention to utilize the opportunity of this programme will be highly valued in the selection.*

(3) Notice of Acceptance

Notification of results shall be made by the respective country's JICA office (or Embassy of Japan) to the respective Government by **not later than December 18, 2009.**

5. Preparation for attendance

(1) Submission of Country Report

Participants are kindly requested to prepare Country Report and submit them below before coming to Japan (**See ANNEX-1**). The reports would be typewritten in a double-spaced format.

(2) Preparation for “Discussion for the collaboration between Welfare and MCH” scheduled on 2 Feb,2009. See Annex 2. (No need to submit)

(3) How to submit

	Date of Submission	To Whom	Referen ce
Country Report	by 20 January, 2010	(1) yamabe-tomohiro@jica.go.jp (2) yamamoto@jicwels.or.jp (3) owada@jicwels.or.jp	Annex 1

6. Conditions for Attendance:

Participants are required:

- (1) not to change course subjects or extend the course period,
- (2) not to bring any members of their family,
- (3) to return to their home countries at the end of their course according to the international travel schedule designated by the JICA,
- (4) to refrain from engaging in political activities or any form of employment for profit or gain, and
- (5) to observe the rules and regulations of their place of accommodation and not to change accommodations designated by the JICA.

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer:

(1) **Name:** JICA Tokyo

(2) **Contact:** Ms. OKURA Junko (ticthd@jica.go.jp)

Mr. YAMABE Tomohiro (yamabe-tomohiro@jica.go.jp)

2. Implementing Partner:

(1) **Name:** Japan International Corporation of Welfare Services (JICWELS)

(2) **Contact:** Ms. YAMAMOTO Kyoko (yamamoto@jicwels.or.jp)

(3) Remark:

Japan International Corporation of welfare Services (JICWELS) was established and approved as a non-profit association by Ministry of Health and Welfare (The current Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare) on July 7, 1982 with an aim to contribute to the development of international health and welfare. Since then, JICWELS has been implementing study programmes for development of human resources in developing countries specially in Asian region as a main activity and also involved in various projects related to official development assistance or other international cooperation activities such as investigation or implementation of projects and international conferences. JICWELS has also started support project for acceptance of overseas nurses and care workers who will be officially accepted by Japanese government in the future.

3. Travel to Japan:

(1) **Air Ticket:** The cost of a round-trip ticket between an international airport designated by JICA and Japan will be borne by JICA.

(2) **Travel Insurance:** Term of Insurance: From arrival to departure in Japan. The traveling time outside Japan shall not be covered.

3. Accommodation in Japan:

JICA will arrange the following accommodations for the participants in Japan:

JICA Tokyo International Center (JICA TOKYO)

Address: 2-49-5 Nishihara, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0066, Japan

TEL: 81-3-3485-7051 FAX: 81-3-3485-7904

(where "81" is the country code for Japan, and "3" is the local area code)

If there is no vacancy at JICA TOKYO, JICA will arrange alternative accommodations for the participants. Please refer to facility guide of TIC at its URL,
<http://www.jica.go.jp/english/contact/pdf/tic.pdf>

4. Expenses:

The following expenses will be provided for the participants by JICA:

(1) Round-trip ticket between an international airport designated by JICA and Japan.

(2) Allowance (accommodation, living expenses, shipping)

- (3) Expenses for study tours / Basically paid in the form of train ticket(s)
- (4) Free medical care for participants who become ill after arrival in Japan (costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy or dental treatment are not included)
- (5) Expenses for program implementation including materials
See the brochure, KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK p. 9-16, given to each selected candidate before (or at the time of) the pre-departure orientation.

5. Pre-departure Orientation:

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

ANNEX-1

Suggested Guideline for Country Report Document (JFY 2009)

Every participant is requested to prepare a country report document according to the following guideline. Kindly send the report by e-mail by 20 January, 2010 to yamabe-tomohiro@jica.go.jp, yamamoto@jicwels.or.jp , owada@jicwels.or.jp. All the bound reports will be distributed to the lecturers of the programme so that they could make a good use of the information about the situation in the participating countries and make the programme curriculum more meaningful to the participants. .

Instead of completing the country report document, when you have already existing written information such as Annual Report of your organization and / or official information on the WEB site including the following items, please send us the copies of these information or original documents.

A) Please explain No.1 to No.4 in 2 pages (A4 size) and submit by email.

- ① Please raise 3 problems that your county is facing, regarding Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Social Welfare Policy.
- ② Please raise 3 problems within your field of expertise(Division, Department, Organization) regarding MCH and Social Welfare Policy.
- ③ Regarding the above problems, please explain background, current situation and reason why those problems are difficult to solve.
- ④ Please details your expectations for this study program.

B) Other indicators

(1) Crude birth rate (per 1000 population)

	Country overall
1990	
2005	
(the latest year)	

(2) Crude death rate (per 1000 population)

	Country overall
1990	
2005	
(the latest year)	

If yes, please explain briefly (If possible, please indicate national level / district level /community level).

(12-1) Is there any national standards for certifying disabilities in your country?

Yes / No

If yes, please explain briefly.

If yes, does the person who certify disabilities require some type of public certification?

Yes / No

If yes, what type of certification?

(13) Does your country perform any health check for the diagnosis of disabilities in infants and children?

(14) In your estimation, with which Ministry or Organization could you best collaborate with in the future?

ANNEX-2

Suggested Guidelines for the 'Discussion for collaboration between Welfare and MCH'

<Guideline>

In the 'Discussion for the collaboration between Welfare and MCH' scheduled on 2 February, 2010, each participant will do discussion with Japanese experts about the current problems in the respective country based on the following discussion topics..

All participants are kindly requested to prepare background information, for your reference, based on the following topics. We do not make an individual presentation session.

<Schedule> (Tentative)

The following points will be discussed chaired by facilitator.

- Self-introduction by each person
- Expectation to this Workshop
- Video (Health and Medical Care Services in Japan ver.1) (18min)

- Q & A

● Group Discussions focused on the problems on MCH

- Maternal and Child Health Indicators (MMR,IMR)
- Reasons why MCH indicators show bad.
- Challenges towards the situation
- Reasons why MCH indicators have become better.

● Group Discussion focused on the problems on Welfare

- Welfare Indicators
- Reasons why welfare indicators show bad.
- Challenges towards the situation
- Reasons why welfare indicators have become better.

● Discussion on the possibility of the Linkage between Welfare and MCH

- Challenges towards existing problems

ANNEX-3

Guideline for Promoting collaboration plan between Welfare and MCH:

All of the participants are requested to design promoting collaboration plan between Welfare and MCH in accordance with the format .

<Note 1>

Before coming to Japan, please identify and review problems of “Welfare” and “MCH” and explain at “Country Report” as guideline indicates. **(Please refer “Suggested Guideline for Country Report”)**

<Note 2>

Through the lectures, study visit and discussion with other participants, you will be able to find the hint or answer to improve your current situation and **considering linkage between Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Welfare.**

<Note 3>

Please write **“Promoting collaboration plan between Welfare and MCH -What you can do to attain Welfare and MCH collaboration to improve the current situation-“**, based on the knowledge that you received during the course in Japan.

This plan is for **your future plan** after you complete this workshop. It is not for the national plan in your country.

<Note 4>

On February 19, at” Final Presentation”, please make 20 minutes presentation including Q&A about your linkage leading /promotion plan.

Promoting collaboration plan between Welfare and MCH:
What you can do to attain Welfare and MCH collaboration to improve the current situation

Country: _____ Name: _____

No1. Related to the problems you raised in the country report, please select one topic you would like to work on the most and make “promoting collaboration plan between Welfare and MCH.”

Promoting collaboration plan title between welfare and MCH:					
Reason for the Plan					
Project Purpose			Indicators for Objective		
Collaborating entity					
Outputs			Indicators for Outputs		
Activities			Implementing Organization		
Inputs (if any)		Estimated Cost (if any)	US\$: Local Currency:	Due date	
Beneficial topics during the workshop to make your plan					

No2. Progress report of your plan (Fill in 6 months after you return home)

6months later	(please fill in 6 months after you return home and send this format to JICWELS)
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For Your Reference

JICA and Capacity Development

The key concept underpinning JICA operations since its establishment in 1974 has been the conviction that “capacity development” is central to the socioeconomic development of any country, regardless of the specific operational scheme one may be undertaking, i.e. expert assignments, development projects, development study projects, training programme, JOCV programme, etc.

Within this wide range of programme, Training Programme have long occupied an important place in JICA operations. Conducted in Japan, they provide partner countries with opportunities to acquire practical knowledge accumulated in Japanese society. Participants dispatched by partner countries might find useful knowledge and re-create their own knowledge for enhancement of their own capacity or that of the organization and society to which they belong.

About 460 pre-organized programme cover a wide range of professional fields, ranging from education, health, infrastructure, energy, trade and finance, to agriculture, rural development, gender mainstreaming, and environmental protection. A variety of programme and are being customized to address the specific needs of different target organizations, such as policy-making organizations, service provision organizations, as well as research and academic institutions. Some programme are organized to target a certain group of countries with similar developmental challenges.

Japanese Development Experience

Japan was the first non-Western country to successfully modernize its society and industrialize its economy. At the core of this process, which started more than 140 years ago, was the “*adopt and adapt*” concept by which a wide range of appropriate skills and knowledge have been imported from developed countries; these skills and knowledge have been adapted and/or improved using local skills, knowledge and initiatives. They finally became internalized in Japanese society to suit its local needs and conditions.

From engineering technology to production management methods, most of the know-how that has enabled Japan to become what it is today has emanated from this “*adoption and adaptation*” process, which, of course, has been accompanied by countless failures and errors behind the success stories. We presume that such experiences, both successful and unsuccessful, will be useful to our partners who are trying to address the challenges currently faced by developing countries.

However, it is rather challenging to share with our partners this whole body of Japan’s developmental experience. This difficulty has to do, in part, with the challenge of explaining a body of “tacit knowledge,” a type of knowledge that cannot fully be expressed in words or numbers. Adding to this difficulty are the social and cultural systems of Japan that vastly differ from those of other Western industrialized countries, and hence still remain unfamiliar to many partner countries. Simply stated, coming to Japan might be one way of overcoming such a cultural gap.

JICA, therefore, would like to invite as many leaders of partner countries as possible to come and visit us, to mingle with the Japanese people, and witness the advantages as well as the disadvantages of Japanese systems, so that integration of their findings might help them reach their developmental objectives.



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