

GENERAL INFORMATION
ON
TRAINING PROGRAM
FOR YOUNG LEADERS
2009

Latin American Countries (Spanish)

Course Title: Science and Mathematics in Basic Education Course

(初中等理数科教育コース)

Course No.: J09-40023

Project No.: 0998017

Duration: September 28, 2009 – October 15, 2009

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN

JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY



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1. Training Program for Young Leaders

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

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

- 1) develop their specialties through experiencing and learning technologies and skills in Japan, and
- 2) increase their willingness to resolve issues on their own

2. Course Outline

Please see Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

3. Qualifications of Applicants

All applicants must:

- a. be nominated by the Government of respective country in line with the procedures mentioned in 4-(1) below.
- b. be involved in a field corresponding to the course mentioned in Appendix 1.
- c. be from twenty (20) to thirty-five (35) years of age and be expected to become leaders in their specialized fields in the future.
- d. have a reasonable command of English and good command of spoken and written Spanish.
- e. be in good health, both physically and mentally, for participation in the program.

Note: i) Applicants are requested to submit the Medical History Questionnaire included in the Application Form mentioned in 4-(1) below.

ii) Pregnancy: Pregnant participants are urgently requested to complete the required procedures before departure in order to minimize any risk to their health. These procedures include ①a letter of the participant's consent to bear economic and physical risks ②a letter of permission from the participant's supervisor ③a letter of consent from your Embassy in Japan, ④a medical certificate. Please ask National Staffs in the JICA office for details.

f. not be serving in the military.

g. not have, in principle, made any previous visits to Japan.

4. Procedures for Application

(1) The Government of respective country will take the necessary measures to nominate appropriate applicants for the program, and will forward to the JICA representative office in respective country three (3) copies of the specified Application Form for each applicant not later than one (1) month and three (3) weeks prior to departure for Japan. (*)

*not later than August 4, 2009.

Note: The Government of respective country is requested to nominate some substitute candidates in case of disqualification of nominated candidates or unexpected vacancies.

(2) The Government of Japan will inform the Government of respective country through the JICA representative office whether or not the nominee's application has been approved not later than one (1) month prior to departure for Japan. (**)

**not later than August 28, 2009.

5. Rules and Regulations

(1) Participants must have an entry visa for Japan, which will be issued by the diplomatic mission of Japan in respective country.

(2) Participants are requested to confirm the validity of visas for any third countries necessary for travel to and from Japan.

(3) Participants are required by JICA to arrive at the designated place in respective country on the date designated after confirmation of their acceptance as mentioned in 4-(2) above. Final confirmation of the place and date will be performed by the

JICA representative office located in respective country.

- (4) Participants should strictly adhere to the program schedule.
- (5) Participants may not be accompanied by any member of their family during the program.
- (6) Participants are requested to follow the return trip schedule designated by JICA.

6. Allowances and Expenses

The government of Japan will pay the following allowances and cover the following expenses through JICA in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

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

- Note: i) Taxes and fees that may be incurred during the participants' trip such as airport tax, departure tax or, transit tax etc. will not be paid by JICA.
- ii) Excess baggage charges will not be paid by JICA.
 - iii) In some cases, participants visiting or leaving Japan may be required to obtain visas for third countries. Where this is the case, it shall be the participants' responsibility to obtain and pay for these visas. JICA will not pay any costs for third country visas.
 - iv) JICA is not responsible for the following expenses:
 - Excess baggage charge
 - Compensation for lost and/or damaged luggage
 - Hotel no show charge at transit airport
 - Lost ticket fee

- (2) Other allowances:
 - a. Outfit allowance
 - b. Shipping allowance
 - c. Living allowance
 - d. Accommodation allowance
 - e. Stop-over allowance (when expenses incurred due to a stop-over in a third country are not paid by the airline company)

Note: i) The specific amounts for each allowance will be announced after applicants are officially accepted.

- ii) Stop-over allowances will be paid to participants only in the following cases:

- participant has to obtain a Japanese visa in a third country.
- participant has to stay in a third country for over six (6) hours due to a flight change.
- participant is required to show evidence specifying the accommodation where s/he stayed when s/he stays in a third country for over six hours either before or after midnight, but not over midnight.

iii) A participant may receive his/her stop-over allowance at any of the following places:

- at the JICA office in the country of departure, provided there is a JICA office in that country;
- at the JICA office in the third country, provided there is a JICA office in that country and no JICA office in the country of departure;
- in Japan after the participant's arrival, provided there is no JICA office in either the country of departure or the third country (in all cases, receipts must be submitted; however, no payment will be made for any amount exceeding the stipulated allowance amount).

(3) Free medical care for participants who become ill after arrival in Japan.

Note: Costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy and dental treatment are **NOT** included as free care.

7. Other Matters

- (1) Participants will receive information about the trip to Japan, conditions relating to the program, and other matters. A brochure, "KENSU-IN GUIDE BOOK", and a Japanese language textbook, "NIHONGO 21," will be provided to each participant before departure for Japan.
- (2) Representatives of each country will be asked to present a "Country Report" on the main issues concerning the group's specialty during the Specialized Program. It is advisable for participants to prepare their Country Reports in advance. As presentation time is not necessarily particularly long, a brief but well structured report is advisable (e.g., not more than four pages of A4 size paper).
- (3) It is suggested that Participants bring some materials to introduce their home country and profession.
- (4) For enquiries and further information concerning the program, please contact the following offices.

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Appendix 1: Specific information on the program

Appendix 2: Model schedule for the program

Appendix 1

Course No.	J09-40023
Course Title	Science and Mathematics in Basic Education Course
Duration	September 28, 2009 – October 15, 2009
Number of Participants	12
Language	Spanish
Target Group	<p>(1) Science and mathematics teachers in basic education</p> <p>(2) Government officers engaged with the science and mathematics in basic education</p>
Objectives	<p>Through participation in this program, participants are expected:</p> <p>(1) to acquire a broad range of knowledge about the science and mathematics education in Japan.</p> <p>(2) to acquire the teaching method of science and mathematics in the teacher training organization, primary school and secondary school.</p> <p>(3) to understand various efforts and challenges in science education as well as teachers activities in school and social education program.</p> <p>(4) to have opportunities to discuss relevant issues with Japanese people engaged in education.</p> <p>(5) to formulate action plans on how the system and techniques can be applied in respective countries.</p>
	<p>A model schedule of the program is given in Appendix 2. Program is mainly arranged for the field of science education at the educational facilities (SCITA Center etc.) of Yamagata University. The following elements will comprise the program. (Note: The schedule is subject to change without notice.)</p>

<p>Outline of the Program</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Lectures about: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Outline and present conditions of the science and mathematics education in basic education b. School curriculum in science education 2) Laboratory training and observations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. SCITA Center (open educational facilities) of Yamagata University b. KAMO Aquarium c. ZAO Hot Spa area d. Primary and secondary school 3) Discussions with school teachers 4) Model formulation of action plan
	<p>(September 28 – September 30) JICA Tokyo International Center (October 1 – October 13) Hotel in Yamagata City in Tohoku (October 14) Hotel in Tokyo</p> <p>*This accommodation is tentative and the schedule is subject to change without notice.</p>

MODEL SCHEDULE FOR THE PROGRAM

Day	Sub-Program	Place	Content	Purpose
	Pre-Departure Program	JICA Office in respective countries	Explanations of training schedule and overseas travel	To prepare for the program in Japan
9/28	Arrival Program	JICA Center	Arrival	To learn about the culture, economy, politics, and history of Japan
9/29			Briefing / General Orientation	
9/30			Lectures on Japanese society	
10/1	Training Program	(Tohoku Area)	a.m. Move to Yamagata City p.m. Yamagata program course orientation. Courtesy visit: President of Yamagata Univ.	To develop knowledge about each specialty and to observe present conditions in Japan
10/2			Lecture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outline and present conditions of the science and mathematics education in basic education. ▪ School curriculum in science education for primary and secondary school level. ▪ Presentation of country report. 	
10/3			Observation in Yamagata city	
10/4			Free time	
10/5			Laboratory training and observation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Energy and chemical reaction (chemistry) 	
10/6			Laboratory training and observation at KAMO Aquarium on jelly fish etc.	
10/7			Laboratory training and observation at Zao Hot Spa area. (Chemical experiment and astronomical observation at night time)	
10/8			Visit to the primary school: Class observation and exchange meeting with school teachers	

10/9			Workshop: High school teacher's training program in chemical science	
10/10			Free	
10/11			Free	
10/12			Report making and preparation for the action plan presentation.	To confirm knowledge gained through the program
10/13			a.m. Group presentation of the action plan p.m. Evaluation meeting Closing ceremony of the course	To evaluate the overall program
10/14	Departure Program	Hotel in Tokyo	a.m. Move to Tokyo p.m. Preparation for departure	
10/15			Departure	

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