

JICA Innovative Asia online short-term program (IOP)

Career Development Program

Application Guidelines

1. Overview

JICA Innovative Asia Program began in 2017 based on the "Japan Revitalization Strategy" approved by the Japanese Cabinet in June 2016. This program aims to enhance the circulation of capable young personnel between Japan and Asian countries and to promote innovation in the whole Asia. Also, inputs by Asian innovative human resources to Japan's business community are expected to bring about diversity to it, resulting in the mutual benefits between Japan and Asian countries, which will strengthen bilateral relationship in the long run.

The program consists of the long-term program and the short-term program and invites participants (scholars) every year over the course of 5 years from 2017 from the 60 partner schools of the target 12 countries. However, as it has become difficult to carry out the short-term program in Japan due to the spread of COVID-19, it will be conducted online as a replacement.

2. Objectives

- (1) Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the research and business activities and work environment of Japanese companies/organizations at a high level of innovation in the field of science and technology through concrete examples and cases.
- (2) Participants and companies/organizations will have the opportunity to build up a network of connections in the future by interacting with each other.
- (3) Participants will obtain useful information and increase their motivation for studying and developing a professional career in Japan.

3. Date

(1) Wednesday, December 22nd, 2021

(2) Friday, January 14th, 2022

※You are requested to choose one day, however, you may participate on both days since there will be different senior participant and companies joining on each day.

4. Number of Students to be admitted

Approx. 80 students / day (You may participate on both days.)

5. Company/Organization

15-20 companies/organizations each day

6. Method of communication

Online (Zoom)

7. Schedule (JST)

| Time | Contents |
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| 10:00-12:30 | Opening remarks Orientation Lecture (Japanese conversation, Japanese business manner) Virtual Tour of a Japanese Company |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13:30-14:00 | Speech of senior participant who got a job at a Japanese company |
| 14:00-14:10 | Welcome remarks and breakout to each room |
| 14:10-15:50 | Company/Organization – Student Networking Session (30 minutes ×3 session) - You can choose 1 company/organization for each session. - Companies/Organizations are different depending on the day. |
| 15:50-16:00 | Break |
| 16:00-16:45 | Wrap-up Meeting (Group discussion) |
| 16:45-17:00 | Wrap-up Session Closing remarks |

8. Eligible Candidates

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| Country | Those who have the nationality or citizenship of the following 6 countries; Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand |
| Degree | Alumni, Master or Doctoral degree students including Future graduate students of Partner Universities. |
| Age | Under 35 (As of April 1, 2021) |
| English ability | Sufficient literacy and conversation skills to participate |
| Major/ Research field | Science and Technology, and Engineering field, especially, IT, IoT, AI. |
| Suitable for the purpose of the program | 1. Those who wish to get employed in Japan/local Japanese company or have a strong interest in it 2. Those who wish to study in a Japanese university or to collaborate with a Japanese research institution, or have a strong interest in them 3. Those who are willing to contribute to the industrial development of their home countries and Asian countries in the future |
| Status | At the time of application, in principle, those who belong to a private sector or unemployed*1 |
| Environment | 1. PC with microphone & web camera, and good internet access |

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| | <p>environment such as Wifi.</p> <p>2. Being able to participate in all of the programs on the selected day*²</p> <p>3. Participating from the target countries or Japan in principle*³</p> <p>4. Living in the same country at the time of application and participation*⁴</p> |
| Confidentiality | Being able to agree and comply with participation requirements such as confidentiality required by companies |
| Expenses/ rewards/ insurance | <p>1. Being able to agree that JICA will not bear expenses, subsidize, or provide insurance</p> <p>2. Being able to agree that all programs are unpaid</p> |
| Advantageous qualifications | N1, N2, or N3 at Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) |
| Others | <p>1. Being able to implement the requirement (pre-assignments) which will be assigned to the participants later before participation</p> <p>2. Being able to contact the Operation management office (JICE) by email without delay</p> |

*¹ Those who wish to work for a Japanese company are eligible even if their current position is an administrative officer.

*² Those who participate on both days can participate only in the afternoon on the second day.

*³ Participation can be permitted if JICA determines that there is no problem in participating in the program based on various circumstances.

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9. Briefing session for application to JICA Innovative Asia online short-term program

① 14:00-15:00 (JST) of Tuesday, November 16th

② 14:00-15:00 (JST) of Wednesday, November 24th

Registration for Briefing Session for JICA IOP Application

URL: <https://forms.office.com/r/6pGxwXjXw4>

10. Flow from application to participation

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| Nov.8th – Nov.30th | <p>Apply from the online application form</p> <p>* Briefing session on Nov.16th or 24th</p> |
| Dec.6th – Dec.15th | <p>- Finish your pre-assignments</p> <p>- Select the companies'/organizations' sessions you will participate in</p> |
| Dec.22nd, 2021 or Jan.14th, 2022 | Participate in Career Development Program |

11. Online Application Form

Deadline: Tuesday, November 30th, 2021

Application Form for JICA IOP Career Development Program

URL: <https://forms.office.com/r/yFA2hkZZfy>

12. Contact Information

If you have any inquiry about the program, please contact us via e-mail stating your name, country, and university name.

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