

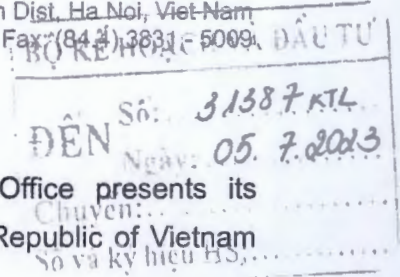


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The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Vietnam Office presents its compliments to the Ministry of Planning and Investment of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and has its honor to inform the latter as follows:

Within a framework of the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program of JFY 2023, the Government of Japan has pleasure to invite one (01) official for the training course on **“Competition Law and Policy”**, which is scheduled to organize from October 03 to October 27, 2023 (Online Program before arrival in Japan (on-demand lecture) from October 03 to October 10, Program in Japan from October 11 to October 27, 2023). Detailed information of the course is attached herewith.

JICA Vietnam Office would appreciate it if the Ministry would send the **“Application Form”** and other **required document (Photocopy of Passport, English Score Sheet (copy))** filled in by the applicant to JICA Vietnam Office no later than **August 31, 2023**. Only the candidate, who meets course requirements, will be selected.

JICA Vietnam Office avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Planning and Investment of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the assurances of its highest consideration.

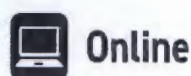
Hanoi, July 03, 2023

JICA Vietnam Office

Ikenoya Naoki, Representative

To: **Ministry of Planning and Investment**

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Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focused)

COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY

LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR PROMOTING COMPETITION

—競争法・政策—競争を促進するための基盤づくり—



Photo from Program 2022

Course Number: 202208172J001

Course Period: October 3- October 27, 2023



NOTE: Adobe Acrobat Reader DC and Google Chrome are recommended as PDF viewer. JAWS and NVDA are recommended as screen reader.

NOTE: If there are any difficulties in reading this document, please contact JICA Office in your country or JICA Center in Japan.

NOTE: Depending on the circumstances, some or all of the program periods may be changed or cancelled after the application has been accepted.



How can we accelerate fair trade by competitive law and policy?

Gain insight of establishing and laying the
foundation for promoting competition
more practical, more interactive,
more inspirational
from the experiences of Japan.



Outline

This program is designed for officials of “competition law” (related) authorities. The course will provide participants with the theoretical lectures on competition law and policy in Japan by academics, as well as practical exercise by Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) officials. In comparison with the situation in Japan, participants are expected to analyze the challenges in respective country and find its solution.

The sessions will be held in Japan and will include self-study and discussion with participants from other countries.

All sessions are carried out in English.

The period of the program is from October 3- October 27, 2023.

Course Capacity: 8 participants



JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in February 2015, 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.

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For What?

Background

A successful market economy requires the functioning of competition laws as a basic rule for economic activities. In order to protect the competitive process and ultimately the benefit of consumers, the competition laws prohibit a variety of anticompetitive practices, such as cartels, anticompetitive mergers, and exclusionary acts by firms with monopoly power/dominant positions. When a country introduces a competition law to its economy, the organization in charge is likely to face the challenges in building of its own capacity, such as how to detect, investigate, and remedy the anticompetitive conducts. It is especially evident for the country with a new law (or in the process of drafting one), as a successful enforcement of a competition law relays not only the theoretical knowledge, but also the practical understanding and buildup of an experience in its application. As countries that have introduced a competition law increased, many have

shown their strong interests in learning from Japan's 70 years' experience in implementing competition law and policy. Responding to those needs from the countries which have newly introduced (or plans to introduce) a competition law, JICA formulated this Knowledge Co-Creation Program together with the Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC)

Objectives

The objective of this program is to; 1) enhance their knowledge on competition law and policy of Japan and other countries, and 2) consider how to promote effective enforcement of competition law and policy.

To Whom?

Targeted Countries

Egypt, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Mongolia, Serbia, Ukraine, Viet Nam

Participants who have successfully completed the program will be awarded a certificate by JICA.

Job Areas and Organizations

This program is offered to mid-level governmental officials of competition related authorities and other authorities responsible for regulating anti-competitive activities. This program aims to empower the core personnel who implements competition law and policy in participating countries.

The applying organization with the best intention to utilize the opportunity of this program will be highly valued in the selection.

When?

Where?

Online Program



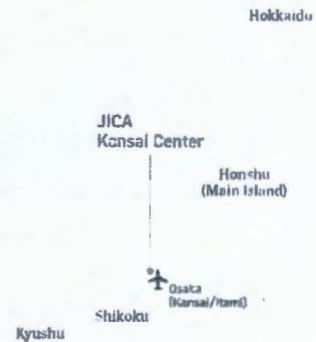
Before Arrival in Japan
(On-demand Lecture)

This course is carried out totally in Japan, organized by JICA Kansai Center. You will visit Tokyo and Kansai Region (Osaka and Kobe)

Program in Japan



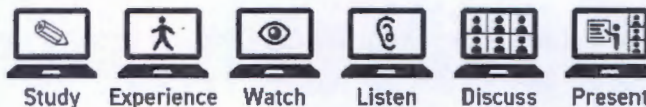
From October 11, 2023
to October 27, 2023



How?

How to Learn

- Lectures
- Field Visits
- Workshops
- Discussions
- Presentations



Language

English

Commitment to the SDGs

SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS



Program Structure (Tentative)

[Online Lecture and Preliminary Task]

-To watch On-demand Lecture on Antimonopoly Act and prepare questions
(Expected Date of sending On-Demand Lecture Movie will be **October 3, 2023**)

-Submission of a short report (Country Report) and Presentation Slides.

*Detailed information and format is in Annexes.

Country Report is drafted, as an overview and analysis of competition law and policy in home country and includes some issues to be addressed.

[Program in Japan] (Tentative)

Briefing and Follow-up for Online Lecture

-Q & A Session for On-demand Lecture

Module1: Understanding Contents and Characteristics of Competitive Law and Policy in Japan (Presentation and Lecture)

- Country Report Presentation
- Antimonopoly Act (Follow-up for On-demand Lecture)
- Merger and Acquisition Regulation (incl. Group Discussion on Hypothetical Cases)
- Cartel (incl. Group Discussion on Hypothetical Cases)
- Bid-Rigging (incl. Group Discussion on Hypothetical Cases)
- Exclusion and Abusive Practices by Digital Platforms (incl. Group Discussion on Hypothetical Cases)

Module2: Learning Practices and Actual Execution Method of Competitive Law and Policy in Japan to be able to Explain to the Others (Presentation and Lecture)

- Flow of Procedures of Case Investigation
- Collecting Evidences in Administrative Investigation Procedures
- Introduction of the Organisation of the JFTC, Mock On-Site Inspection, Mock Interview

- Introduction and Free Discussion of Real Experiences in Case Investigation
- Digital Case Investigation (incl. Case study)
- Introduction of Efforts for Digital Market by JFTC
- Market Studies in the Digital Market (Group Work)
- Procedure of Merger Review (incl. Case Study)
- Discussion on its Problem-Solving (Request For Information on Merger Review)
- Remedies in Business Combination
- Regulations on Abuse of a superior bargaining position(incl. Case Study)
- Cross-Border Case (Business Combination and Case Investigation)
- JFTC Activities to Raise Public Awareness
- Awareness-Raising Activities for Local Authorities
- Sustainability Regulations
- Site Visits to JFTC Headquarters and a Law Firm
- Role of Local Offices

Module 3: Exercise for Utilizing Ideas and Knowledge to Overcome Issues in Participant's Country

- Workshop on Raising Public Awareness and Advocacy
- Drafting and Presenting Study Report

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:** either
 - a) Government officials in charge of operations at competition authorities in countries with competition laws already in place; or
 - b) Government officials in charge of drafting comprehensive competition laws, or competition advocacy in countries without comprehensive competition laws.
- 2) **Experience in the relevant field:** more than 5 years' engagement in the above mentioned field.
- 3) **Educational Background:** University graduates or equivalent.

4) **Language Proficiency:** participants should have a competent command of spoken and written English which is equal to TOEFL iBT 90 or more (This program includes active participation in discussions, which requires high competence of English ability. Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC, etc, if possible.)

5) **Technical Requirements :** (For the case of training or individual program offered by on-line)

a Technology Proficiency

- Basic computer skills such as, sending/receiving email with attachments, and using a web browser.
- Online course is delivered using the following services, Web Conferences (Zoom), Cloud Storage (GIGAPOD), and YouTube. Online tutorial and support by JICA will be limited. The ability to be self-directed in learning new technology skills are required.

b Internet Connection

- High Speed Broadband Connection (at least 2Mbps).
*Internet access charge incurred for this course shall be borne by your organization.

c Hardware (Minimum Requirement)

- Regular access to a computer, either from your home or from your office.
- Operating System: Windows or Mac OS (Updated version is preferred).
- Processor: Intel Core 2 Duo or higher; 2GHz or higher
- Memory: 4GB of RAM or higher
- Hard Drive Space: 5GB free disk space
- Browser: Google Chrome is preferred browser. (Edge, Firefox, Safari can be used)
- Others: Webcam Microphone, and Audio output Device (Speaker or Headset)

d Software (which may be required)

- Zoom Client for Meeting (<https://zoom.us/download>).



*In case you are using your office computer and use of Zoom is not authorized by your IT administrator, please notify JICA at the time of application.

- 6) 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) Expectations for the Participants
- 2) Age: between the ages of twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) years
- 3) Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Women are encouraged to apply for the program. 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.
- 4) Difficulties/Disabilities: The participation of person with difficulties/disabilities is welcomed. Reasonable accommodation for persons with difficulties/disabilities will be made. Please write your situation in the Questionnaire on medical status restriction of the Application form. (Japan ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in January 2014 and JICA has observed it.)

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

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 required material must arrive at JICA Center in Japan by September 8, 2023)

(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 the 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 September 15, 2023.**

5. Additional Document(s) to Be Submitted by Accepted Participants

Country Report and Presentation Slides-- to be submitted by **October 2, 2023**

(Please read Annex "Country Report" for detailed information.) .

The Country Report should be sent to JICA by **October 2, 2023**, by e-mail to Fujii.Natsuko@jica.go.jp / Miki.Kaoru@jica.go.jp

6. 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 "3.Expenses", "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.



Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

- (1) Center: JICA Kansai Center (JICA Kansai)
 - (2) Program Officer:
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 - Ms. MIKI Kaoru (Miki.Kaoru@jica.go.jp)
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2. Implementing Partner

- (1) Name : Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC)
 - (2) URL: <http://www.jftc.go.jp/en/index.html>
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3. Expenses

The following expenses in Japan will be provided by JICA

- (1) Allowances for meals, living expenses, outfits, and shipping 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/accept

4. 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.

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 Kansai	https://www.jica.go.jp/kansai/english/office/index.html

If the link of these URLs has expired, please access the URL below and search the necessary information from the key word.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/JICAChannel02>

5. Reference

PDF: KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK

For more detailed terms and conditions

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/c8h0vm0000011i07-att/guide_en.pdf



Video: JICA Predeparture Briefing

For more information on life in Japan and KCCP

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw>



Website: JICA

English/French/Spanish/Russian

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.html



PDF: Facility Guide for JICA Kansai Center

English/French/Spanish/Russian

[Introduction of JICA Kansai - YouTube](#)

Annex 1

Country Report

Country Report for the JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Program
"Competition Law and Policy –Laying the Foundation for
Promoting Competition-" (2023)

Please complete the report (Annex 1: MS Word Format/ Annex 2: Power Point Format) and submit it by October 2, 2023. The information will be the reference for Japan Fair Trade Commission during the program. (Annex 1: MS Word Format/ Annex 2: Power Point Format)

Name of Participant(s) *If your country has several participants, please share the tasks	
E-mail	
Name of Organization	

Section 1: Basic Information

Please describe your work (or your duties) in relation to the competition policy/law.

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Section 2: Country Report

Read the question carefully and please respond in right column.

Question 1

Does your country have existing "Comprehensive Competition Laws"?	Yes / No <i>If your answer is "Yes", go to Question 2. If your answer is "No", go to Question 3.</i>
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Question 2 (For Applicants from countries **with** comprehensive competition laws)

Name of Competition Law	
Year of Enactment	
Latest or major amendment of competition law (if any)	
<i>Please provide below the information on Implementing Organization</i>	
Name of Implementing Organization	
Annual Budget	US\$: (Year:)
Number of Personnel:	
Organizational Structure	<i>Please attach an organization chart. (If possible include the number of employees of each division)</i>
Official Web-Site (URL) of Implementing Organization (English preferable, if any)	https://www.

Skip Question 3 and continue to Question 4

Question 3 (For Applicants from countries **without** comprehensive competition laws)

Name of Competition-related Law(s) <i>(If there are several laws, please list them)</i>	
Year(s) of Enactment	
Control subjects	
Does your government plan to enact a comprehensive law?	Yes / No
If you answered "Yes", please give the brief description and the expected schedule of its enactment (time frame).	
<i>Please provide the information on Implementing Organization below</i>	
Name of Implementing Organization	
Official Web-Site (URL) of Implementing Organization (English preferable, if any)	https://www.

Continue to Question 4

Question 4

This section will be **for all the participants**. Please give an overview of regulations best to your knowledge.

A. Abuse of Market Dominant Position (Monopolization)

Is there any regulation in your country to the offense above?	Yes / No
If you responded "Yes", please give the brief description referring to relevant articles.	
If you responded "Yes", what are the penalty or relief (remedy) (administrative sanctions and/or criminal ones)	
Please give a detail of the Major violation case in recent years in your country	

B. Cartels (*exclude "bid-rigging" as you will respond in next C*)

Is there any regulation in your country to the offense above?	Yes / No
If you responded "Yes", please give the brief description referring to relevant articles.	
If you responded "Yes", what are the penalty or relief (remedy) (administrative sanctions and/or criminal ones)	
Please give a detail of the Major violation case in recent years in your country	

C. Bid-riggings

Is there any regulation in your country to the offense above?	Yes / No
If you responded "Yes", please give the brief description referring to relevant articles.	

If you responded "Yes", what are the penalty or relief (remedy) (administrative sanctions and/or criminal ones)	
Please give a detail of the Major violation case in recent years in your country	

D. Merger and Acquisitions (M & A)

Is there any regulation in your country for the subject above?	Yes / No
If you responded "Yes", please give the brief description referring to relevant articles.	
If you responded "Yes", what are the penalty or relief (remedy) (administrative sanctions and/or criminal ones)	
Please give a detail of the Major case investigated in recent years in your country	

E. Unfair Trade Practice (exclude the conducts as you responded in A, B and C)

Is there any regulation in your country to the offense above?	Yes / No
If you responded "Yes", please give the brief description referring to relevant articles.	
If you responded "Yes", what are the penalty or relief (remedy) (administrative sanctions and/or criminal ones)	
Please give a detail of the Major violation case in recent years in your country	

F. Other Regulations related to the competition law

Is there any regulation in your country that are not listed above (A to E)?	Yes / No
If you responded "Yes", please	

give the brief description.	
If you responded "Yes", what are the penalty or relief (remedy)	
Please give a detail of the Major case in recent years in your country	

Question 5

This section will be **for all the applicants**. Please give an overview of performances best to your knowledge.

A. Number of cases investigated

Abuse of Market-Dominant Position	No. of cases:	(Year:)
Cartels (including bid-riggings)	No. of cases:	(Year:)
Unfair Trade Practices	No. of cases:	(Year:)
Mergers/Acquisition Notifications	No. of cases:	(Year:)
Other regulations	No. of cases:	(Year:)

B. Number of legislative measures taken

Abuse of Market-Dominant Position	No. of measures: (Year:)
Cartels (including bid-riggings)	No. of measures: (Year:)
Unfair Trade Practices	No. of measures: (Year:)
Mergers/Acquisition approved	No. of measures: (Year:)
Mergers/Acquisition conditional approved	No. of measures: (Year:)
Mergers/Acquisition issued cease and desist orders	No. of measures: (Year:)
Other regulations	No. of measures: (Year:)

Question 6

This section will be **for all the applicants**. Please give an overview of below procedures best to your knowledge.

A. Criminal Procedure

Is there criminal procedure for the violation of competition law in your country?	Yes / No
If you responded "Yes", please give the brief description.	

B. Leniency Program

Is there leniency program in your country?	Yes / No
If you responded "Yes", please give the brief description.	

Question 7

This section will be **for all the applicants**. If possible, please give an overview of international relationship.

The agreements/Memoranda of international cooperation with other countries/agencies	
The technical assistance from other countries/agencies	
The participation and contribution to the ICN (International Competition	

Network)¹.

Question8

This section will be **for all the applicants**. If possible, please give an overview of your country's or agency's challenges / concerns related to the competition law and policy.

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END

¹ <https://www.internationalcompetitionnetwork.org/>

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 (Group & Region Focus) has long occupied an important place in JICA operations. About 400 pre-organized courses 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 programs is being customized by the different target organizations to address the specific needs, such as policy-making organizations, service provision organizations, as well as research and academic institutions. Some programs are organized to target a certain group of countries with similar developmental challenges.

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.

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.



Correspondence

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TEL: +81-78-261-0383/0341 FAX: +81-78-261-0465

("81" is the country code for Japan, and "78" is the local area code)

Country Report *(your organization name)*

JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program
Competition Law and Policy

Day 2: Friday, October 13, 2023

Your name

Contents

- 1 Basic Information (self introduction, my work)
(section 1 of the Country Report)
- 2 Outline of competition law in my country (section 2 Q1-Q4,Q6)
- 3 Major violation case in recent years (section2 Q4)
- 4 Overview of my country's or agency's challenges /concerns (section2 Q8)
- 5 Main points I would like to learn in this program

1 Basic information

Self introduction, your work experience, etc.

2 Outline of competition law in my country

Name of Competition Law/ Year of Enactment	
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Regulation or Procedure	Yes (Article No.) /No
Hardcore Cartel (including bid-riggings) Regulation	
Regulation on Abuse of Dominant Position	
Business Combination Regulation/ Mandatory Pre-Notification of Merger and Acquisitions	
Leniency Program	
Procedure Prior to Legal Action (e.g. procedures for hearing opinions)	

3 Major violation case in recent years

...

4 Overview of my country's or agency's challenges /concerns

...

5 Main points I would like to learn
in this program

...

Thank you for your kind
attention!

URL of *my organization*

<https://....>

Tentative Schedule

Course Title Competition Law and Policy -Laying the Foundation
for Promoting Competition-

Course Number _____

Course Period _____

Date	Type	Contents	Lecturer PIC of Site Visit	Place	Remarks
11-Oct		Arrival			
12-Oct	L	JICA Briefing Program Orientation Course Orientation Antimonopoly Act (Follow-up for On-demand Lecture)	JICA Kansai JICE Kansai Professor, Tokyo Keizai University	JICA Tokyo JICA Tokyo JICA Tokyo JICA Tokyo	
13-Oct	P	Country Report Presentation	JFTC	JFTC	
14-Oct	S	Site Visit to JFTC	JFTC	JFTC	
15-Oct					
16-Oct	L	Flow of Procedures of Case Investigation	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
17-Oct	L	Collecting Evidences in Administrative Investigation Procedures	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
	L	Introduction of the Organisation of the JFTC, Mock On-Site Inspection, Mock Interview	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
	D	Introduction and Free Discussion of Real Experiences in Case Investigation	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
	L	Digital Case Investigation (incl. Case study)	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
18-Oct	L	Regulations on Abuse of a superior bargaining position (incl. Case Study)	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
	L	Introduction of Efforts for Digital Market by JFTC	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
	L	Market Studies in the Digital Market (Group Work)	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
	L	Procedure of Merger Review (incl. Case Study)	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
	L	Discussion on its Problem-Solving (Request For Information on Merger Review)	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
19-Oct	L	Remedies in Business Combination	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
	L	Cross-Border Case (Business Combination)	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
	L	Cross-Border Case (Case Investigation)	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
	L	JFTC Activities to Raise Public Awareness	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
	L	Awareness-Raising Activities for Local Authorities	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
	L	Sustainability Regulations (Green Guideline)	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
	L	Site Visits to a Law Firm ※Introduction of Tasks related with Antimonopoly Act	Law Firm	Law Firm	
20-Oct	E	Workshop	JFTC	JICA Tokyo	
21-Oct					
22-Oct					
23-Oct	L	Cartel & Bid-Rigging (Summary of Regulation)	Professor, Okayama University	JICA Kansai	
	D	Cartel (incl. Group Discussion on Hypothetical Cases)	Professor, Okayama University	JICA Kansai	
24-Oct	D	Merger and Acquisition Regulation (incl. Group Discussion on Hypothetical Cases)	Professor, Kobe University	JICA Kansai	
	S	Site Visit to JFTC Kinki Office	JFTC	JFTC Kinki Office	
	L	Role of Local Offices	JFTC	JFTC Kinki Office	
	L	Investigation Case in JFTC Kinki Office	JFTC	JFTC Kinki Office	
25-Oct	D	Group Discussion on Hypothetical Cases of Bid Rigging	Professor, Konan University	JICA Kansai	
	D	Workshop on Hypothetical Cases	Professor, Kyoto University	JICA Kansai	
26-Oct	P	Study Report Presentation	Professor, Komazawa University	JICA Kansai	
27-Oct		Evaluation Session	JFTC/JICA/JICE	JICA Kansai	
		Closing Ceremony	JFTC/JICA/JICE	JICA Kansai	
		Departure			

L: Lecture/ D: Discussion/ S: Site Visit/ P: Presentation/ E: Exercise

Application Guideline for the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program

This guideline explains how to apply for the Knowledge Co-Creation program (KCCP) of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) under the Official Development Assistance Program of the Government of Japan.

Please complete the Application Forms according to the guideline. For additional information, please consult the JICA Office, or in its absence, the Embassy of Japan in your country.

Form	Filled by
Form1. Official Application Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be filled by you and your supervisor* • To be signed by your supervisor • Official stamp of your organization is needed.
Form2. Nomination from the Organization	You and your supervisor *
Form3. Individual Application Form	You
Form4. Questionnaire on Medical Status and Restrictions	You
Form5. Terms and Conditions, and Declaration	You

*Supervisor: the head of the department/division of your organization

Please be advised:

- (a) To carefully read the General Information (GI) of the KCCP,
- (b) To fill only in typewritten except for signature,
- (c) To fill in the form in **English**,
- (d) To use "√" or "x" to mark the () options,
- (e) To attach your photographs,
- (f) To prepare document(s) described in the GI and/or confer with the JICA Expert or JICA overseas office, and attach these documents to the completed Application Forms,

In submitting the Application Forms and attached documents, please make sure:

- (g) To prepare a copy of your passport,
- (h) To confirm the application procedure stipulated by your government,
- (i) To submit the original Application Forms with all necessary document(s) to the responsible organization of your government according to its application procedure, and
- (j) That your participation may be denied, if you fail to provide all required information and documents completely and on time.

CHECK LIST before submission:

Items	Form No.	Check
1. Fill in all items in typewritten	All the forms	
2. Your signature	Form 3, 4, 5	
3. Signature of your supervisor*	Form 1, 2	
4. Official stamp of your organization	Form 1	
5. Your photo	Form 3	
6. Attach a copy of passport (Machine Readable Zone) *Applicants from Latin American and the Caribbean Countries, please refer to the note below.	-	
7. Attach the required document(s) as instructed in the GI	-	

*Supervisor: the head of the department/division of your organization

Note for Applicants from Latin American and the Caribbean Countries:

- (1) If you are from any of the countries listed below and have a passport with a valid U.S. visa, please attach herewith a copy of Identification Pages on the inside cover of your passport (i.e. the two pages that include your photograph and detailed passport information), and the page of U.S. visa:

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina (only Japanese descendants), Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominica, Ecuador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Mexico, Peru, Rep. of Dominica, St. Christopher and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, or Venezuela.

- (2) If you are from any of countries listed below and have a passport without a valid U.S. visa, please attach herewith a copy of Identification Pages on the inside cover of your passport (i.e. the two pages that include your photograph and your detailed passport information).

Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Jamaica, Marshall, Micronesia, Nicaragua, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay.

Application form for the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program:

Form1. OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

*To be signed by your supervisor (the head of the relevant department / division of your organization).

1. Course Title (as shown in the GI)

2. Course Number (the number as "xxxxxxxxJxxx" shown in the GI)

3. Course Duration

From to (DD/MM/YYYY)

4. Country

5. Organization

6. Name of the Nominee(s)

1)	3)
2)	4)

7. Confirmation by the organization in charge

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

Date:		Signature:	
Name:			
Title / Position			Official Stamp
Department / Division			
Office Address and Contact Information			
Address:		Tel:	
		E-mail:	
		Fax:	

(If necessary) Confirmation by the organization in charge

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:			
Title / Position			Official Stamp
Department / Division			

Application form for the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program

Form2. NOMINATION FROM THE ORGANIZATION

*To be signed by your supervisor (the head of the relevant department / division of your organization).

1. Reason for nominating the Applicant

Please describe the reason(s) why the Applicant was selected, referring to the following points; 1) Program requirement, 2) Capacity/Position, 3) Future plan to be done by the Applicant after the KCCP, 4) Future plan of your organization and 5) Others.

2. Expectation and Future Plan of Actions

Please describe how your organization shall make use of the expected achievement of the Applicant after the program, in addressing the said issues or problems.

By nominator (head of relevant department/division)

Date

Name and
Title/Position

Signature

Application form for the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program:

Form3. INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION FORM

*To be filled by Applicant.

1. Course Title: (as shown in the GI)

2. Course Number: (the number as "xxxxxxxxJxxx" shown in the GI)

**Attach here
your photo**

(taken within
the last six months)

Size: 4.5x3.5cm

3. Personal Information on Applicant

1) Name of Applicant (as shown in the passport)

*Please type the name as shown in the passport carried. The information will be used for flight arrangements.

Family Name /Surname

First Name

Middle Name

2) Nationality (as shown in the passport)				
3) Sex (for VISA application)	() Male		() Female	
4) Date of Birth	Date	Month (ex. April)	Year	Age (as of the date of the form)
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

5) Passport/Visa

Passport possession	() Yes	() No	Expiry date of passport	Date	Month	Year
USA visa possession*	() Yes	() No		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

*Applicants from Latin American and the Caribbean Countries only.

6) Contact Information

Private	Address:	
	TEL*:	Mobile*:
	FAX*:	E-mail:
Office	Address:	
	TEL*:	Mobile*:
	FAX*:	E-mail:
Emergency Contact	Name:	
	Relationship to you:	
	Address:	
	TEL*:	Mobile*:
	FAX*:	E-mail:

*Please fill it out from country code for telephone, mobile, and fax number.

7) Present Position

Organization		
Year that entered the organization		
Department / Division		
Title		
No. of years of service in the present position	Years	From (Month/Year)
Type of Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> National Government <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Public Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Private (profit) <input type="checkbox"/> NGO/Private (Non-profit) <input type="checkbox"/> University <input type="checkbox"/> Other : _____	
Number of employees		
Home Page Address		

【Questionnaire on Relationship with the Military】

***If your organization and/or your status is related to the Military, please mark with YES or NO below in the () which best describes the relationship.**

(YES / NO) the Military, an active military personnel or a military personnel listed in the muster roll/military register

(YES / NO) an organization affiliated with the Military, or a personnel who does not belong to the military at present but is listed in the muster roll/military register

(YES / NO) the Department or the Ministry of Defense, an organization affiliated with the Ministry of Defense, or staff of the Ministry of Defense

(YES / NO) an civilian organization but with military personnel or a military division within the organization

(YES / NO) an organization which will be affiliated with or under the control of the Military in times of emergency as specified clearly in its organic law/law of establishment

4. Experience and Eligibility
1) Career Background (After graduation and before taking the present position)

*Only Applicants for KCCP (Group and Region Focused) are requested to fill in this part.

Organization	City/ Country	Period		Position or Title and Department/Division	Brief Job Description
		From Month/Year	To Month/Year		

2) Academic Background (University, College or Higher Education)

Institution	City/ Country	Period		Degree	Major
		From Month/Year	To Month/Year		

3) Experience of Training or Study in Foreign Countries (including all the training experience in JICA's programs)

*Only Applicants for KCCP (Group and Region Focused) are required to fill in this part.

Institution	City/ Country	Period		Field of Study / Program Title
		From Month/Year	To Month/Year	

4) Language Proficiency (Self-Assessment)

1) Language to be used in the course (as shown in GI)				
Listening	() Excellent	() Good	() Fair	() Poor
Speaking	() Excellent	() Good	() Fair	() Poor
Reading	() Excellent	() Good	() Fair	() Poor
Writing	() Excellent	() Good	() Fair	() Poor
Language Test Scores if any (ex. TOEFL, TOEIC, etc.)				
2) Mother Tongue				

3) Other languages ()	() Excellent	() Good	() Fair	() Poor
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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.

5. Background and Purpose of Application

1) **Current challenges in the organization in relation to the theme of the KCCP you are applying:**
Describe the issues that your organization/department intends to tackle by participating in this program.

2) **Main duties of Applicant:** Describe your main duties and responsibilities in relation to this program.

3) **Relevant Experience of Applicant:** Describe previous occupational experiences that is highly relevant in this program.

4) **Your individual Goal:** Elaborate on your plans to apply the lessons learned from this program to your organization.

5) **Area of Interest and/or your expectation:** Specify your particular interest with reference to the contents of this program.

By Applicant

Date

Name and
Title/Position

Signature

Form4. QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS AND RESTRICTION**(Self-Declaration)****1. Present Medical Status**

(a) Have you taken any medicine or had a medical checkup by a physician for your illness such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, etc.?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Name of illness (_____), Name of medicine (_____)
	<i>If yes, please attach your doctor's letter (preferably, written in English) that describes the current status of your illness, and gives agreement to your participation in the program.</i>

(b) Do you have any allergies with medicine, food, pollen, etc.?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: What are you allergic to? What kind of allergic symptoms do you have such as itch, rash, hives, etc.? (_____)
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(c) Please indicate any needs arising from disabilities that may require additional support or facilities.

(_____)
<i>Note: Disability will not lead to exclusion of the Applicant from the program. However, the Applicant may be directly inquired by the JICA official in charge for a more detailed account of his/her condition.</i>

2. Medical History

(a) Have you had any illness such as heart, hepatic, kidney disease, etc.?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Please specify (_____)
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(b) Have you or/and your family members had tuberculosis?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Please specify (_____)
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(c) Have you ever been a patient in a mental clinic or been treated by a psychiatrist?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Please specify (_____)
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(d) Have you ever had any sleeping, eating or other disorders?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Please specify (_____)
	Name of medicine taken if any (_____)

3. Other Medical Issues/Conditions

If you have any medical issues/conditions that are not described above, please indicate below.

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* Are you pregnant?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes:	Weeks of pregnancy (weeks)
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I certify that I have read the above instructions and answered all questions truthfully and completely to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that medical conditions resulting from pre-existing conditions will not be financially compensated by JICA, and may be a reason for termination of the program.

I understand that this questionnaire will be checked by the people who are engaged in the program during my stay in Japan.

By Applicant

Date	
Name and Title/Position	
Signature	

※ Please notify JICA staff upon any changes in your health condition after submission of the form.

Form5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**1. General Rules**

The participants are requested:

- (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 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,
- (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.

2. Privacy Policy

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

(1) Scope of Use

Any information used for identifying individuals (hereinafter referred to as "Personal Information") that is acquired by JICA will be stored, used, or analyzed only within the scope of JICA activities. JICA reserves the right to use such Personal Information in accordance with the provisions of this privacy policy.

(2) Limitations on Use and Provision

JICA shall never intentionally provide Personal Information to any third party with the following three exceptions:

- (a) In cases of legally mandated disclosure requests;
- (b) In cases in which the provider of the Personal Information grants permission for its disclosure to a third party;
- (c) In cases in which JICA needs to provide Personal Information for the persons or entities where JICA contracts out all or part of the KCCP and its relevant projects.
The Personal Information provided herein will be only limited to the information necessary for the persons or entities to implement the contracted tasks.

(3) Security Notice

JICA takes measures required to prevent the divulgence, loss, or destruction of Personal

Information, and to otherwise properly manage such information.

※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).

3. 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 scopes and/or conditions separately approved by JICA and/or the Original Author.

If the participants apply to the KCCP, the participants shall also comply with Terms of Use of the Materials for the KCCP that are shown on the JICA website.

(https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.html)

2. All the documents prepared for the KCCP (including reports, action plans, presentations, etc.) shall be prepared by the participants themselves in principle. If the participants use any third party's(ies)' works (photograph, illustration, map, figures, etc.), which are protected under the copyright laws and regulations in the participants' countries or copyright-related multinational agreements, the participants shall obtain a license necessary to use the works from such third party(ies).
3. The participants agree that JICA may use (including, but not limited to, reproduce, publicly transmit, distribute and modify) any documents prepared by the participants for other programs conducted by JICA (for example, as a reference for the other KCCP courses and a project formulation).
4. JICA will not be liable for the contents of any documents created by the participants for the purpose of the KCCP.

4. 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.

DECLARATION (to be signed by the Applicant)

- I understand and fully agree to the following terms and conditions set forth above.
 1. General Rule
 2. Privacy Policy
 3. Copyright Policy

- 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 "4.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:
 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

Date
Name and Title/Position
Signature