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Face-to-Face (in Japan)

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focused)

# COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY

From the Basics to the Latest Digital Platform Regulation

競争法政策 —基礎から最新のデジタルプラットフォーム規制まで—



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Course Period: September 10 - October 11, 2025

Online Program: September 10 - September 17, 2025

Program in Japan: September 24 - October 11, 2025



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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.

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September 24 - October 11, 2025

Course Capacity:  
5 participants



## **JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)**

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in June 2023, which stated, “In its development cooperation, Japan has maintained the spirit of jointly creating things that suit partner countries while respecting ownership, intentions and intrinsic characteristics of the country concerned based on a field-oriented approach through dialogue and collaboration. It has also maintained the approach of building reciprocal relationships with developing countries in which both sides learn from each other and grow and develop together.” JICA believes that this ‘Knowledge Co- Creation Program’ will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

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# For What?

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## 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)

Additionally, starting this fiscal year, the program will also provide opportunities to deepen knowledge of the latest digital platform regulations to adapt to the modern market environment.

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## 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?

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## 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.

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## Targeted Countries

Mongolia, Montenegro, Philippines, Serbia, Sri Lanka.

Note: Additional participants from other countries may join under the scheme of JICA KCCP (Country Focus).

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

# When?

## Online Program



Before Arrival in Japan  
From September 10, 2025  
to September 17, 2025

# Where?

This course is conducted at the JICA  
Tokyo Center.

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## Program in Japan



From September 24, 2025  
to October 11, 2025





# How?

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## How to Learn

- Lectures
- Field Visits
- Workshops
- Discussions
- Presentations



Study



Experience



Watch



Listen



Discuss



Present

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## Language

English

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## Commitment to the SDGs



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## Program Structure (Tentative)

### Country Report

Only accepted participants need to submit a short report (Country Report) in the form of Presentation Slides.

\*Detailed information and format are in Annex.

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

### Online Program

#### Online Session

To follow up participants to understand lectures and to facilitate their drafting Country Reports.

September 10	Pre-departure Orientation
	Presentation on the Progress of Action Plan by Alumni

### On-demand Lectures

- Antimonopoly Act
- Overview & Procedures of Case Investigation

## Program in Japan (Tentative)

### Briefing and Follow-up for Online Lecture

- Q&A Session for On-demand Lecture

### Module 1: Understanding Contents and Characteristics of Competitive Law and Policy in Japan (Presentation and Lecture)

- Antimonopoly Act (Follow-up for On-demand Lecture)
- Bid-Rigging (Summary of Regulation/Group Discussion on Hypothetical Cases)
- Cartel (Summary of Regulation/ Group Discussion on Hypothetical Cases)

### Module 2: Learning Practices and Actual Enforcement Method of Competitive Law and Policy in Japan to be able to Explain to the Others (Presentation and Lecture)

- Strengthen pre-investigation skills and knowledge (Group Work)
- Planning On-Site Inspection (Group Work)
- Fact finding in case investigation (Group Discussion)

- Gathering & Utilizing of Digital Evidence
- Digital Case Investigation (Case study)
- Act on Promotion of Competition for Specified Smartphone Software
- Market Studies in the Digital Sector (Group Work)
- Coordination with Other Government Ministries and Agencies and Competition Assessment
- Sustainability and the Antimonopoly Act (Green Guideline)
- Site Visits to JFTC Headquarters and a Law Firm
- Business Combination Review (incl. Group Discussion, Hypothetical Cases, Economic Analysis)
- Act on Elimination and Prevention of Involvement in Bid Rigging, etc. and Punishments for Acts by Employees that Harm Fairness of Bidding, etc.
- Consultations in Consultation and Guidance Office (Group Work)
- Role of Local Offices

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

- Country Report Presentation
- Drafting and Presenting Action Plan

# Eligibility and Procedures

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## 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.
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## 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: JICA seeks more female applicants in line with the "Promotion of Sustainability" in JICA's Management Resource Strategy for the fiscal year 2025. Our goal is to achieve a 40% participation rate of women in all courses. 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.)
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## **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  
\*It is recommended that your passport be valid for more than 6 months after the last day of the program.
- (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)



## 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 July 25, 2025)

### (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 August 15, 2025.

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

Country Report -- to be submitted by September 2, 2025

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

The Country Report should be sent by e-mail to [Takase.Yoko@jica.go.jp](mailto:Takase.Yoko@jica.go.jp).

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## 5. Conditions for Participation

The participants of KCCP are required

- (1) to strictly observe the course schedule,
- (2) not to change the air ticket (and flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging by the participants themselves,
- (3) to understand that leaving Japan during the course period (to return to home country, etc.) is not allowed (except for programs longer than one year),
- (4) not to bring or invite any family members (except for programs longer than one year),
- (5) to carry out such instructions and abide by such conditions as may be stipulated by both the nominating Government and the Japanese Government in respect of the course,
- (6) to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners to provide the program or establishments,
- (7) not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
- (8) to discontinue the program, should the participants violate the Japanese laws or JICA's regulations, or the participants commit illegal or immoral conduct, or get critical illness or serious injury and be considered unable to continue the course. The participants shall be responsible for paying any cost for treatment of the said health conditions except for the medical care stipulated in (3) of "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

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## 1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

(1) Center: JICA Tokyo Center (JICA TOKYO)

Program Officer: Ms. TAKASE Yoko ([Takase.Yoko@jica.go.jp](mailto:Takase.Yoko@jica.go.jp))

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## 2. Implementing Partner

(1) Name : Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC)

(2) URL: <https://www.jftc.go.jp/en/index.html>

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## 3. Travel to Japan

**Air Ticket:** In principle, JICA will arrange an economy-class round-trip ticket between an international airport designated by JICA and Japan.

**Travel Insurance:** Coverage is valid from the time of arrival in Japan until departure. Therefore, travel outside of Japan, including any damage to baggage during the arrival flight to Japan, will not be covered.

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## 4. Accommodation in Japan

Basically, JICA will arrange the following accommodation(s) for the participants in Japan.

JICA Tokyo Center (JICA TOKYO):

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

TEL: +81-3-3485-7051 FAX: +81-3-3485-9655

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUsxpNG5p4E>

If there is no vacancy at JICA Tokyo, JICA will arrange alternative accommodation(s) for the participants.

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## 5. Expenses

The following expenses in Japan will be provided by JICA

- (1) Allowances for meals, living expenses, and stopover.
- (2) Expenses for study tours (basically in the form of train tickets).
- (3) Medical care for participants who become ill after arriving in Japan (the costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment are not included).
- (4) Expenses for program implementation, including materials.
- (5) For more details, please see “III. ALLOWANCES” of the brochure for participants titled “KENSU-IN GUIDE BOOK,” which will be given before departure for Japan.

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

[https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our\\_work/types\\_of\\_assistance/tech/accept](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/accept)

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## 6. Pre-departure Orientation

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

Part I: Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan	
English ver.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw</a>
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Tokyo	<a href="https://www.jica.go.jp/tokyo/english/office/index.html">https://www.jica.go.jp/tokyo/english/office/index.html</a>

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>

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## 7. Other Information

- (1) Participants are required to bring laptop computers. During the program, participants are required to work on the computers, including preparation of Action Plan(AP), etc. Most of the accommodations have internet access.
  - (2) Allowances, such as for living, outfit, and shipping, will be deposited to your temporary bank account (opened by JICA) 2 to 5 days after your arrival in Japan. It is highly advised to bring some cash in order to cover necessary expense for this period.
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# 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.



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