



JICA Program GENERAL INFORMATION



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:


Online Program: September 28 - October 6, 2026

Program in Japan: October 14 - October 31, 2026




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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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Course Capacity:
8 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?

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 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.

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?

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 implement 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.

Targeted Countries

Bhutan, Indonesia, Montenegro, Philippines, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Ukraine

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 28, 2026
to October 6, 2026

Program in Japan



From October 14, 2026
to October 31, 2026

Where?

This course is conducted at the JICA
Tokyo Center.



How?

How to Learn

- Lectures
- Field Visits
- Workshops
- Discussions
- Presentations



Language

English

Commitment to the SDGs



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.

September 28	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

1. Expectations for 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.

【Remarks】

Gender: Each Organizations is requested to strongly encourage female candidates to apply for the course to accelerate the realization of gender equality and women's empowerment.

Disabilities: Persons with disabilities who meet the required qualifications also have an opportunity to apply. Reasonable accommodations will be considered for participants with disabilities. Some programs of the course might have difficulty for persons with disabilities to participate due to environmental and other conditions. "Reasonable accommodation" means necessary and appropriate modification and adjustments not imposing a disproportionate or undue burden, where needed in a particular case.

(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 online)

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 (MS Teams), 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)

- MS Teams ([MS Teams download](#))

*In case you are using your office computer and use of MS Teams 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. Participant's health and safety should be most respected. Pre-existing conditions¹ and pregnancy may lead to health problems that were not present prior to arrival in Japan due to stress from international travel, changes in climate, and a new living environment. In recent years, regrettable cases have occurred, including the exacerbation of symptoms after arrival and, in the case of pregnancy, stillbirth. Some participants have also incurred substantial out-of-pocket medical costs. If any of the conditions below may apply, please take a moment to consider whether to participate, and continue after confirming your agreement to the points below.

① Questionnaire (" QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS AND RESTRICTION")

If any of the following apply, you must state them accurately in the questionnaire, even if they do not affect your current work or daily life.

- a. Chronic diseases (e.g., hypertension, diabetes)
- b. Conditions currently under treatment
- c. Past illnesses that have resolved (including serious conditions affecting the heart, liver, or brain; tuberculosis, etc.)
- d. Pregnancy (for female applicants)

¹ Pre-existing conditions :Chronic diseases, Conditions currently under treatment and Past illnesses that have resolved.

② Medical certificate

Please submit a medical certificate issued by a doctor that your condition is stable and that, from a medical standpoint, there is no problem with your participation in KCCP in Japan.

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③ Reporting changes

If pregnancy or any health issues are identified after submitting the form, please report them to JICA promptly.

④ Insurance coverage

Medical and additional living expenses related to pregnancy, pre-existing conditions are NOT covered by insurance arranged by JICA. Such costs must be borne entirely by the participant; JICA assumes no liability.

* Please understand that insurance coverage applies only to sudden illness or injury occurring during your stay in Japan.

* Medical expenses in Japan could be a significant financial burden when not covered by insurance.

(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.

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 assistance 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 August 5, 2026**)

(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 28, 2026**.

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

Country Report - to be submitted by September 25, 2026

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

The Country Report should be sent by e-mail to tictipdoc@jica.go.jp

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 Japanese laws or JICA's regulations, or the participants commit illegal or any type of immoral conduct including sexual harassment, 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.
- (13) to promptly notify JICA in the case that there are any changes in the health status since the time of application (such as changes requiring medical attention due to illness or discovery of pregnancy).

Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

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

Program Officer: Ms. IWASAKI Shion (tictipdoc@jica.go.jp)

2. Implementing Partner

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

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

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.

4. Accommodation in Japan

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

JICA Tokyo Center (JICA TOKYO):

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("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.

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 GUIDEBOOK,” 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

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.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Tokyo	https://www.jica.go.jp/tokyo/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>

7. Other Information

- (1) Participants are required to bring laptop computers. During the program, participants are required to work on 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 expenses 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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