



Japan-Mexico Training Program for the Strategic Global Partnership

**General information on
Improving the Management of “Lentic and Lotic Systems”
based on Integrated Lake Basin Management (ILBM)**
(統合的湖沼流域管理 (ILBM) の概念を基盤とした“静水・流水システム”の
適切な管理)
JFY 2021
Course No.: 202003433-J024
Course Period in Japan: From March 13, 2022 to Aug 10, 2022

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.

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.

I. Concept

Background

In 1971, the Japan-Mexico Exchange Program has started, which mutually accepts students and young engineers from Mexico and Japan; in February 2010, based on the “Japan-Mexico Joint Statement Strategic Global Partnership in the 21st Century¹”, the Exchange Program was renewed into the Japan-Mexico Training Program for the Strategic Global Partnership. This program contains long-term courses (between three months and twelve months period) that has existed before and short-term courses (less than three months period) are newly established since then. Currently, JICA accepts 50 Mexicans trainees annually under this scheme.

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of this training program in 2021, in order to realize the program including a value of “Bilateral Co-creation by Japan and Mexico”, the course line-up has been completely reviewed, taking into account the compatibility with the eleven priority fields of PRONACES (National Strategy Program) set by the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT) in Mexico, to response strong needs in the areas such as Infection Disease control due to pandemic of COVID-19, Food Security, ICT/Digital Transformation, and among others.

This training program aims to develop Mexican human resources, through the implementation of training program based on the Japan-Mexico Joint Statement, thereby contributing to reinforcement establishment of the Mexico-Japan Strategic Global Partnership.

For what?

To learn proper management of lentic and lotic water systems based on the concept of Integrated Lake Basin Management (ILBM). ILBM is defined as an approach for achieving sustainable management of lakes and reservoirs through the gradual, continuous holistic improvement of basin governance. Governance improvement is the key in this management approach, including sustained efforts for integrating institutional responsibilities, policy directions, stakeholder participation, scientific and traditional knowledge, technology possibilities, and funding prospects and constraints.

For whom

Researchers and master's students interested in ILBM approach for the management of watersheds in Mexico.

How?

With research, practices and on-the-job training in relation of valuation and appropriate use of water resources, while governance of watershed management is analyzed.

¹ https://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/announce/2011/2/PDF/0222_02_01.pdf

II. Description

1. Title (Course No.202003433—J025)

Improving the Management of “Lentic and Lotic Systems” based on Integrated Lake Basin Management (ILBM)

2. Course Duration in Japan

March to August, 2022 (Technical Training Period: May to August, 2022: three months)

13th March: Arrival in Japan

15th March to 8th May: Briefing, General Orientation and Intensive Japanese Language Class

9th May to 10th August: Technical Training Program

11th August: Departure from Japan

3. Target Regions or Countries

Mexico

4. Capacity (Upper Limit of Participants)

Three (3) participants

5. Language

English

6. Objective(s)

Develop an action plan to improve knowledge of watershed management in lakes, rivers and coastal areas; and develop appropriate watershed governance frameworks in Mexico.

7. Overall Goal

In order to contribute to the PRONACES of CONACYT in Mexico, special attention will be paid to the content of the course, orienting it in this regard. For the particular case of this course, the Strategy No. 1 “Knowledge and management of watersheds based on the natural water cycle and social equity in terms of its use for the common welfare and environmental conservation”, specifically related to the development of technical, organizational and cultural alternatives that lead to the maximum possible saving of water for agricultural production, contributing to the reduction of water, energy and ecological footprints; establish an effective national system for the surveillance, monitoring and environmental assessment of waters, including their toxicity; and, the understanding, prevention and remediation of the disturbing impacts of economic activities and urbanization patterns on the country’s ecosystems, aquifers, surficial water bodies and streams.

The course is expected to contribute to Mexico, in order to conduct the action plans formulated throughout the course, with the issues shared by the participants, pursuing the aforementioned PRONACES topics.

8. Output and Contents

This course consists of the following components. Details on each component are given below.

The General Orientation and Japanese language program are organized at the Chubu International Center of JICA prior to the technical training to assist the participants in understanding Japan and adjusting themselves to life in Japan, and thus to facilitate effective training.

Expected Output	Subjects/Agendas
Conceptualization and sharing issues	In order to understand the current situation in Mexico, it is important to understand the historical background of the issues and the background of their succession. It is desired to take enough time for initial discussions, so that mutual understanding can be deepened, in order to define the orientation of the lectures, site visits, and exchanging activities to be harmonized with the Mexican issues to be developed.
Valuation of water resources and their use in lakes, rivers and coastal areas	
Governance in watershed management	
Developing an action plan	Since it is difficult to formulate a program after recognizing all the interests and needs of participants in advance, we would like a slight degree of freedom for changes and additions to the extent possible, in order to convene the wishes of participants as much as possible after coming to Japan.

<Structure of the Course>

Topic outline (subject to minor changes)

1st Month (5/9 - 6/3)

: Identifying and Sharing Issues including Water Resource Values, Learning about Lake Biwa

Main Subjects

- (1) Integrated Lentic Lotic Water Basin Management
- (2) Country Report Presentation
- (3) Comprehensive Conservation of Lake Biwa
- (4) Fundamental of GIS
- (5) General Guidelines on Preparation of Action Plans

Main Visiting Sites

- (1) Lake Biwa Museum
- (2) Dam and Weir around Lake Biwa

2nd Month (6/6 - 7/1)

: Flood Control and Water Utilization in Lakes, Rivers, and Coastal Area

Main Subjects

- (1) Flood control and water use
- (2) Overview of the Osaka Sewerage System
- (3) Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- (4) Organic Farming / Toxic Substance Management
- (5) Lake Basin Management Policies and Institutions

Main Visiting Sites

- (1) Lake Biwa - Yodo River Basin
- (2) Lagoons in Sea of Japan Coastal Area

3rd Month (7/4 - 7/29)

: Governance in Lake Basin Management, Making Action Plan

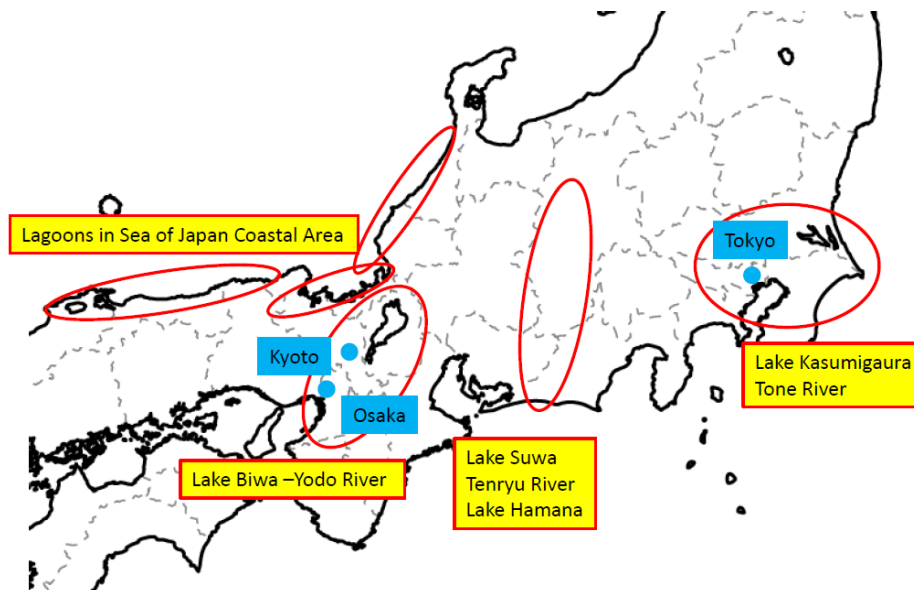
Main Subjects

- (1) Financing and Funding Aspects of Lake Basin Management
- (2) Environmental Education
- (3) Water Quality Inspection / Technology of Water Purification Membrane
- (4) Action Plan Presentations
- (5) Evaluation Meeting / Closing Ceremony

Main Visiting Sites

- (1) Lake Hamana, Tenryu River and Lake Suwa
- (2) Lake Kasumigaura and Tone River (Water use in Tokyo Metropolitan Area and the Tone River basin)
- (3) Traditional Water Sharing System in Shiga Prefecture

<Places to visit>



2.Nominee Qualifications

Applying organizations are expected to select nominees who meet the following qualifications.

(1) Essential Qualifications

1) Current Duties: be either technical officers in charge of lakes/rivers/coastal waters management (including management of rivers flowing into such water bodies) who are expected to assume executive administrative posts in that field or researchers / stakeholders in water quality and ecosystem management who are expected to take leading roles in guiding the lake-river-coastal basin management programs in their countries.

2) Experience in the Relevant Field: have more than three (3) years' occupational experience in the field.

3) Educational Background: be university graduates or equivalent in the area of Environmental Management.

4) Language Proficiency: have a competent command of spoken and written English proficiency equivalent to TOEFL iBT 100 or above (This workshop includes active participation in discussions, which requires high competence in English. Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC etc, if possible)

5) 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: have a basic knowledge of computer operation such as Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point. Formulation of action plan, which is an output of the program, requires PC operation skills. Moreover, it is preferable to have basic knowledge of GIS (Geographic Information System)

2) Age: between the ages of twenty-five (25) and forty (40) years

3) Gender Consideration: JICA promotes gender equality. Women are encouraged to apply for the program.

III. Eligibility and Procedures

1. Required Documents for Application

(1) Application Form: The Application Form is available at **the JICA overseas office**

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

1. Procedures for Application and Selection

(1) Selection

After the application documents are submitted, primary screening and individual interview are conducted by CONACYT. Then JICA will consult with concerned organizations in Japan in the process of final selection.

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.

(2) Notice of Acceptance

The JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) will notify the results **not later than March , 2022.**

2. Additional Document(s) to Be Submitted by Accepted Candidates

The accepted candidate may be required to prepare and submit an Inception Report. Please follow the instructions to be notified individually after the approval.

3. 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,
- (4)** not to bring or invite any family members,
 - (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 "5. Expenses", "IV. 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)** In case of natural disaster or any possible contingency, trainees could not trip to Japan and this course would be offered remotely or canceled.

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

(1) **Center:** Kansai center

(2) **Program Officer:** Ms. AOKI Rika (Aoki.Rika@jica.go.jp)

2. Implementing Partner

(1) **Name:** To be determined

3. Travel to Japan

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

(2) **Travel Insurance:** Coverage is from time of arrival up to departure in Japan. Thus traveling time outside Japan (include damaged baggage during the arrival flight to Japan) will not be covered.

4. Accommodation in Japan

Basically, JICA will arrange the accommodation for the participants in Japan:

5. 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/acceptance/training/index.html

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.

*YouTube of "Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan" and "Introduction of JICA Center" are viewable from the link below.

Image videos of 'Introduction of JICA Center (YouTube)' show the following information of JICA Centers: Location, Building, Entrance, Reception(Front desk), Lobby, Office, Accommodation(Room), Amenities(Hand dryer), Bathroom(Shower and Toilet), Toiletries, Restaurant, Laundry Room(Washing machine, Iron), ICT

Room(Computer for participants), Clinic, Cash dispenser, Gym, Neighborhood

Part I: Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan	
English ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw
French ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2yU9ISYcTY
Spanish ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7l-WIQSDjI
Russian ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7_ujz37AQc
Arabic ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iBQqdpXQb4
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Hokkaido (Sapporo)	https://www.jica.go.jp/sapporo/english/office/index.html
JICA Hokkaido (Obihiro)	https://www.jica.go.jp/obihiro/english/office/index.html
JICA Tohoku	https://www.jica.go.jp/tohoku/english/office/index.html
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JICA Kyushu	https://www.jica.go.jp/kyushu/english/office/index.html
JICA Okinawa	https://www.jica.go.jp/okinawa/english/office/index.html

V. Other Information

1. Participants who have successfully completed the program will be awarded certificates by JICA.
2. Participants are strongly advised to bring their own personal computers for their convenience. Through the program, participants are required to work on computers intensively for various assignments including GIS lecture, preparation of Action Plans, etc. Desk top computers are available in JICA Kansai, however, not in ILEC and other facilities.
3. 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.
4. It is very important that some of your currency must be exchanged to Japanese Yen at any transit airport or Kansai International Airport (KIX) in Osaka, Japan soon after your arrival. It is quite difficult to exchange money after that, due to limited availability of facility or time during the program.

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.



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