



TRAINING AND DIALOGUE PROGRAMS

GENERAL INFORMATION ON

Implementation of the WTO Agreements (B)

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From June 2011 to December 2011

Core Phases in Japan : From September 4, 2011 to September 17, 2011

This information pertains to one of the Training and Dialogue Programs of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which shall be implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between both Governments.

I. Concept

Background

The World Trade Organization (WTO) was established in 1995 and 153 member countries and regions have joined as of the end of July 2008. However, there are about 30 countries still making efforts to gain membership of the WTO. In addition even as for the WTO member countries, they are having some difficulties in actual implementation of the WTO agreements under the situation that only about 100 countries have reported their domestic acts to the WTO so far in the world.

As one of the technical cooperation to developing countries in this field, JICA was implementing "Operation of Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the DSU, WTO Agreements" course annually since 2001 till 2010, but which focused on the DSU only.

It is still recognized that to promote understandings of basic agreements of all the WTO agreements and important terms for them is an urgent issue in developing countries, in order to expand trade and investment for their countries, to develop economy along with the expansion of trade investment and then to strengthen their international trading system. Therefore JICA started this course in 2010.

For what?

Participants are expected to acquire basic and applicable knowledge of the WTO agreements and improve their capabilities.

For whom?

Officials of Governmental organizations or relevant organizations related to the accession to the WTO or the administration of the WTO agreements.

How?

Through lectures and site visits conducted by related professors and professionals in Japan.

II. Description

1. Title (J-No.): Implementation of the WTO Agreements (J1100741)

2. Period of program

Duration of whole program:	June 2011 to December 2011
Preliminary Phase: (In a participant's home country)	June 2011 to August 2011
Core Phase in Japan:	September 4, 2011 to September 17, 2011
Finalization Phase: (In a participant's home country)	September 2011 to December 2011

3. Target Regions or Countries

Laos, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Liberia

4. Eligible / Target Organization

Governmental or relevant organizations related to the WTO.

5. Total Number of Participants

10 participants

6. Language to be used in this program

English

7. Program Objective

The related personnel to the WTO in the respective country share the understanding of the whole structure of the WTO agreements and the domestic system which is necessary for the accession to the WTO, by means of dissemination activities which will be done by the participants of this program after their return.

8. Overall Goal

The negotiation for accession to the WTO is accelerated.

9. Expected Module Output and Contents:

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

(1) Preliminary Phase in a participant's home country (June 2011 to August 2011) <i>Participating organizations make required preparation for the Program in the respective country.</i>	
Expected Module Output	Activities
Country Report and Inception Report	Writing and Submission of a Country Report and Inception Report. Those forms are attached in this General Information as Annex 1 and 2.

(2) Core Phase in Japan (September 4, 2011 to September 17, 2011) <i>Participants dispatched by the organizations attend the Program implemented in Japan.</i>		
Expected Module Output	Subjects/Agendas	Methodology
To understand a whole structure of The WTO Agreements	(1) Introduction to the WTO Agreements	Lecture Observation and Exercise
	(2) Trade remedies (AD, CVD, SG)	Lecture Observation and Exercise
	(3) The WTO and FTA/RTA	Lecture Observation and Exercise
	(4) The WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding the WTO Dispute Settlement Case Study	Lecture Observation and Exercise
	(5) Doha round negotiations	Lecture Observation and Exercise
	(6) Japan and the WTO	Lecture Observation and Exercise

(3) Finalization Phase (in a participant's home country) (September 2011 to December 2011) <i>The participants are requested to hold a dissemination meeting in the respective organization in order to share knowledge or experience they gain in the Core Phase in Japan with their colleagues and people related to the WTO. The participants need to write and submit a report of this dissemination meeting to JICA up to December 31, 2011.</i>

III. Conditions and Procedures for Application

1. Expectations for the Participating Organizations

- (1) This program is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operation. Participating organizations are expected to use the program for those specific purposes.
- (2) This program is enriched with contents and facilitation schemes specially developed in collaboration with relevant prominent organizations in Japan. These special features enable the program to meet specific requirements of applying organizations and effectively facilitate them toward solutions for the issues and problems.
- (3) As this program is designed to facilitate organizations to come up with concrete solutions for their issues, participating organizations are expected to make due preparation before dispatching their participants to Japan by carrying out the activities of the Preliminary Phase described in section II -9 .
- (4) Participating organizations are also expected to make the best use of the results achieved by their participants in Japan by carrying out the activities of the Finalization Phase described in section II -9.

2. Nominee Qualifications

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

(1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) Current Duties: the governmental or relevant organization officials engaged in the work related to the WTO and expected to be engaged in this field in the future
- 2) Experience in the relevant field: should have more than three (3) years of occupational experience in this field
- 3) Educational Background: graduated of faculty or university in the field of Law or Economics
- 4) Age: be between the ages of thirty (30) and forty-five (45) years in principle
- 5) Language: have a competent command of spoken and written English which is equal to TOEFL CBT 250 or more (This course includes active participation in discussions; thus requires high competence of English ability. Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC etc, if possible)

Please note that the competent English ability is essential for this course.

- 6) Health: must be in good health, both physically and mentally, to participate in the Program in Japan

And,

- 7) Must not be serving any form of military service.

※There is higher risk for pregnant women and people with chronic diseases to cause serious medical consequences when infected with the new Influenza A (H1N1) virus according to the past cases. Under the pandemic situations of the new Influenza,

pregnant applicants shall not be accepted for the time being. And applicants who suffer from chronic diseases, such as respiratory illness, cardiac disease, metabolic disease (diabetes, etc), renal dysfunction and immune insufficiency (systemic steroid administration, etc), shall not be accepted in principle.

However, for those applicants with the chronic diseases, if they and their organizations express strong interest in participating in training programs, JICA shall accept them as an exceptional case after receiving a letter of consent from themselves and their organizations.

Please ask national staff in JICA office for the details.

3. Required Documents for Application

(1) Application Form

The Application Form is available at the respective country's JICA office or the Embassy of Japan.

(2) Nominee's English Score Sheet: to be submitted with the application form.

If you have any official documentation of English ability (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS), please attach it (or a copy) to the application form.

(3) Country Report and Inception Report

Each applicant is requested to prepare a Country Report and Inception Report together with the Application Form. Those forms are attached in this General Information as Annex 1 and 2. Please include a chart of the organization which you work at in your Country Report. In your organization chart, please indicate your position, starting from the section of the lowest level of your organization and circle the section you belong to. A Country Report and Inception Report should be sent to JICA Office or Embassy of Japan by **July 4, 2011.**

Any application not accompanied by a Country Report and Inception Report shall not be considered as duly qualified.

4. Procedure for Application and Selection

(1) Submitting the Application Documents:

Closing date for application to the JICA Center in JAPAN: **July 4, 2011.**

Note: Please confirm the closing date set by the respective country's JICA office or Embassy of Japan of your country to meet the final date in Japan.

(2) Selection:

After receiving the document(s) through due administrative procedures in the respective government, the respective country's JICA office (or Japanese Embassy) shall conduct screenings, and send the documents to the JICA Center in charge in Japan, which organizes this program. Selection shall be made by the JICA Center in consultation with the organizations concerned in Japan based on submitted documents according to qualifications.

The organization with intention to utilize the opportunity of this program will be

highly valued in the selection.

(3) Notice of Acceptance

Notification of results shall be made by the respective country's JICA office (or Embassy of Japan) to the respective Government by **not later than August 4, 2011.**

5. Conditions for Attendance

- (1) to observe the schedule of the program,
- (2) not to change the program subjects or extend the period of stay in Japan,
- (3) not to bring any members of their family,
- (4) to return to their home countries at the end of the program in Japan according to the travel schedule designated by JICA,
- (5) to refrain from engaging in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain,
- (6) to observe Japanese laws and ordinances. If there is any violation of said laws and ordinances participants may be required to return part or all of the training expenditure depending on the severity of said violation,
- (7) to observe the rules and regulations of their place of accommodation and not to change the accommodation designated by JICA, and
- (8) To participate the whole program including the preparatory phase prior to and the finalization phase after the core phase in Japan.

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Implementing Organization

(1) Name: Tokyo International Center (JICA Tokyo)

Address: 2-49-5 Nishihara, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0061, Japan

TEL: 81-3-3485-7051 FAX:81-3-3485-7904

URL: <http://www.jica.go.jp/english/contact/domestic/pdf/welcome.pdf>

(2) Contact: Mr. Katsuichiro SAKAI

2. Partner Organization

Name: Fair Trade Center

Address: 1-8-10, Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-0052, Japan

TEL: 81-3-3560-1871 FAX:81-3-3584-7122

URL: <http://www.fairtradec.com/>

3. Travel to Japan

- (1) **Air Ticket:** The cost of a round-trip air-ticket between an international airport designated by JICA and Japan will be borne by JICA.
- (2) **Travel Insurance:** Term of Insurance: From arrival to departure in Japan. The traveling time outside Japan shall not be covered.

4. Accommodation in Japan

JICA will arrange the following accommodations for the participants in Japan:

JICA Tokyo International Center (JICA TOKYO)
Address: 2-49-5 Nishihara, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0066, Japan
TEL: 81-3-3485-7051 FAX: 81-3-3485-7904
(where “81” is the country code for Japan, and “3” is the local area code)

If there is no vacancy at JICA TOKYO, JICA will arrange alternative accommodations for the participants. Please refer to facility guide of TIC at its URL, <http://www.jica.go.jp/english/contact/domestic/pdf/welcome.pdf>

5. Expenses

The following expenses will be provided for the participants by JICA:

- (1) Allowances for accommodation, living expenses, outfit, and shipping
- (2) Expenses for study tours (basically in the form of train tickets).
- (3) Free medical care for participants who become ill after arriving in Japan (costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment are not included)
- (4) Expenses for program implementation, including materials
For more details, please see p. 9-16 of the brochure for participants titled “KENSU-IN GUIDE BOOK,” which will be given to the selected participants before (or at the time of) the pre-departure orientation.

6. Pre-departure Orientation:

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

Country Report

The Country Report should be typewritten in English, double-spaced, with no more than 5 pages including tables, figures and an organization chart. **This report should be submitted together with the APPLICATION FORM.**

I. The outline of development of your country

Please write a short and concise explanation for your country and issues of sustainable development.

The following points should be included:

- A. What are main issues of sustainable development in your country?
- B. How does your country cooperate with the WTO, UNCTAD and World Bank for sustainable development?

II. The WTO in your country

Please write your experiences, works and studies regarding the WTO in your country briefly.

The following points should be included:

- A. What are your experiences to engage in the WTO issues in your countries?

(e.g., negotiation processes on the WTO issues in your country, trade policymaking process, cooperation with Department of Statistics, or how to use trade statistics for formulating trade policies, etc.)

- B. What kinds of the WTO issues do your country being faced with?

(e.g., substantial and general issues of the WTO, or problems in implementation structures of trade policies, etc.)

III. The cooperation by the other donors/international organizations

If your country receives any kind of cooperation regarding the WTO, please describe them including name of donors/international organizations, type of cooperation (ex. foreign advisor, workshop etc.), duration of cooperation and so on.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Your *Country Report* is a very important factor in determining the acceptance or rejection to this JICA training course.
2. Please give us your email address on top of country report together with your name, organization address and the like.
3. You are expected to make a ten-minutes presentation with your country report during the core phase in Japan.

**Inception Report
Implementation of the WTO Agreements (B)
(For non-member countries of WTO)**

The Inception Report should be typewritten in English, double-spaced. **This report should be submitted together with the APPLICATION FORM.**

Country:_____

Name:_____

Name of Organization:

Position and Division:_____

Date:_____

< Q1 > What are the problems, do you think, concerning the preparation of domestic legal system and framework in order for your country to become a member of the WTO? Please mention them at least one, and explain their specific contents (e.g. what kinds of difficulties and problems exist or may occur to implement the WTO Agreements.)

Note: Please write the content of the problem as concretely as possible. (e.g. the names of the sectors or the products which may have problems. In case of the WTO Agreements, please write the names of the agreements and the numbers of the articles.)

Problem No.	Specific contents of the problems
Problem 1	
Problem 2	

< Q2 > What do you think the causes or the backgrounds of the above problems you have written? Please select among the followings, and add explanations. You can select plural answers.

- (a) Governmental system problems
- (b) Constraint of government budget
- (c) Insufficient knowledge or experience of officers in charge about the WTO agreements
- (d) Other causes in the government
- (e) The causes other than the government

Note: Please write the explanation of the cause and the background as concretely as possible.

Problem No.	Cause No. (a - e)	Explanation
Problem 1		
Problem 2		

< Q3 > Please write the strategies one by one to overcome the each problems written above.

Note: Please write all the strategies which you think the most suitable and necessary without taking their feasibilities into account.

Problem No.	Cause No. (a - e)	Strategies to overcome the problems
Problem 1		
Problem 2		

※ [To the supervisors of applicants]

If your applicants do not have enough knowledge to answer the above questions on their own duties, please advice them to consult with the officers in charge of the negotiation for the accession to the WTO.

For Your Reference

JICA and Capacity Development

The key concept underpinning JICA operations since its establishment in 1974 has been the conviction that “capacity development” is central to the socioeconomic development of any country, regardless of the specific operational scheme one may be undertaking, i.e. expert assignments, development projects, development study projects, training programs, JOCV programs, etc.

Within this wide range of programs, Training Programs have long occupied an important place in JICA operations. Conducted in Japan, they provide partner countries with opportunities to acquire practical knowledge accumulated in Japanese society. Participants dispatched by partner countries might find useful knowledge and re-create their own knowledge for enhancement of their own capacity or that of the organization and society to which they belong.

About 460 pre-organized programs 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 are being customized to address the specific needs of different target organizations, 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 was the first non-Western country to successfully modernize its society and industrialize its economy. At the core of this process, which started more than 140 years ago, was the “*adopt and adapt*” concept by which a wide range of appropriate skills and knowledge have been imported from developed countries; these skills and knowledge have been adapted and/or improved using local skills, knowledge and initiatives. They finally became internalized in Japanese society to suit its local needs and conditions.

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 this “*adoption and adaptation*” process, which, of course, has been accompanied by countless failures and errors behind the success stories. We presume that such experiences, both successful and unsuccessful, will be useful to our partners who are trying to address the challenges currently faced by developing countries.

However, it is rather challenging to share with our partners this whole body of Japan’s developmental experience. This difficulty has to do, in part, with the challenge of explaining a body of “tacit knowledge,” a type of knowledge that cannot fully be expressed in words or numbers. Adding to this difficulty are the social and cultural systems of Japan that vastly differ from those of other Western industrialized countries, and hence still remain unfamiliar to many partner countries. Simply stated, coming to Japan might be one way of overcoming such a cultural gap.

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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For enquiries and further information, please contact the JICA office or the Embassy of Japan. Further, address correspondence to:

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