

JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program for Long Term Participants

General Information on SDGs Global Leadership Program (Pacific-LEADS) FY2019

**国別研修（2019 年度）
「SDGs グローバルリーダー・コース」（Pacific-LEADS）**

This information pertains to one of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)'s Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Long-Term). This handout gives information on the overview of the program. This program will be implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between both governments. Each country may have its own schedule and/or qualifications for the program. With regard to the additional information, please contact JICA overseas office in your country.

1. Overview

Until now, JICA has provided training programs as a part of technical cooperation in various fields. In order to strengthen a network among the target countries in respective fields, JICA established a new long-term training program to foster young/middle bureaucrats, academicians and leading human resources in various fields of target countries who will make influence on policy making processes of their countries or will contribute to socioeconomic development in near future.

SDGs Global Leadership Program is newly established in JFY 2019 to promote cooperation for sustainable development in the world, under the framework of JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP).

The program will provide candidates with special program on Japanese developmental experience and internships if necessary, in addition to obtaining Masters degree.

2. Objectives

1. To develop high level human resources who would contribute to appropriate policy decision and its implementation for tackling political and developmental issues in respective fields.
2. To establish and maintain mid and long term good relations between the target countries and Japan.

3. Program Outline

The program consists of the acceptance of scholars from 34 countries including 8 ASEAN member states, 14 countries from Pacific region, 5 countries from South Asia, 4 from East and Central Asia, 3 from Latin America, 2 from Africa

ASEAN	Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia Myanmar, Philippine, Thailand, and Vietnam
Pacific	Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu
South Asia	Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Maldives
East and Central Asia	Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Georgia
Latin America	Bolivia, El Salvador, Jamaica
Africa	Kenya, Rwanda

Candidates may select the university, to which he/she wishes to apply, from the universities which have concluded an agreement on accepting JICA participants on the condition that the candidate passes the entrance examination. Detailed information on these partner universities will be provided separately.

Proposed research topics will be the one that contribute to the Government policy for the sustainable development (Example: Administration/public policy, finance, international politics/diplomacy, regional research, business, international trade/investment, disaster risk reduction, maritime issues etc.)

In addition to the programs in the master's courses, the activities such as short-term program (e.g. Understanding the Japanese Development Experience¹), and/or internship program will be planned in order to enrich the participants' academic and personal experience of their courses of studies at the universities,.

Especially for Pacific Islands countries, Participants must participate in internship program at public or private entities about 2 weeks during summer break. JICA will prepare the contents and schedule of the internship in close consultation with the Participants and host organizations. Internship programs are carried out in English. In principle, no reward or compensation should be paid to the participants or host organizations.

4. Duration

In principle, 2 years for Master's Program (It depends on each program offered by universities)²

5. Number of Participants

70 participants (Breakdown is as below)

ASEAN: Up to 26 participants

Pacific: Up to 25 participants

South Asia: 5-10 participants

East and Central Asia: Up to 4 participants

Latin America: Up to 3 participants

Africa: Up to 2 participants

6. Language to be used in this Program

English

¹ As part of JICA-DSP, this program is co-organized by GRIPS and JICA for JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program for Long Term Participants. The program offers participants with opportunities to gain a deep understanding of the Japanese development experience, and to draw lessons and gain insights that will support their development work in their home countries and internationally.

² The preparatory period as a research student or credited auditor prior to the regular student up to 6months, or the length of their stay for Practical Training (internship) at a company may be added.

7. Eligibility

Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Current Duties: Young or middle Government official, prospective academics, personal from private institutions who are expected to contribute policy formulation or its implementation for tackling sustainable developmental issues in respective fields.
2. Nationality: Citizen of the above countries eligible for Japan's ODA
3. Age: less than forty (40) years old in principle (As of April 1st 2019)
4. Educational Background: have a Bachelor Degree
5. Language: Adequate English skills both in written and oral communication to complete the master's courses such as;
TOEFL iBT: 80
CEFR: B2

If the accepting university assesses that the candidate possesses English proficiency equivalent to the scores above, the candidate may be qualified at the discretion of the accepting university.

6. Others: Applicants must not be receiving nor planning to receive another scholarship during the program.

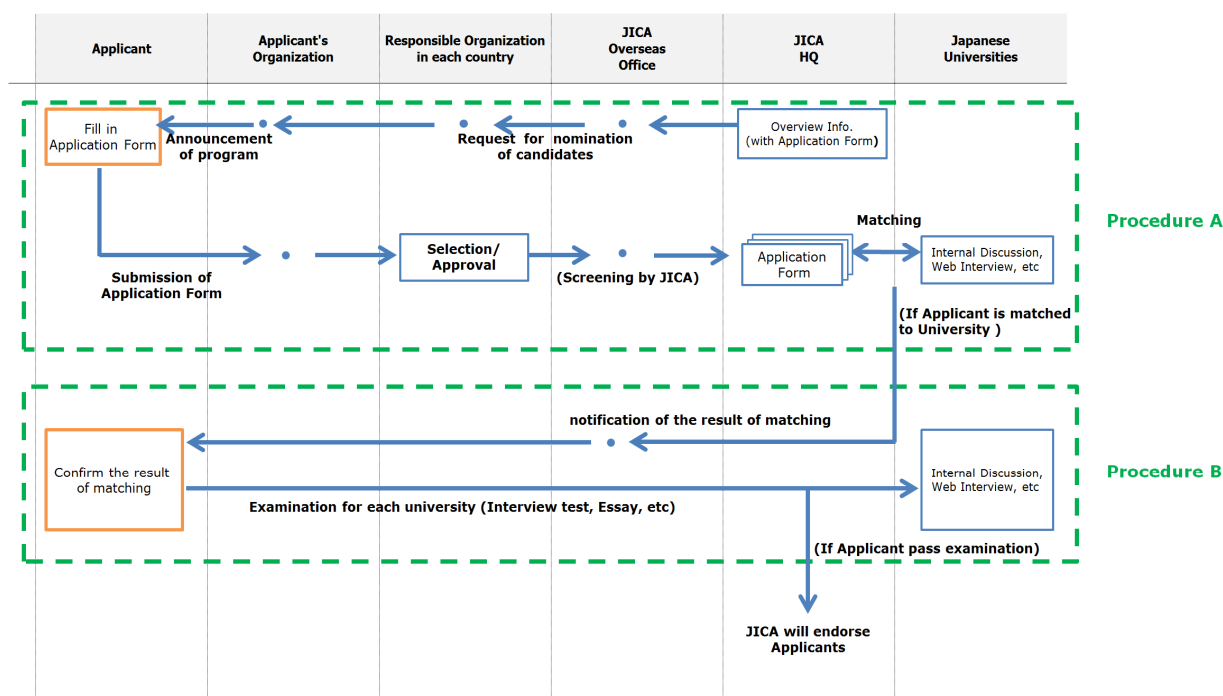
8. Admissions

Participants must pass University's usual admission procedures including examinations to enter the program.

9. Application Guidelines

Participants must apply through both Procedure A and B.

The flow of application is as follows.



Procedure A: JICA Application

Participants must apply through the procedure as below.

This is an application process necessary for both participant's Government and the Government of Japan for the Official Development Assistance.

(1) Procedures and Required Documents for Application:

Each participant is required to submit the "Application documents" listed in (2) below to JICA overseas office in your country. Please refer to the Appendix 2&3 for the guideline and format.

(2) Application Documents

1) JICA Application Form for Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Appendix-2)

consists of:

- Personal Information
- Education Background
- Work Experiences
- Consent for joining this program from current employer /organization

2) Application Form for SDGs Global Leadership Program (Pacific-LEADS) for FY2019

(Appendix-3) consists of:

- Declaration of desired University placement
- Research Plan
- Career Plan

3) Graduation certificate.

* Officially certified copies of the original

- * Written in English or accompanied with official translation
- 4) Academic transcript
 - * Must contain all the grades earned in the university
 - * Officially certified copies of the original
 - * Written in English or accompanied with official translation
- 5) Photocopy of certificate of English Test
- 6) A copy of Passport with photo (for checking nationality, name, sex, and date of birth).
- 7) 2 ID photos (4cm × 3cm) pasted on application form (Original and copy)
- 8) Health certificate (To be submitted later ³)

Based on the above documents, Applicants are nominated and approved by each country's government, and then approved by JICA. After this procedure, screening will be conducted at the proposed universities. The result will be informed to applicants.

Please kindly note that university might reject applicants due to lack of the above required documents, or your research plan may not be accepted by proposed universities.

Procedure B: University Application

Participants must follow each university's application procedure based on the result of Procedure A.

10. Schedule

Date	Process
By the End of January, 2019	Nomination of candidate applicants in respective organizations
	Selection of candidate participants by responsible organization in each country
	"Application Documents" must be submitted to JICA overseas office in respective countries.
By the end of February, 2019	Screening by JICA Consultation with university (including Web Interview)
	Notification of the result of matching through JICA overseas office
March- April, 2019	Preparation for University's application by the applicant
	University's application procedure *Examination schedule is followed by each university
May - August,	Preparation for study in Japan if applicants pass examination

³ If applicants pass the examination, Health certificate with JICA format will be required. Without the certificate, admission might be rejected.

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August - October, 2019	Orientation is conducted by JICA overseas office before departure
	Arrival in Japan
	Orientation is conducted by JICA
	Beginning of Term

*Schedule for the application and examination depends on each university (some university courses start from April, 2020).

11. Expenses To Be Borne By JICA

Under the JICA Long-term Trainee Allowance standards, JICA will cover expenses and allowance to participants accepted for the program. See the table below for further details. Note that the payments (e.g. for tuition, research support expenses, school support expenses) will not be paid to the training participants themselves, but directly to the university or other relevant institutions.

Expense category	Payment amount	Payment frequency
Tuition (official examination fees, entrance fees, course fees)	Actual costs	Every semester
Living Allowance	JPY 143,000–148,000 per month*	Every month via university
Airfare	Actual costs	Upon arrival in Japan and upon returning home
Outfit Allowance	JPY106,000	Once (upon arrival in Japan)
Moving Allowance	Up to JPY164,000-224,000	Once (during the training period)
Research Support Expenses**	Actual costs(Up to 360,000 per year)	

*Varies according to living area, type of accommodation, etc.

** Research Support Expenses are allowed to be provided via your university and be disbursed with the approval of your supervisor.

12. Expenses Not To Be Borne By JICA

JICA will not bear costs other than the allowances described above. JICA is not responsible for the following expenses:

- (1) Passport fees (for re-issuance and extensions, etc.)

- (2) Visa fees of a transit country and transportation expenses to obtain Visa
- (3) Transportation expenses to obtain Japanese Visa
- (4) Domestic travel expenses in the home country
- (5) Departure tax
- (6) Airport tax/airport facility charges outside of Japan, including third countries
- (7) Customs duty
- (8) Excess baggage charges
- (9) Compensation for lost and/or damaged baggage
- (10) "no show charge" to the transit airport hotel (non-refundable)
- (11) Lost - ticket fee
- (12) Accommodation fee for day-use hotel in return flight
- (13) Transportation expenses other than official programs
- (14) Telephone bill or mini-bar tab at accommodation

Note: If participant does not follow the regulation of JICA, the participant may have to bear such other cost of necessary expenses.



CORRESPONDENCE

For enquiries and further information, please contact the JICA office.

Guidelines of Application Form for the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program

The attached form is to be used to apply for the Knowledge Co-Creation program (KCCP) of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which are implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance Program of the Government of Japan. Please complete the application form while referring to the following and consult with the respective country's JICA Office - or the Embassy of Japan if the former is not available - in your country for further information.

1. Parts of Application Form to be completed

1) Which part of the form should be submitted?

It depends on the type of KCCP you are applying for.

>Application for KCCP (Group, Region Focus and Long-term)

Official application and Parts A and B including Medical History must be submitted.

>>Application for KCCP (Country Focus) including KCCP for Counterpart and KCCP related to ODA Loan

Official Application and Part B including Medical History will be submitted. Part A needs not to be submitted.

2) How many parts does the Application Form consist of?

The Application Form consists of three parts as follows;

Official Application

This part is to be confirmed and signed by the head of the relevant department/division of the organization which is applying.

Part A. Information on the Applying Organization

This part is to be confirmed by the head of the relevant department/division of the organization which is applying.

Part B. Information About the Nominee including Medical History

This part is to be completed by the person who is nominated by the organization applying.

The applicants for KCCP (Group, Region Focus and Long-term) are required to fill in **every item**. As for the applications for KCCP (Country Focus) including KCCP for Counterpart and some specified programs, it is required to fill in the designated "**required**" items as is shown on the Form.

Please refer to the General Information to find out which type KCCP that your organization applies for belongs to.

2. How to complete the Application Form

In completing the application form, please be advised to:

- (a) carefully read the General Information (GI) for which you intend to apply, and confirm if the objectives and contents are relevant to yours,
- (b) be sure to write in the title name of KCCP accurately according to the GI, which you intend to apply,

- (c) use a typewriter/personal computer in completing the form or write in **block letters**,
- (d) fill in the form in **English**,
- (e) use ☒ or “x” to fill in the () check boxes,
- (f) attach a picture of the Nominee,
- (g) attach additional page(s) if there is insufficient space on the form,
- (h) prepare the necessary document(s) described in the General Information (GI), and attach it (them) to the form,
- (i) confirm the application procedure stipulated by your government, and
- (j) submit the original application form with the necessary document(s) to the responsible organization of your government according to the application procedure.

Any information that is acquired through the activities of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), such as the nominee's name, educational record, and medical history, shall be properly handled in view of the importance of safeguarding personal information.

3. Privacy Policy

1) Scope of Use

Any information used for identifying individuals that is acquired by JICA will be stored, used, or analyzed only within the scope of JICA activities. JICA reserves the right to use such identifying information and other materials in accordance with the provisions of this privacy policy.

2) Limitations on Use and Provision

JICA shall never intentionally provide information that can be used to identify individuals to any third party, with the following three exceptions:

- (a) In cases of legally mandated disclosure requests;
- (b) In cases in which the provider of information grants permission for its disclosure to a third party;
- (c) In cases in which JICA commissions a party to process the information collected; the information provided will be within the scope of the commissioned tasks.

3) Security Notice

JICA takes measures required to prevent leakage, loss, or destruction of acquired information, and to otherwise properly manage such information.

4. Copyright policy

Participants of KCCP are requested to comply with the following copyright policy;

Article 1. Compliance matters with participants' drafting of documents (various reports, action plans, etc.) and presentations (report meetings, lectures, speeches, etc.)

- 1. Any contents of the documents and presentations shall be created by themselves in principle.
- 2. Comply with the following matters, if you, over the limit of quotation, have to use a third person's work (reproduction, photograph, illustration, map, figure, etc.) that is protected under laws or regulations in your

country or copyright-related multinational agreements or the like:

- (1) Obtain license to use the work on your own responsibility. In this case, the scope of the license shall meet the provisions of Article 2.
- (2) Secure evidential material that proves the grants of the license and specifies the scope of the license.
- (3) Consult with the third party and perform the payment procedure on your own responsibility regarding negotiations with a third person about the consideration for granting the license and the procedure for paying the consideration.

Article 2. Details of use of works used for KCCP

- (1) The copyright on a work that a participant prepares for KCCP shall belong to the participant. The copyright on the parts where a third party's work is used shall belong to the third party.
- (2) When using texts, supplementary educational materials and other materials distributed for KCCP, participants shall comply with the purposes and scopes approved by each copyright holder.

Application Form for the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program

OFFICIAL APPLICATION

(to be confirmed and signed by the head of the relevant department / division of the applying organization)

1. Title: SDGs Global Leadership Program (Pacific-LEADS)

2. Number: (Please write down if shown in the General Information)

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3. Country Name:

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4. Name of Applying Organization:

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5. Name of the Nominee(s):

1)	3)
2)	4)

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

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

Confirmation by the organization in charge (if necessary)

I have examined the documents in this form and found them true. Accordingly I agree to nominate this person(s) on behalf of our government.

Date:			Signature:		
Name:				Official Stamp	
Designation / Position					
Department / Division					

Part A: Information on the Applying Organization

(to be confirmed by the head of the department / division)

1. Profile of Organization

1) Name of Organization:

2) The mission of the Organization and the Department / Division:

2. Purpose of Application

1) Current Issues: Describe the reasons for your organization claiming the need to participate in Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP), with reference to issues or problems to be addressed.

2) Objective: Describe what your organization intends to achieve by participating in KCCP.

3) Future Plan of Actions: Describe how your organization shall make use of the expected achievements, in addressing the said issues or problems.

4) Selection of the Nominee: Describe the reason(s) the nominee has been selected for the said purpose, referring to the following view points; 1) Course requirement, 2) Capacity /Position, 3) Plans for the candidate after the KCCP, 4) Plan of organization and 5) Others.

Part B: Information about the Nominee

(to be completed by the Nominee)

NOTE>>>The applicants for Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP) (Group and Region Focus) are required to fill in “Every Item”. As for the applications for KCCP (Country Focus) including KCCP for Counterpart and some specified programs, it is required to fill in the designated “**required**” items as is shown below.

1. Course Title: (Please write down as shown in the General Information) **(required)**

Attach the nominee's photograph (taken within the last three months) here
Size: 4x6
(Attach to the documents to be submitted.)

2. Number: (Please write down if shown in the General Inf

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2) Nationality (as shown in the passport)			5) Date of Birth (please write out the month in English as in “April”)			
3) Sex	() Male	() Female	Date	Month	Year	Age
4) Religion						

6) Present Position and Current Duties							
Organization							
Department / Division							
Present Position							
Date of employment by the present organization	Date	Month	Year	Date of assignment to the present position	Date	Month	Year

7) Type of Organization		
<input type="checkbox"/> National Governmental	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Governmental	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Enterprise
<input type="checkbox"/> Private (profit)	<input type="checkbox"/> NGO/Private (Non-profit)	<input type="checkbox"/> University
<input type="checkbox"/> Other ()		

8) Outline of duties: Describe your current duties

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9) Contact Information

Office	Address:	
	TEL:	Mobile (Cell Phone):
	FAX:	E-mail:
Home	Address:	
	TEL:	Mobile (Cell Phone):
	FAX:	E-mail:
Contact person in emergency	Name:	
	Relationship to you:	
	Address:	
	TEL:	Mobile (Cell Phone):
	FAX:	E-mail:

10) Others (if necessary)

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4. Career Record

1) Job Record (After graduation)

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

2) Educational Record (Higher Education) (required)

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

3) Training or Study in Foreign Countries; *please write your past visits to Japan specifically as much as possible, if any.*

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

5. Language Proficiency (required)

1) Language to be used in the program (as in GI)					
Listening	() Excellent	() Good	() Fair	() Poor	
Speaking	() Excellent	() Good	() Fair	() Poor	
Reading	() Excellent	() Good	() Fair	() Poor	
Writing	() Excellent	() Good	() Fair	() Poor	
Certificate (Examples: TOEFL, TOEIC)					
2) Mother Tongue					
3) Other languages ()	() Excellent	() Good	() Fair	() Poor	

Excellent: Refined fluency skills and topic-controlled discussions, debates & presentations. Formulates strategies to deal with various essay types, including narrative, comparison, cause-effect & argumentative essays.

Good: Conversational accuracy & fluency in a wide range of situations: discussions, short presentations & interviews. Compound complex sentences. Extended essay formation.

Fair: Broader range of language related to expressing opinions, giving advice, making suggestions. Limited compound and complex sentences & expanded paragraph formation.

Poor: Simple conversation level, such as self-introduction, brief question & answer using the present and past tenses.

6. Expectation on the applied KCCP

1) Personal Goal: Describe what you intend to achieve in the applied KCCP in relation to the organizational purpose described in Part A-2.

2) Relevant Experience: Describe your previous vocational experiences which are highly relevant in the themes of the applied KCCP. (required)

3) Area of Interest: Describe your subject of particular interest with reference to the contents of the applied KCCP. (required)

*7. Declaration (to be signed by the Nominee) (required)

I certify that the statements I have made in this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
If accepted for the program, I agree:

- (a) not to bring or invite any member of my family (except for a program whose period is one year or more),
- (b) to carry out such instructions and abide by such conditions as may be stipulated by both the nominating government and the Japanese Government regarding the program,
- (c) to follow the program, and abide by the rules of the institution or establishment that implements said program,
- (d) to refrain from engaging in political activity or any form of employment for profit or gain,
- (e) to return to my home country at the end of the activities in Japan on the designated flight schedule arranged by JICA,
- (f) to discontinue the program if JICA and the applying organization agree on any reason for such discontinuation and not to claim any cost or damage due to the said discontinuation.
- (g) to consent to waive any copyright holder's rights for documents or products produced during the project, against duplication and/or translation by JICA, as long as they are used for the purposes of the program.
- (h) to approve the privacy policy and the copyright policy mentioned in the Guidelines of Application.

JICA's Information Security Policy in relation to Personal Information Protection

- JICA will properly and safely manage personal information collected through this application form in accordance with JICA's privacy policy and the relevant laws of Japan concerning protection of personal information and take protection measures to prevent divulgence, loss or damages of such personal information.

- Unless otherwise obtained approval from an applicant itself or there are valid reasons such as disclosure under laws and ordinances, etc., and except for the following 1.-3., JICA will neither provide nor disclose personal information to any third party. JICA will use personal information provided only for the purposes in the following 1.-3 and will not use for any purpose other than the following 1.-3 without prior approval of an applicant itself.

1. To provide KCCP to the participants from developing countries.
2. To provide KCCP to the participants from developing countries under the Citizens' Cooperation Activities.
3. In addition to 1. and 2. above, if the government of Japan or JICA determines necessary in the course of technical cooperation.

(i) to observe Japanese laws and ordinances during my stay, if I violate Japanese laws and ordinances,

I will return the total amount or a part of the expenditure required for the KCCP depending on the extent of the violation.

(j) to understand that JICA does not assure issuance of Japan entry visa even after JICA decide to accept me. I understand the Embassy of Japan will decide it according to necessary formalities upon the submission of visa application from each participant.

Date:	Signature:
	Print Name:

MEDICAL HISTORY

1. Present Medical Status

(a) Do you currently use any medicine or have regular medical checkup by a physician for your illness?

[] No	[] Yes: Name of illness (), Name of medicine ()
	<i>If yes, please attach your doctor's letter (preferably, written in English) that describes current status of your illness and agreement to join the program.</i>

(b) Are you pregnant?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Months of pregnancy (months)
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(c) Are you allergic to any medication or food?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: What are you allergic to? ()
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(d) Please indicate any needs arising from disabilities that might necessitate additional support or facilities.

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Note: Disability does not lead to exclusion of persons with disability from the program. However, upon the situation, you may be directly inquired by the JICA official in charge for a more detailed account of your condition.

2. Past Medical History

(a) Have you had any significant or serious illness?

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

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Please specify ()
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3. Other Medical Problems

If you have any medical problems that are not described above, please indicate below.

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I certify that I have read the above instructions and answered all questions truthfully and completely to the best of my knowledge.

I understand and accept that medical conditions resulting from an undisclosed pre-existing condition may not be financially compensated by JICA and may result in termination of the program.

Date	Signature
	Print Name

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1.University Information

(1) After examining university list provided by JICA, please fill in University, Supervisor, and the respective Field of studies that you expect to study in Japan. If you have more than two universities in your mind, you can select **up to three universities**.

Name of University and Graduate School	
Program and Degree	
Supervisor	Name of Professor ***** Phone number ***** E-mail address*****
Field of Study	
Admission Information	-Example- <Researcher> Applications available : Deadline for submission : Announcement of the Result : Start of Program : <Official Program> Applications available : Deadline for submission : Entrance Examination : Announcement of the Result : Start of Program :

2. Research Plan

Write a brief research plan of your proposed Master's thesis more than 700 words (minimum 3 pages).

Below is an example of the structure of the research plan. Usage of this structure is not essential but strongly recommended.

(a) TITLE of your Master's thesis

(b) INTRODUCTION (1 paragraph):

To state clearly what your research interests are. Necessary to include the followings:

- Background information regarding the selected topic and your involvement (e.g. what is the main reason that you chose the topic, your relevant working experience, etc.)
- The main objective of your study

(c) MAIN BODY (approximately 3 paragraphs):

To provide specific information to support your ideas. To explain what you are going to study and how the research is conducted. Necessary to include the followings:

- Brief explanation for your analysis of this topic.
- Brief explanation for your research methodology.

(d) CONCLUSION (1 paragraph):

To stress the most important point(s) of your research plan, and your future work. Necessary to include the followings:

- The skills which you wish to obtain in Japan.
- How you intend to utilize your research to solve the issue(s) mentioned in the first part of the plan after returning to your home country.

!! IMPORTANT !!

- ✓ It is recommended to make prior contact the faculty before submitting the applications in order to know whether or not the university can accept the research plan. You should write the research plan in light of the requirements and characteristics of the Master's course.
- ✓ It must be demonstrated that your academic background and/or job experience are sufficient enough to engage in and complete the Master's course in Japan. In this regard, it is essential for you to select a research theme which is associated with your current or future job.
- ✓ If you are currently employed, it is desirable for you to discuss with your organization to get supporting references, such as a policy and/or strategic paper of the organization.

3. Career Plan after Graduation

In connection with the fields of study, please describe your idea /plan to utilize your knowledge, skills and experiences that you obtained in Japan after returning to your home country in 400-500 words.

Please be reminded of the aim of SDGs Global Leadership Program (Pacific-LEADS) which expects the participants to be leaders who share values of Japan in order to help establish and maintain mid and long term good relations between Japan and the participants' countries