



Japan-Mexico Training Program for the Strategic Global Partnership

General information on

Company-wide Quality Control and Productivity Improvement

全社の品質管理・生産性向上

JFY 2026

Course No.: 202516791-J003

Course Period in Japan: From April 4th to July 31st, 2027

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 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.

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) and short-term courses (less than three months’ period) are newly established since then. Currently, JICA accepts 50 Mexicans participants annually under this scheme.

As we celebrated the 50th anniversary of this training program in 2021 with a value added of “Co-creation between Mexico and Japan”, the course line-up has been completely reviewed, taking into account the compatibility with the priority fields of PRONACES (National Strategy Program) set by Ministry of Science, Humanities and Innovation (In 2024 CONAHCYT changes its name to SECIHTI with the upgrading of the ministry) in Mexico, to response strong needs in the areas such as, food security, and also traditional areas such as art and quality control are set.

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

For what?

To enable the Mexican participants to contribute quality control and productivity improvement in Mexican companies and industries by understanding theories and methods of business management, such as management policy, production control human resources development, and fundamental improvement ways which are practiced in industries in Japan.

For whom?

Applicants should be those who have occupational experiences and are engaged in the field of production management and quality control at present or are going to engage in this field soon in any industry.

How?

* Process of Learning and Application throughout:

- 1) Lectures and Exercises by Faculties,
- 2) Demonstration of Model Company/Organization (on-site visits or case study)

* Deeping understanding level by reviewing subjects learn through group discussion supported by the faculty

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

II. Description

1. Title (Course No.)

Company-wide Quality Control and Productivity Improvement
(202516791-J003)

2. Course Duration in Japan

April 4th to July 31st, 2027: Whole Duration

April 4th 2027: Arrival in Japan

April 5th to May 5th, 2027 Orientation/ Japanese Language Class

May 6th to July 30th, 2027: Technical Training

July 31st 2027: Departure from Japan

3. Target Regions or Countries

Mexico

4. Eligible / Target Applicants

This program is designed for individuals who are willing to contribute the industries in Mexico through continuous quality control and improvement including aspects of environmental conservation.

5. Capacity (Upper Limit of Participants)

Ten (10) participants

6. Language

English

7. Objective

To acquire the capacity to systematically understand the theories and practical methods of management practiced in Japanese industry—such as management philosophy, production management, human resource development, and fundamental improvement approaches—and to apply them to organizations and industrial settings in one's home country. The course will use “Manufacturing Industry” as an example often; however, the ideas of quality control and productivity improvement are useful to other industries as well.

8. Output

- 1) To develop a systematic understanding of Japan's industrial structure and its historical development, and to be able to analyze, articulate, and present the characteristics and challenges of regional industries.
- 2) To understand the fundamental concepts and major methods of Quality Control (QC), including the Seven QC Tools and control charts, and to acquire them at a level that enables practical application within one's own organization.
- 3) To practically acquire theories related to productivity improvement (such as the three elements of productivity and bottleneck analysis), as well as on-site

- improvement methods, including Kaizen, 5S, and visual management.
- 4) To understand sound management practices based on quality control and productivity improvement, including management cycles, a culture of bottom-up continuous improvement, and human resource development.
 - 5) To design and formulate improvement activities (action plans) tailored to the issues and challenges faced by the participants' own countries or organizations, based on the knowledge and methods acquired through the training.

9. Contents

This program consists of the following components.

The general orientation and Japanese language program are organized at the JICA Chubu Centre, prior to the technical training, in order to assist the participants in understanding Japanese way of thinking and adjusting themselves to life in Japan, and thus to facilitate effective training.

Note1 : Any form of internship in a company or an organization is not included in the training program.

Note2 : The below mentioned curriculum is subject to minor change.

Expected Output	Subjects/Agendas	Methodology
To understand Japan's industrial structure, its development history, and local industries	Japan's industrial structure, Regional Industrial Revitalization, Elementary School Education in Japan, Study Trip	Lecture, Discussion
To master the theory and methods of quality control.	Overview of Quality Control, Quality Management Methods (Seven Basic Quality Control Tools, Why-Why Analysis, Risk Management, Daily Management, Poka-Yoke, Quality Control Circle Activities (QCC), Occupational Health and Safety), Quality Management System (QMS), Total Quality Management (TQM)	Lecture, Visit, Discussion
To learn the theory and methods of productivity improvement	Overview of Production Management, IE Techniques, 5S and Visual Management, Maintenance Management, Procurement Management, Standard Work, Toyota Production System (TPS), Approach to KAIZEN Activities, Karakuri KAIZEN, Field Practice	Lecture, Visit, Discussion, Practice

To understand sound business management based on quality control and productivity improvement.	Vision Formulation, Corporate Accounting, Problem-Solving Methods, Digital Strategy, Human Resource Development, Marketing, Sustainable Management (Sustainable Agriculture, Environmental and Social Contribution Activities, Carbon Neutral Activities), Mexico Business Networking Meeting	Lecture, Visit, Discussion, Practice
To utilize the acquired knowledge to consider activities that contribute to quality control and productivity improvement in own countries	Action Plan Writing, Example of ex-participants	Lecture, Discussion

III. Eligibility and Procedures

1. Nominee Qualifications

(1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) Current Duties:
Nominee should be (a) or (b), as follows;
(a) Be in the field of production management and quality control at present in any industry
(b) Be going to engage in the field of production management and quality control in the near future in any industry
- 2) Experience in the Relevant Field:
have more than 3 years' occupational experience in the field of production management and quality control
- 3) Educational Background: be a graduate of university
- 4) Applicants must be fully committed to the training.
- 5) Language Proficiency: have a competent command of spoken and written English proficiency equivalent to TOEFL iBT 100 or above (Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOFEL, TOEIC etc, if possible)
- 6) Health: must be in good health to participate in the program in Japan. To reduce the risk of worsening symptoms associated with respiratory tract infection, please be honest to declare in the Medical History. ※1
(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.)

※1: Considering the length of the course exceeds four months and that during this period JICA could not offer proper health care assistance for periodical exams, medical appointments or eventual emergency care (if needed) required during gestation, pregnant applicants are not recommended to apply due to the potential risk of health and life issues of mother and fetus. Also, for the same reason, in case the expected date of birth is during the course period, JICA could not accept the applicant, even if already selected.

And also, it is recommended to have a dental treatment before joining this program in case you have any dental problem as dental treatment is not to be covered by the insurance offered.

(2) Recommended Qualifications

- 1) Age: be between twenty-six (26) and forty-five (45) years of age.
- 2) Gender Equality and Women 's Empowerment: Women are encouraged to apply for the program. JICA makes a commitment to promote gender equality and women's empowerment, providing equal opportunity for all applicants regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity.

【Remarks】

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.

2. Required Documents for Application

(1) Application Form

The Application Form is available at **the JICA Mexico office**

* 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

It shall be submitted 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, Gender, Passport Number and Expiry Date.

(3) English Score Sheet

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

(4) Expectation

Applicants' expectations on the training program shall be included in the application form by specifying concrete cases. For example; “I am interested in IoT technology in metal works factory.”, “I want to visit small breweries making craft beer to try to find methods to improve quality of product and productivity improvement.” or “I want to know best practice to reuse chemicals used in metal plating process.”

3. Procedures for Application and Selection

(1) Submission of the Application Documents

Please confirm the due date with the SECIHTI and JICA Mexico office.

(2) Selection

Primary screening is conducted at the SECIHTI after receiving official documents from the applicants. JICA Chubu 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

SECIHTI will notify the results **not later than December 15th, 2026**

4. Additional Document to Be Submitted by Accepted Candidates

Accepted candidates may be requested to submit an Inception Report. Please wait for instruction from the officer in charge at JICA Chubu.

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
- (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.
- (9) to 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",
- (10) 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,
- (11) not to drive a car or motorbike, regardless of an international driving license possessed,
- (12) to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation,
- (13) to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in schedule, and

- (14) In case of natural disaster or any possible contingency that makes unfeasible to conduct this training program in Japan, it could be offered remotely (on-line) or canceled. In the case of conducting training program on-line, the training period may be subject to change.

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

(1) **Center:** JICA Chubu Center

(2) **Program Officer:** Ms. ARIMITSU Mari

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When sending emails, please insert the course number “202516791-J003” in the subject.

2. Implementing Partner

Name: Central Japan Industries Association, ChuSanRen

Website: <https://www.chusanren.or.jp/english/>

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 the time of arrival up to the time of departure from Japan. Thus, traveling time outside Japan (including the cost of damaged baggage during the arrival flight toward to Japan) will not be covered.

4. Accommodation in Japan

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

JICA Chubu Center (JICA CHUBU)

Address: 4-60-7 Hiraike-cho Nakamura-ku Nagoya-shi, Aichi 453-0872, Japan

Phone: +81-52-533-0220 FAX: +81-52-564-3751

(where “81” is the country code for Japan, and “52” is the local area code)

If there is no vacancy at JICA Chubu, 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 and stopover expenses.

(2) Expenses for study tours (public transportation, taxi, or charter bus)

- (3) Medical care cost 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/acceptance/training/index.html or

<https://jica-van-cms.jica.go.jp/custom/kccp/kccp01.html>

6. Pre-departure Orientation*

A pre-departure orientation will be held at JICA Mexico office (or the Japanese Embassy), to provide the participants the information about travelling to Japan, conditions of the course, and other related matters.

*YouTube of “Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan” and “Introduction of JICA Center” are accessible 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
Spanish ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7I-WIQSDjI
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Chubu	https://www.jica.go.jp/chubu/english/office/index.html

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 are 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.



Contact Information for Inquiries

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

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