



**Forum: Metrology – Trade Facilitator  
Offer of support by:**



**Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**

**What can be offered:**

Founded in 1974, the Japan International Cooperation Agency is an implementation agency for technical assistance, focusing on systems building, organization strengthening and human resource development that will enable developing countries to pursue their own sustainable socio-economic development. JICA's work is broad in scope and reflects international concerns and changing needs in developing countries. To traditional sectors such as agriculture and social infrastructure, JICA has recently added assistance to combat infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and SARS, support to encourage free market economies or set up legal systems, and support for the peace-building and reconstruction efforts in countries such as Afghanistan and East Timor. In future programs, greater involvement on the part of Japan's local governments, NGOs, universities and ordinary citizens is planned.

Problems vary from region to region and country to country. To address the diverse development issues affecting particular regions or countries, JICA uses its network of overseas offices to formulate project implementation plans for individual countries and to decide on how these should proceed. JICA also participates in "ODA task forces," which are established locally in developing countries and involve the Japanese Embassy, the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, and other institutions. Furthermore, we modify our programs to suit local circumstances and work to ensure that local views are incorporated.

With full respect for the developing country's ownership, JICA uses an issue-based approach to comprehensively analyze issues to be resolved and to expedite the following types of programs:

**Technical Assistance Projects**

This is one of JICA's main types of overseas implementation. Japan and the developing country combine their resources in terms of knowledge, experience, and skills and work together to resolve an issue within a certain timeframe. This type of assistance is results-oriented, and to achieve the objectives, JICA may dispatch experts from Japan to provide technical support, invite personnel from the developing country to Japan for training, or provide necessary equipment, etc. By formulating and implementing customized plans that match circumstances on the ground, we respond efficiently and effectively to a broad spectrum of needs in developing countries.

**Acceptance of Trainees**

JICA invites engineers, technicians and administrative officials from developing countries to Japan and provide them with training in the skills and technology needed in their countries. This is done with the cooperation of central government bodies, local governments, private firms and universities. Please see the separate poster of "Group Training Course in Legal Metrology".

**Development Studies**

This assistance is for formulating development plans at the national or regional level in various social and economic fields. It includes drawing up master plans to act as blue-prints for medium- and long-term development programs, and also includes studying the technical, economic or environmental aspects of proposed project implementations as the basis for feasibility studies.

For more information, please refer to our website; <http://www.jica.go.jp/index.html>

**What are the prerequisites and conditions:**

**Application for JICA's Assistance**

JICA's technical cooperation is aimed at transferring technology and knowledge that can contribute to the socio-economic development of developing countries. However, JICA is not a funding agency and therefore, does not provide assistance in the form of cash grant.

**JICA's programs are available upon the government's request of the developing countries through the diplomatic channels** between the each government of developing countries and the Government of Japan (GOJ).

Inasmuch as the GOJ's assistance is extended in a government-to-government basis, **qualified implementing agencies are only limited to national government agencies, local government units, and State Colleges and Universities**, and all requests should be endorsed by those in the appropriate position.

**To implement the projects effectively, all recipient government agencies are required to provide local counterparts costs to the project.** This usually comes in the form of (1) provision of local counterparts personnel; (2) operation and maintenance cost for donated equipment and/or facilities; (3) administrative costs like personnel salaries and honoraria, gasoline, and office supplies; and, (4) import duties and Value Added Tax payments for locally produced equipment and materials.

**The Information booklets about JICA's assistance are distributed to major government agencies of each developing country every year. Application forms with detailed explanation how to apply for JICA's assistance are contained in the booklet.**

**Whom to address:**

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**After the Forum:**

For more practical information about the JICA's assistance, please contact the Embassy of Japan in your country: