



JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program for Long Term Participants (JICA Development Studies Program)

General Information on Solving Social Challenges by Information and Communication Technology – Training Program for Cybersecurity

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「ICTによる社会課題解決（サイバーセキュリティ）（2026年度）」

This handout provides an overview of the “Solving Social Challenges by Information and Communication Technology – Training Program for Cybersecurity” program/course, which is one of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)’s Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Long-Term). The program will be implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between respective governments.

The objective of the Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Long-Term) is to offer opportunities to people from developing countries to study at higher educational institutions in Japan and to help them build their network of people. This is intended to assist in the human resource development plans of the governments of developing countries and Japan, and eventually to expand and strengthen bilateral ties between the developing countries and Japan.

0. Background

What is JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet revised 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.

What is JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP)

Japan is the very first country and still is one of the very few countries that has modernized from a non-Western background to establish a free, democratic, prosperous, and peace-loving nation based on the rule of law, without losing much of its tradition and identity. With such belief, JICA invites future leaders from partner countries to Japan under KCCP, and offers them opportunity to learn about Japan's unique modernization and development experiences. This special program is called, JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP).

JICA-DSP is provided to all participants of KCCP during their stay in Japan. JICA will offer participants various opportunities through which they can learn about Japan's modernization and development experiences.

<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/activities/schemes/dsp-chair/index.html>

1. Overview

Until now, JICA has provided training programs as a part of technical cooperation in various fields. In order to strengthen networks between the target countries in respective fields, JICA established a new long-term training program to foster young/middle-aged bureaucrats, academicians and leading human resources in various fields of target countries who are capable of influencing policy making processes in their countries or contributing to socioeconomic development in the near future.

The program/course, “Solving Social Challenges by ICT–Training Program for Cybersecurity,” was established in JFY 2020 under the framework of JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP) for the purpose of promoting the cooperation of sustainable development in the world.

The program/course will offer participants with special curriculums on Japanese developmental experience (JICA-DSP) and internships, if necessary, in addition to obtaining a Master’s or PhD. degree.

2. Objectives

- (1) To develop high level human resources who are capable of contributing to appropriate policy decisions and its implementation for tackling political and developmental issues in respective fields.
- (2) To establish and maintain mid and long-term amicable relationships between target countries and Japan in Cyber Security governance.

3. Course Outline

The course consists of the acceptance of scholars from 5 countries from Southeast Asia, 1 country from South Asia, and 1 country from East Asia.

Southeast Asia	Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam
South Asia	Bangladesh
East Asia	Mongolia

Acceptance of long-term participants to the below four choices of universities.

The University of Aizu (Master Degree Only)

- (1) **Location:** Aizu-Wakamatsu, Fukushima, Japan
- (2) **Link:** Examination Category Code is **ONLY 2262**.
 - [Graduate School | UoA - University of Aizu \(u-aizu.ac.jp\)](https://www.u-aizu.ac.jp)
 - [\[Applicants Outside Japan\]](#)
 - [Master's Program | UoA - University of Aizu](#)
- (3) **Course name:** Computer and Information Systems
- (4) **Duration:** 2 years Master Program, from October 2026 (Autumn admission).
- (5) **Content of research:** This course aims to learn the structure and the functions of information processed by solving actual problems using computer systems. This program is designed to train students to obtain broad and advanced expertise and skills to solve problems in computer science and engineering (CSE) and related areas.

Meiji University (Master's Degree Only)

- (1) **Location:** Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan
- (2) **Link:** [Graduate School of Governance Studies -Public Policy School- | Graduate Schools & Professional Graduate Schools | Meiji University](#)
- (3) **Course name:** International Public Policy Course, Master of Public Policy (Professional Degree) Program
- (4) **Duration:** 2 years Master Program, from September 2026 (Autumn admission).
- (5) **Content of research:** The Graduate School of Governance Studies aims to develop professionals who can respond to the evolving political, administrative, and technological challenges of the digital era in developing nations. It provides students with advanced analytical skills, broad vision, and the practical capacity to design and facilitate a transition to effective governance and public policy.

Graduate School of Management, GLOBIS University (Master Degree Only)

- (1) **Location :** Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan
- (2) **Link:** [Full-Time MBA | Programs | GLOBIS University](#)
- (3) **Course name:** Full-time MBA
- (4) **Duration:** 1 year MBA program, from September 2026 (Autumn admission).
- (5) **Content of research:** Beyond the core curriculum, this MBA program equips students with the strategies and frameworks required to drive innovation, focusing on technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet-of-Things (IoT), and Cybersecurity through GLOBIS's distinctive Technovate Courses.

Shibaura Institute of Technology (Master or PhD)

(1) **Location:** Koto-ku, Tokyo, Japan OR Saitama-City, Saitama, Japan

(2) **Link:**

- [Shibaura Institute of Technology](#)
- [Application Guideline | Shibaura Institute of Technology](#)
- [Search for research images | Shibaura Institute of Technology](#)
- [Shibaura Institute of Technology](#)

(3) **Course name:** Graduate School of Engineering and Science

(4) **Duration:**

- 2 years Master program, from October 2026 (Autumn admission). In addition, to the participant shall need to spend the 6 months as a "research student"* before entering the master program. (In total 2 years and 6 months)
- 2 years Master program, from April 2027 (Spring admission). In addition, to the participant shall need to spend the 6 months as a "research student"* before entering the master program. (In total 2 years and 6 months)
- 3 years Doctoral program, from October 2026 (Autumn admission). In addition to the 6 months as a "research student"* before entering the doctoral program. (Total 3 years and 6 months)
- 3 years Doctoral program, from April 2027 (Spring admission). In addition to the 6 months as a "research student"* before entering the doctoral program. (Total 3 years and 6 months)

(5) **Content of research:** This course aims to nurture researchers and engineers who have an ability to identify cross-disciplinary problems involving multiple disciplines and who have comprehensive problem-solving skills.

* Research students

Research Program (6 months)	Student	<p>Research students are part-time students who utilize their time to prepare for the entrance examination of graduate course students. Research students are able to participate in lectures, receive instruction from the supervising professors and make use of university's facilities.</p> <p>The maximum period for being a research student is six months in principle. Participants are required to prepare for entrance examination of the respective graduate course.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participants who failed entrance examination will be required to return to their home countries. 2. Necessity of research student program will be considered based on interviews with professors of respective Japanese universities.
Graduate	Course	Master's degree course / Doctoral degree course

Program (2 or 3 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture and practice • Research works for the thesis • Field research in Japan and/or home country <p>* Field research is to be planned in accordance with the research theme and upon consultation with the supervising professor.</p>
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Pre-Consultation is required before sending an application.

Kyushu University (PhD)

(1) Location: Nishi-ku, Fukuoka, Japan

(2) Link:

- <https://www.isee.kyushu-u.ac.jp/e/>
- [Doctoral Program – Graduate School and Faculty of Information Science and Electrical Engineering, Kyushu University](#)

(3) Course name: Information Science and Electrical Engineering

(4) Duration:

- 3 years doctoral Program, from October 2026 for autumn admission (arrival to Japan within September).
- 3 years doctoral Program, from April 2027 for spring admission (arrival to Japan within March).

(5) Content of research: This course was founded to nurture the researchers and engineers who support the human-friendly advanced information society. The school is the postgraduate education institute that offers comprehensive education covering both of information science and technology (I) and electrical and electronic engineering (E). To fulfill its mission, the graduate school has two educational departments: the Department of Information Science and Technology that provides combined education on theories of information science and practical skills of advanced information infrastructures, and the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering that offers systematic education on the advanced electrical, electronic, and communication engineering. [About ISEE – Graduate School and Faculty of Information Science and Electrical Engineering, Kyushu University](#)

For further information on each university and their research, please contact the university directly. Contact information is available on their websites.

Accepted applicants are recommended to participate in internship programs at public or private entities during their stay in Japan. JICA will prepare the contents and schedule of the internship in close consultation with the participants and host organizations. In principle, no reward or compensation should be paid to the participants or host organizations.

4. Duration

In principle, 2 years for master's course and 3 years for Ph.D. course (depending on the program offered by universities)¹. Please refer "3. Course Outline". 1 year for GLOBIS MBA.

5. Number of Participants

Area	Country	Number of Participants
Southeast Asia	Cambodia	1
	Indonesia	1
	Thailand	1
	Vietnam	1
	Philippines	1
South Asia	Bangladesh	1
East Asia	Mongolia	1

6. Language to be used in this Program

English

7. Eligibility

Candidate applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- (1) **Current Duties:** young or middle-career government officials, prospective academics, who are expected to contribute policy formulation or its implementation for tackling sustainable developmental issues in respective fields.
※ In principle, candidates without affiliations are not eligible for acceptance.
- (2) **Nationality:** citizen of the above countries eligible for Japan's ODA
- (3) **Age:**
for master's programs, thirty five (35) years of age or under in principle (As of April 1st, 2026).
for Ph.D. programs, forty (40) years of age or under in principle (As of April 1st, 2026).
- (4) **Educational Background:**
for master's programs, a Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree holder, preferably in a field related to Cybersecurity or ICT
for Ph.D. programs, a Master's Degree holder, preferably in a field related to Cybersecurity or ICT

- (5) **Language:** adequate English skills both in written and oral communication to complete master's and/or Ph.D. courses with skills equivalent or exceeding the following;
- TOEFL iBT: 80
 - IELTS: 6.5
- (6) **Physical Presence:** must physically come to Japan to carry out research activities to complete this program.
- (7) **Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment:** JICA seeks more female applicants due to the past records of fewer applications from women. JICA is committed to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, and provides equal opportunities for all applicants regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.
- (8) **Others:** must not be receiving nor plan to receive other scholarship from Japanese government, such as Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), The Japan Foundation (JF) during the program.

8. Admissions

Candidates must be selected as JICA's official candidate through JICA's internal selection procedure and must pass the general entrance examination of the university they have applied to, including examinations to enter the applicants' desired master's degree or Ph.D. degree course.

9. Application Guidelines

Candidate applicants must apply through the procedures as described below, which are necessary requirements by both applicant's Government and the Government of Japan for the Official Development Assistance.

(1) Procedures and Required Documents for Application:

Each applicant is required to submit the "Application Documents" listed in (2) below to JICA overseas office in charge of the applicants' country.

(2) Application Documents

- Personal Information
- Educational Background
- Present Organization and Nomination
- Work Experience
- Declaration (Terms and Conditions needed to be agreed by candidate applicants)
- Research Plan (Annex 2)
- Career Plan (Annex 2)

2) Graduation certificate.

- * Officially certified copies of the original
- * Written in English or accompanied with official translation

3) Academic transcript

- * Must contain all the grades earned at the university attended by the applicant
- * Officially certified copies of the original transcript
- * Written in English or accompanied with official translation in English

4) Photocopy of certificate of English Test

5) A copy of Passport or ID with photo (for checking nationality, name, sex, and date of birth).

6) 2 ID photos (4cm × 3cm) pasted on application form (Original and copy)

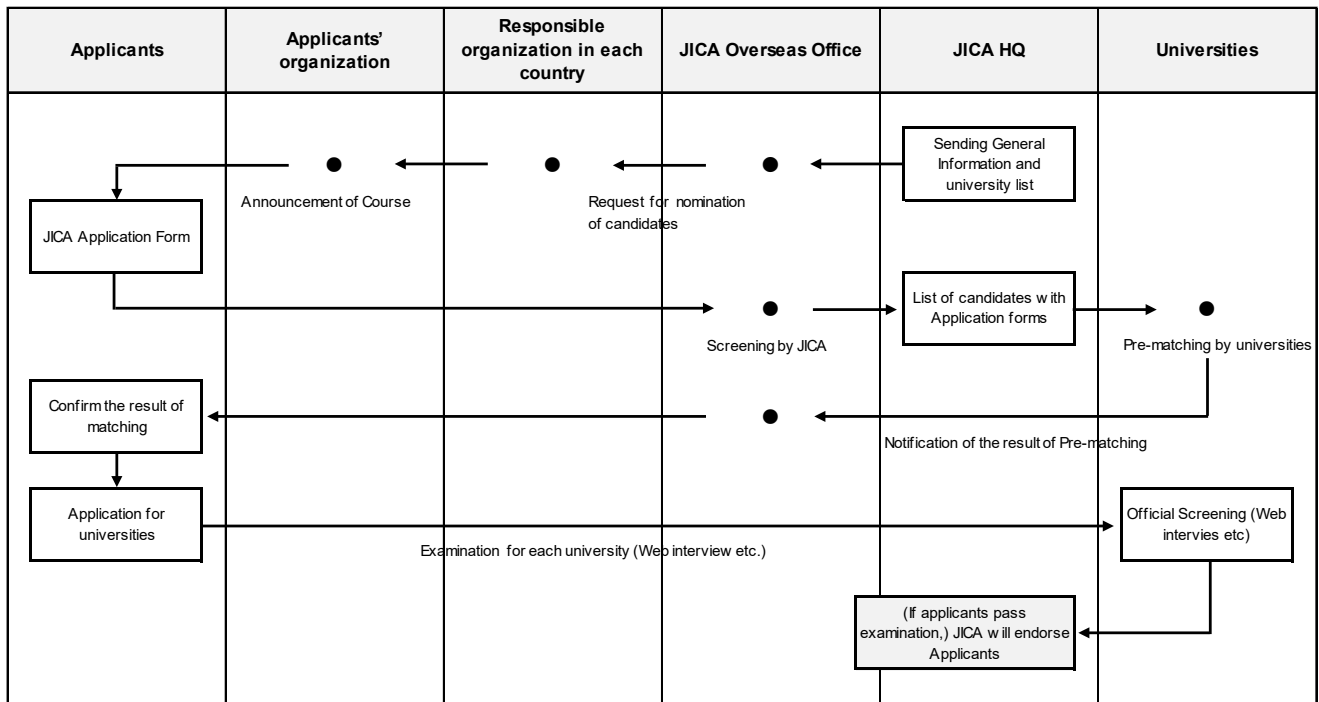
7) Health certificate (must be submitted with Medical History in JICA format to JICA office of your country at the applicants' expense, no later than April 30 2026. The date of Health Certificate should be on or after April 1 2026. ² If program starts from April 2027, no later than October 31 2026. The date of Health Certificate should be on or after October 1 2026.)

(3) Procedures in General

Based on the above documents, candidate applicants are nominated and approved by their country's government, and later approved by JICA. After this procedure, screening will be conducted at the universities chosen by the applicant.

Please kindly note that universities may reject the applicant's application when the required documents, or the submitted research plan is not accepted by the universities.

Candidate applicants must follow each university's application procedure after the screening. If the applicants withdraw their applications after their official applications to the universities, applicants must inform their withdrawal to the university by letter.



(4) Points to be Noted regarding Procedures

- 1) Fees for English proficiency test Japanese fiscal year (from 1st April to 31st March of the next year) when the general entrance examinations are taken. Details of the reimbursement vary by each area and should be consulted with the nearest JICA overseas office of each candidate.

JICA shall determine whether the candidate is eligible to participate in training in Japan. JICA shall make a decision on acceptance or rejection based on several factors such as entrance examination results, planned number of participants, medical examination results and others. Reason for the decision will not be disclosed.

10. Schedule

The following table is only for reference, please make sure to confirm and follow the instructions and timeline of the latest version once it is issued by the universities. JICA will also share information to participants if there are any updates.

Process	Autumn admission	Spring Admission
Nomination of participants	By end-January, 2026	
Selection of participants by a responsible organization	By mid-February 2026	
JICA Application Documents must be submitted to JICA overseas office	By end-February, 2026	
Screening by JICA	By mid-March, 2026	
-Preparing Application Documents for University Admission -Examination	mid-March ~ mid-June, 2026	mid-November ~ mid-December 2026
Announcement of Acceptance	Mid-May ~ early August, 2026	end-January ~ early March, 2027
Preparation for study in Japan	Mid-May ~ end-August, 2026	By mid-March, 2027
-Orientation by JICA overseas office -Arrival in Japan -Orientation by JICA HQ and University -Beginning of Term	Mid-August ~ end-September, 2026	By end-March, 2027

Autumn Admission

	2026							
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG-SEP
Distribution of GI for candidate selection	Deadline, 2026/2/28							
Screening By JICA								
Preparation Application Documents for University Admission and Examination								
Announcement of Acceptance								
Preparation for study in Japan								



Spring Admission

	2026				2027		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR-NOV	JAN	FEB	MAR
Distribution of GI for candidate selection	Deadline, 2026/2/28						
Screening By JICA							
Preparation Application Documents for University Admission and Examination							
Announcement of Acceptance							
Preparation for study in Japan							



11. Expenses To Be Borne By JICA

Under the JICA Long-term Trainee Allowance standards, JICA will cover expenses and allowance to participants accepted to the program/course. 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 accepted participants themselves, but directly to the university or other relevant institutions.

Expense category	Payment amount	Payment frequency
Tuition (examination fees, entrance fees, course fees)	Actual costs	According to the request from universities
Living Allowance	JPY 144,000–148,000 per month*	Every month via university
Airfare	Actual costs	Upon arrival in Japan and upon returning home
Outfit Allowance**	JPY100,000	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 JPY360,000 per year)	
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).	In accordance with the provisions of the medical insurance	

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

**Once, after opening bank account in Japan. As it takes several weeks to have the bank account opened, it is strongly recommended to bring cash for personal expenses during the period.

***Depending on the accommodation facility. Consultation with the university is required.

****Research Support Expenses are allowed to be provided via the university and be disbursed with the consultation and approval of the applicant's 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 at the applicant's 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
- (15)** Medical costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment
- (16)** Medical cost related to the same illness over 180days
- (17)** National Health Insurance fee

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

13. Conditions for Participation

The applicants/participants of KCCP are required

- (1) to understand that participants must physically come to Japan to participate in this program at the date designated by JICA,
- (2) not to change the air ticket (and flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging by the participants on their own,
- (3) not to change course subjects or extend the course period,
- (4) to understand that inviting participant's family members is not recommended before their stay in Japan has passed more than 6 months,
- (5) to return to their home country on the designated flight by JICA, when they finish the program/course or when it is deemed impossible to finish the program within the program period, or when the participant is not successful on the regular course examination,
- (6) 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,
- (7) to enroll and complete JICA-DSP online courses, when you receive JICA's instructions to do so,
- (8) to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners to provide the program or establishments, ("Plagiarism" especially is taken severely by enrolling university, regardless of whether it is direct plagiarism or self-plagiarism and participants may be subjected to disciplinary action such as suspension),
- (9) not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
- (10) to agree to be discontinued of the program, should the participant (a)violate Japanese laws, JICA's regulations, or University's regulations, (b)commit illegal or any type of immoral conduct including sexual harassment, (c)become critically ill or seriously injured after arrival in Japan,
- (11) to be responsible for paying any cost for treatment of the said health conditions except for the medical care expenses described in the table of "11. Expenses To be borne by JICA",
- (12) to return the total amount or a part of the expenditure for KCCP depending on the severity of such violation, should the participants violate the laws and ordinances,
- (13) not to drive a car or motorbike in Japan, regardless of an international driving license possessed,
- (14) to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation,
- (15) to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in schedule,
- (16) to accept that 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,

- (17) to submit a Health Certificate with Medical History in JICA format to JICA office of your country at the applicants' expense,
- if program starts from October 2026, no later than April 30 2026. The date of Health Certificate should be on or after April 1 2026. JICA will NOT reimburse the cost to the applicants,
 - if program starts from April 2027, no later than October 31 2026. The date of Health Certificate should be on or after October 1 2026. JICA will NOT reimburse the cost to the applicants,
- (18) to accept to submit a second Health Certificate in JICA format if deemed necessary by JICA. The cost of acquiring the Health Certificate will be borne by JICA unless it is required due to the candidates' fault,
- (19) to promptly resubmit your medical history, If there are changes in your health condition, such as pregnancy or a pre-existing disease,
- (20) to be in good health to participate in the program. In order to reduce the risk of worsening symptoms associated with respiratory tract infection, please be honest when consulting the doctor for your Health Certificate,
- (21) not to be receiving nor plan to receive another scholarships from Japanese government, such as Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), The Japan Foundation (JF) during the program,
- (22) to understand not to make other applications for different JICA training courses at the same time,
- (23) to understand that the maximum duration of "Overseas research" and "Temporary Leave (leaving Japan for private purpose)" is 60 days, in principle,
- (24) to accept to take tuberculosis related inspections organized by JICA after arriving in Japan and to submit the results to JICA and university,
- (25) to approve the following conditions on summary of my thesis;
1. Summary of the thesis shall be kept at JICA.
 2. Summary of the thesis can be read by anyone who made a request to JICA .
 3. Summary of the thesis can be used for publication by JICA or JICA website.
 4. Taking Photocopy of the thesis shall be allowed by anyone with JICA's permission.
- (26) to acknowledge that a leave of absence from school is not permitted in principle,
- (27) to understand that the maximum duration of research student is 6 months for both master's and doctor's courses, and duration of acceptance as a regular student is based on the course years determined by the university,
- (28) to indicate all educational background, including currently enrolled university, if any,
- (29) to understand that the use of Generative AI such as Chat GPT to create Application Forms including Research Plans, and your research papers may not be acceptable and may result in rejection of your application or termination of training if discovered, according to each University policy.



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For enquiries and further information, please contact your nearest JICA office.