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ODA Program

2019

Program Outline

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Participation Requirements

of

The Program on Business Innovation and Organization Development

[BIOD]

2019

1. BACKGROUND OF THE PROGRAM:

The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS) is an organization for human resources development mainly in overseas countries to promote technical cooperation through training, experts dispatch and other programs. Through those programs, we aim at contributing to the mutual economic growth of developing countries and Japan as well as enhancing friendly relations among those countries.

AOTS was established in 1959 with the support of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (which is the present Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry: METI) as Japan's first technical cooperation organization on a private sector basis. More than 186,000 individuals from 171 countries have undergone our training in Japan, while the cumulative attendance at our overseas programs till the end of fiscal 2016 exceeded 199,000.

The Program on Business Innovation and Organization Development (BIOD) is one of the management training courses that is conducted by the Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS). In the context that the concept of SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)* has become common in society, the importance of the private sector in society is being focused on closely and people are greatly interested in creating a new business model that enables companies both to realize their own goals and to solve social issues. Derived from this background, the BIOD course is designed for participants from all the developing countries to enhance their sense of intuition, ability to plan, and leadership, all of which are necessary for creating business innovation to solve social issues. It also aims at developing managerial talent to promote a changing organizational climate and culture.

* SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals): The international target from 2016 to 2030 mentioned in the “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, which was adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at a UN Summit. It consists of 17 Goals and 169 Targets to realize Sustainable Development. (United Nations Web Site, <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>, accessed 2018-06-04)

2. COUNTRY:

Please refer to the List of Target Countries and Regions.

(<http://www.aots.jp/jp/ikusei/files/taishokoku.pdf>)

NOTE: The general-purposed web page enlists China, which is not a target country of this program.

3. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

20 participants

4. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

Participants should have the following qualifications.

- (1) Participants should be, in principle, owners, executives or senior managers. Senior managers who have responsibility in the field of cooperative development, human resource development, and organizational development are preferable.
- (2) Participants should be, in principle, 20 years old and above.
- (3) Participants should be university graduates and/or have equivalent professional experience.
- (4) Participants should have a sufficient working knowledge of English.
- (5) Participants should be healthy enough to undergo an intensive training program in Japan.
- (6) Participants should be residing in the developing countries and/or regions.
- (7) Participants should not be students or armed forces personnel.
- (8) Former participants of AOTS training programs (ODA-funded and CRTP programs) organized in Japan are not entitled to apply for any program which starts within six months (183 days) after they have returned home from Japan.

Notes:

- (1) Participants shall attend all the events in the curriculum provided for each management training program.
- (2) Family members are not allowed to accompany participants on their journey in Japan.

- (3) Participants shall not request AOTS to arrange, nor arrange by themselves, any additional programs, and shall leave Japan and return to their home country soon after the completion of the program.
- (4) In the case of applications from other than Japanese-affiliated companies or local companies that hold local capital, the priority for selection becomes lower.
- (5) Those who work in the national government (agency) or the local government (agency) are not eligible to participate in the AOTS management training programs, since the programs are mainly targeted at the people working in the companies/organizations in the private sector.
- (6) The number of participants from the same host company in Japan or the same sending company from overseas may be limited if there are more applicants than AOTS can accept.

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

The application procedures differ depending on whether an overseas company makes the application directly or a Japanese host company in Japan makes the application. Please see below for details.

5-1) Application from overseas countries

Individual applicants should ensure the delivery of the following application documents to the Management Training Administration Group of AOTS listed in Item 10.

[Application Documents]

- (1) AOTS Training Application Form and Applicant's Personal Record
(AOTS official form: Handwriting shall be avoided.)
- (2) Medical Check Sheet (AOTS official form: Handwriting shall be avoided.)
- (3) 2 copies of the applicant's photo (4 cm×3 cm) (Please write the applicant's name on the back.)
- (4) A brochure of the applicant's company/organization
- (5) Photocopy of the applicant's passport
*If the applicant doesn't possess a passport, an election card, a driver's license or a photo ID issued by a public organization in the home country containing his or her full name (written in Roman block letter) and date of birth should be submitted instead.
- (6) Pre-Training Report and Readiness Test
- (7) Overseas Travel Insurance Consent Form
- (8) About the handling of Personal Information Concerning Trainees (AOTS official form)
*The applicant's signature is needed for authorization to proceed. In the absence of agreement, or failure of submission, course participation will not be granted.
- (9) About the Benefits of Management Training Program (AOTS official form)
*In principle, a representative of the applicant's employer shall fill in the questionnaires.
*The form is attached to the end of the outline.
- (10) Enquiry into Training Contract (For Japanese Joint-Venture-Companies and Companies exclusively funded by Japanese Enterprises)

Notes:

*A soft copy of the application documents will not be accepted.

*AOTS may ask the applicants to submit additional documents such as official registration document and the latest financial statement of the company/organization etc. other than above listed, if necessary.

The formats are readily downloadable at our website.

<http://www.aots.jp/en/ikusei/application.html>

5-2) Application from host companies in Japan

Please refer to below website (Japanese).

(<http://www.aots.jp/jp/ikusei/management/proc01.html>)

Host companies should ensure the delivery of application documents to the Training Administration Group of AOTS, the address of which appears in Item 10.

[Screening Committee Meeting]

The application documents will be forwarded to the AOTS Screening Committee, for official approval of participation. Those who have successfully passed the screening process will be notified when they receive the invitation documents.

6. OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM:

- OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the program are:

- (1) To understand the characteristics and roles required of owners or executives for producing business innovation.
- (2) To learn the managerial methods for creating and promoting business innovation strategically.
- (3) To learn the methods of organization development and human resource development for making business innovation happen.
- (4) To make a concrete action plan for producing business innovation.

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[1st Step]

Participants will come to understand the characteristics of innovation required in both developing and developed countries for solving social issues and the role of managers for producing innovation through lectures and company visits. Participants will also learn how to design a corporate philosophy and vision, and how to plot an administrative strategy and business plan.

[2nd Step]

Participants will consider the way an organization encourages people to produce innovation, and learn specific organization and human resource development methods and ideas for changing the culture and climate of an organization through lectures and company visits.

[3rd Step]

Participants will learn about Japanese companies that are trying to produce innovation, including organization development and human resource development, through company visits. Through discussions with owners, executives or senior managers of Japanese companies, participants will also consider how they can apply the methods for innovation conducted in Japanese companies to that of developing countries, including the possibilities to cooperate with Japanese companies.

[4th Step]

Participants will make presentations about their action plans for producing business innovation, based on what they have learned during the training program.

The course will usually consist of a three hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon. Group Discussion may take place after dinner. Please see the Tentative Schedule for further details.

- LANGUAGE

All lectures, discussions, and company visits will be conducted in English or Japanese with translation into English. In principle, the program documents and training materials will be prepared in English.

- TRAINING LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATION

AOTS Kansai Kenshu Center (KKC) <may change in consideration of various factors>

<http://www.aots.jp/en/center/about/kkc.html>

7-5, Asaka 1-chome, Sumiyoshi-ku, Osaka, Osaka 558-0021, Japan

Tel: 81-6-6608-8260 (Reception) Fax: 81-6-6690-2678

Tentative Schedule of The Program on Business Innovation and Organization Development [BIOD]

AM		PM	
(Arrival in Japan)			
Course Orientation/ Opening Ceremony [Workshop] Sharing the Purpose of the Program		[Lecture] Role, Mind-set, & Vision of a Top Manager	
[Lecture] Overview of Business Innovation		[Visit] Example of a Company -To Prevail in Its Corporate Philosophy and Managerial Vision	
[Lecture & Exercise] Plotting a Draft Strategy for Business Innovation			
Day off			
[Lecture & Exercise] Overview of Organization Development (OD)		[Visit] Example of a Company -Practice of Organization Development-	
[Exercise] Experience of the OD Method by Workshops			
Study Tour [Visit]	Example of Business Innovation in Japanese Companies		
	Example of Good “Challenging” Management in Japanese SMEs		
	Example of Organizational Activation by Organization Development, etc.		
Day off			
Day off			
[Workshop & Exercise] Business Innovation and Roles of the Private Sector - Looking at Examples of SDGs -		[Lecture from Manager of a Company] Experience of Creating Business Innovation	
Final Presentation			
(Departure from Japan)			

Remarks: (1) The above schedule is subject to change for the convenience of lecturers and cooperating companies, or for other unavoidable reasons.

(2) Several group discussion sessions will be arranged in the evening.

(3) Though Sundays is day off in general, lectures may be scheduled if deemed necessary.

7. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES:

Participants in principle are requested to arrive in Japan the day before the commencement of the training program and leave Japan the day after the final day of the program.

8. TRAINING COSTS (Application from overseas countries):

The training costs and the procedures for the settlement differ depending on whether an overseas company makes the application directly or a Japanese host company in Japan makes the application. The following is an explanation of the case of application directly from an overseas country. In the case of application from a Japanese host company in Japan, please contact the ‘Training Administration Group’ listed in 10. FURTHER INFORMATION.

8-1) Outline

AOTS training programs are financed by Official Development Assistance (ODA) subsidies from the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) together with the Participation Fee from the participants themselves.

The Training Costs will vary in accordance with the actual airfare and participants’ staying days. Therefore, the Participation Fee will be finalized after their arrival in Japan by submitting the actual air ticket and the receipt. The international Travel Expenses have an upper limit called Standard Airfare Limits, which depend on the country and the region as shown in Table 2.

The Estimates of the Participation Fee for the countries of Category 1* and for the countries in Category 2* are shown in Tables 1-1 and 1-2. Please refer to Table 3 “List of Target Countries and Regions” for the classification of category 1 and category 2.

Participants will be requested to pay the Participation Fee in Japanese Yen in cash to AOTS after their arrival in Japan.

*Please note that the subsidy from the Japanese government will be applicable from the day before the commencement of the training program to the final day of the training program in principle.

8-2) Breakdown

The Training Costs are the total amount of expenses to invite a participant to a training program in Japan. It is the sum of 1. Allowance Costs, 2. Course Implementation Costs, and 3. Domestic Travel Allowance. The Participation Fee, the amount that participants should bear, consists of Contribution to Allowance Costs and Contribution to Course Implementation Costs.

1. Allowance Cost

Allowance cost is composed of the following items.

The Contribution to Allowance Costs for the participants from the countries in Category 1 is 1/3 of the Allowance Costs. Participants from the countries in Category 2 do not have to pay the Contribution to Allowance Costs.

(1) International Travel Expenses

- The subsidy from the Japanese government will cover the actual airfare up to the Standard Airfare Limits (the AOTS’s Standard Airfare Limits for FY2017 is shown in Table 2.). International travel expenses are provided if an air ticket and its receipt satisfy the required conditions; they are not provided if the conditions are not satisfied or the participant is travelling on a free ticket.
- Participants should purchase their own round-trip air tickets. Please refer to “Guidelines for Purchase of

Air Tickets by the Participant” for the arrangement and the method of reimbursement for details.

- A participant is not allowed to overstay at city(ies) of a third country between participant home country and Japan for any reasons other than flight convenience. In such a case, AOTS might not reimburse the International Travel Expenses to the participant.

(2) Accommodation and Meal Allowance

At the AOTS Kenshu Center

- During the training period, participants will be accommodated at an AOTS Kenshu Center. AOTS will provide a participant with accommodation in a single room to the value of ¥8,850 per day with meals (lunch, dinner and breakfast), while the participant stays at an AOTS Kenshu Center.
- For the arrival day, AOTS will provide a participant with accommodation to the value of ¥8,030 per day with dinner and breakfast at an AOTS Kenshu Center.
- Please note that AOTS Kenshu Center canteens are closed on Sundays. The participant will receive ¥2,570 in cash per day for meals to cover the day of closure.

During the study tour

- When a study tour is implemented during the training program, a participant will be provided with accommodation to the value of ¥10,080 (the upper limit) per day, but the meal allowance (¥2,570 per day) will be paid in cash by AOTS.

(3) Personal Allowance

- AOTS will pay ¥1,020 per day in cash to a participant.

2. Course Implementation Costs

Course Implementation Costs, which is the cost to carry out a 2-week AOTS Management Training Program, is ¥393,000 and the Contribution to Course Implementation Costs (the amount participants should bear) is ¥148,000.

3. Domestic Travel Allowance

- Expenses for a part of transportation fee between international airport in Japan and AOTS Kenshu Center
- AOTS will pay ¥1,780 in cash to a participant for the cost of travel between Kansai International Airport (Osaka) and AOTS Kansai Kenshu Center (KKC).

Contribution to AOTS's Administration Cost

AOTS would like to ask the participants to support us by giving us ¥30,000 per participant as Contribution to AOTS's Administration Cost.

This contribution is not obligatory, however, it would be highly appreciated if you could understand the purpose of the contribution and give us the above amount *of money in addition* to the Participation Fee.

[Table 1-1] Estimate of the Fees and Costs [Category 1 Country]**Country: Thailand****International Travel Expenses:****Bangkok - Kansai /Japan, Roundtrip****Management Training Course:****2 -week Course**

(Japanese Yen)

<i>Training Costs</i>	Total Amount	ODA Subsidy	Participation Fee
1. Allowance Costs	<u>257,530</u>	171,686	85,844
<Breakdown of Allowance Cost>	<Breakdown>	[2/3]	[1/3]
(1) International Travel Expenses	102,700		
(2) Accommodation and Meal Allowances			
a. [at the AOTS Kenshu Center]			
@ 8,030 x 1 day (Arrival Day) =	8,030		
@ 8,850 x 12 days =	106,200		
[during the study tour]			
b. Meal Allowance			
@ 2,570 x 2 day(s) =	5,140		
c. Accommodation Allowance			
@ 10,080 x 2 day(s) =	20,160		
(3) Personal Allowance			
@ 1,020 x 15 days =	15,300		
2. Course Implementation Costs	<u>393,000</u>	245,000	148,000
3. Domestic Travel Allowance	<u>1,780</u>	1,780	
(Kansai Airport - KKC)			
Total	<u>652,310</u>	<u>418,466</u>	<u>233,844</u>

* The maximum amount of airfare claimable to subsidize the air ticket's purchase. The air ticket should be purchased by the participant. AOTS will subsidize the amount in accordance with its rules & regulations.

* : those amounts highlighted in grey will be paid in kind. [1.-(2)-a. /1.-(2)-c.]

* : those amounts highlighted in yellow will be paid in cash to participants by AOTS
[1.-(1) /1.-(2)-b. /1.-(3) /3.]

* International travel expenses subsidy will be provided if the air ticket and its receipt satisfy the required conditions; they are not provided if the conditions are not satisfied or the participant is travelling on a free ticket.

In the event that the international travel expenses subsidy will not be provided, the amount of 1.-(1) in the above figure will be zero and therefore, the "Allowance Costs" and "Total Cost" will change accordingly.

[Table 1-2] Estimate of the Fees and Costs [Category 2 Country]**Country: Bangladesh****International Travel Expenses: Dhaka - Kansai /Japan, Roundtrip**
Management Training Course: 2 -week Course

(Japanese Yen)			
<i>Training Costs</i>	Total Amount	ODA Subsidy	Participation Fee
1. Allowance Costs	<u>263,730</u>	263,730	0
<Breakdown of Allowance Cost>	<Breakdown>	[3/3]	[None]
(1) International Travel Expenses	<u>108,900</u>		
(2) Accommodation and Meal Allowances			
a. [at the AOTS Kenshu Center]			
@ 8,030 x 1 day (Arrival Day) =	8,030		
@ 8,850 x 12 days =	106,200		
[during the study tour]			
b. Meal Allowance			
@ 2,570 x 2 day(s) =	5,140		
c. Accommodation Allowance			
@ 10,080 x 2 day(s) =	20,160		
(3) Personal Allowance			
@ 1,020 x 15 days =	15,300		
2. Course Implementation Costs	<u>393,000</u>	245,000	148,000
3. Domestic Travel Allowance	<u>1,780</u>	1,780	
(Kansai Airport - KKC)			
Total	<u>658,510</u>	<u>510,510</u>	<u>148,000</u>

* The maximum amount of airfare claimable to subsidize the air ticket's purchase. The air ticket should be purchased by the participant. AOTS will subsidize the amount in accordance with its rules & regulations.

* : those amounts highlighted in grey will be paid in kind. [1.-(2)-a. /1.-(2)-c.]

* : those amounts highlighted in yellow will be paid in cash to participants by AOTS.
[1.-(1) /1.-(2)-b. /1.-(3) /3.]

* International travel expenses subsidy will be provided if the air ticket and its receipt satisfy the required conditions; they are not provided if the conditions are not satisfied or the participant is travelling on a free ticket.

In the event that the international travel expenses subsidy will not be provided, the amount of 1.-(1) in the above figure will be zero and therefore, the "Allowance Costs" and "Total Cost" will change accordingly.

[Table 2] Standard Airfare Limits (FY 2018)

*Mark indicates the countries of category 2.

Unit: Japanese Yen

Area	Country	Place of Departure	Place of Arrival	Airfare Limit
South East Asia	Indonesia	Jakarta	Tokyo/Osaka Nagoya	117,300 125,100
		Surabaya	Tokyo/Osaka Nagoya	125,200 125,200
		Manado	Nagoya	134,000
		Medan	Tokyo/Osaka Nagoya	114,000 116,200
		Yogyakarta	Tokyo/ Osaka/Nagoya	129,800
	*Cambodia	Phnom Penh	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	92,200
	Singapore	Singapore	Tokyo/ Osaka/Nagoya	77,600
	Thailand	Chiang Mai	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	123,400
		Bangkok	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	102,700
	Philippines	Cebu	Tokyo/Nagoya Osaka	59,600 57,400
			Tokyo/Nagoya Osaka	62,700 54,500
		Manila	Tokyo/Nagoya Osaka	62,700 54,500
	Vietnam	Hanoi	Tokyo/Osaka Nagoya	103,800 113,100
		Ho Chi Minh City	Tokyo/Nagoya Osaka	103,800 103,800
North east Asia	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	60,300
		Kota Kinabalu	Tokyo/ Osaka/Nagoya	72,500
		Penang	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	72,500
	*Myanmar	Yangon	Tokyo/ Osaka/Nagoya	114,700
	Laos	Vientiane	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	107,000
	Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	Tokyo Osaka	126,900 113,700
South Asia	India	Kolkata	Tokyo/ Osaka/Nagoya	97,700
		Chennai	Tokyo Osaka/Nagoya	93,900 102,400
			Tokyo Osaka/Nagoya	100,600 109,000
		Coimbatore	Tokyo Osaka/Nagoya	100,600 109,000
		Kochi	Tokyo Osaka/Nagoya	102,000 110,500
		Thiruvananthapuram	Tokyo Osaka/Nagoya	102,200 110,600
		Hyderabad	Tokyo Osaka/Nagoya	102,100 110,500
			Tokyo Osaka/Nagoya	99,000 107,400
		Bengaluru	Tokyo Osaka/Nagoya	99,000 107,400
		Delhi	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	91,800
		Mumbai	Tokyo/Osaka Nagoya	93,900 93,900
		Ahmadabad	Tokyo/Osaka Nagoya	101,400 101,400
		Pune	Tokyo/Osaka Nagoya	121,100 121,100
	Sri Lanka	Colombo	Tokyo Osaka Nagoya	55,000 55,000 60,300
			Tokyo/Osaka Nagoya	118,800 118,800
	*Nepal	Kathmandu	Tokyo/Osaka Nagoya	118,800 118,800

Area	Country	Place of Departure	Place of Arrival	Airfare Limit
South Asia	Pakistan	Karachi	Tokyo	112,600
			Osaka	129,000
			Nagoya	106,900
	Islamabad	Tokyo	112,600	
		Osaka	129,000	
		Nagoya	106,900	
	Lahore	Tokyo	125,100	
		Osaka	143,300	
		Nagoya	118,800	
	*Bangladesh	Dhaka	Tokyo	120,700
Osaka			108,900	
Nagoya			120,700	
Chittagong	Tokyo	98,000		
	Osaka	88,500		
	Nagoya	98,000		
Maldives	Male	Tokyo/Nagoya	306,100	
		Osaka	306,100	
Central and South America	Argentina	Buenos Aires	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	215,900
	Colombia	Bogota	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	245,200
		Medellin	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	245,200
	Jamaica	Kingston	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	172,300
		Montego Bay	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	172,300
	Paraguay	Asuncion	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	167,300
	Brazil	Sao Paulo	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	248,000
		Brasilia	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	362,600
	Venezuela	Caracas	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	222,900
	Peru	Lima	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	172,000
	Bolivia	La Paz	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	245,200
	Mexico	Mexico City	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	180,300
		Guadalajara	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	162,500
		Cancun	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	163,400
		San Luis Potosi	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	162,500
		Leon	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	162,500
		Mazatlan	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	162,500
		Morelia	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	162,500
		Monterrey	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	162,500
	Africa	Egypt	Alexandria	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya
Cairo			Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	81,400
*Ethiopia		Addis Ababa	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	150,800
Ghana		Accra	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	171,300
Cameroon		Douala	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	222,700
		Yaounde	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	225,400
Kenya		Nairobi	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	179,500
*Sudan		Khartoum	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	146,900
Nigeria		Lagos	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	228,400
Mauritius	Mauritius	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	172,800	
South Africa	Johannesburg	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	154,000	
Middle East	Iran	Tehran	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	131,900
		Tabriz	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	134,900
Europe	Serbia	Belgrade	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	146,800
	Kosovo	Pristina	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	148,500
	Turkey	Istanbul	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	98,700
		Antalya	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	105,600
		Ankara	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	103,900
		Izmir	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	103,900
	Macedonia	Skopje	Tokyo/Osaka/Nagoya	113,600

[Table 3] List of Target Countries and Regions

Trainees should be residing in the following countries/regions.

<i>Category 1*</i>		<i>Category 2*</i>
Albania	Malaysia	Afghanistan
Algeria	Maldives	Angola
Antigua and Barbuda	Marshall Islands	Bangladesh
Argentina	Mauritius	Benin
Armenia	Mexico	Bhutan
Azerbaijan	Micronesia	Burkina Faso
Belarus	Moldova	Burundi
Belize	Mongolia	Cambodia
Bolivia	Montenegro	Central African Rep.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Montserrat	Chad
Botswana	Morocco	Comoros
Brazil	Namibia	Congo, Dem. Rep.
Cabo Verde	Nauru	Djibouti
Cameroon	Nicaragua	Eritrea
China	Nigeria	Ethiopia
Colombia	Niue	Gambia
Congo	Pakistan	Guinea
Cook Islands	Palau	Guinea-Bissau
Costa Rica	Panama	Haiti
Côte d'Ivoire	Papua New Guinea	Kiribati
Cuba	Paraguay	Laos
Dominica	Peru	Lesotho
Dominican Republic	Philippines	Liberia
Ecuador	Samoa	Madagascar
Egypt	Serbia	Malawi
El Salvador	South Africa	Mali
Equatorial Guinea	Sri Lanka	Mauritania
Fiji	St. Helena	Mozambique
Gabon	St. Lucia	Myanmar
Georgia	St. Vincent and Grenadines	Nepal
Ghana	Suriname	Niger
Grenada	Swaziland	Rwanda
Guatemala	Syrian Arab Republic	Sao Tome and Principe
Guyana	Tajikistan	Senegal
Honduras	Thailand	Sierra Leone
India	Tokelau	Solomon Islands
Indonesia	Tonga	Somalia
Iran	Tunisia	South Sudan
Iraq	Turkey	Sudan
Jamaica	Turkmenistan	Tanzania
Jordan	Ukraine	Timor-Leste
Kazakhstan	Uzbekistan	Togo
Kenya	Venezuela	Tuvalu
Kosovo	Viet Nam	Uganda
Kyrgyzstan	Wallis and Futuna	Vanuatu
Lebanon	West Bank and Gaza Strip	Yemen
Libya	Zimbabwe	Zambia
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav		

- The list above is in alphabetical order, with the generic name for the country being used.
- These countries and regions are mainly developing countries as designated by the OECD/DAC (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development / Development Assistance Committee).
- The following countries and regions have already been excluded from the list of target countries and regions:
China (Hong Kong, Macau), Singapore, Brunei, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahamas, Greece, Puerto Rico, French Guiana, Israel, Cyprus, Guadeloupe, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Martinique, Réunion, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Republic of Korea, Aruba, French Polynesia, Gibraltar, Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, Northern Mariana Islands, British Virgin Islands, Malta, Slovenia, Bahrain, Estonia, Slovakia, Czech, Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Barbados, Oman, Trinidad and Tobago, Croatia, Chile, Seychelles, Uruguay

*Developing Countries (Category 1): According to the DAC list of ODA recipients effective for reporting on 2018, 2019 and 2020 flows, these are developing countries and regions other than the “Least Developed Countries”, and thus have been recognized by the Japanese government as target countries for ODA.

*Least Developed Countries (Category 2): These are the least developed countries on the DAC list.

Guidelines for Purchase of Air Tickets by the Participant
And method of reimbursement by AOTS

1. Arrival and Departure Dates:

Arriving in Japan on the day before the commencement of the program and departing on the day after the closing day of the program or the nearest days to be allowed by the flight schedule within two days before and/or after the program.

2. Method of Reimbursement:

During the training program in Japan, participants should present to AOTS their air tickets and submit official receipts of air ticket purchase for reimbursement. The sum of the following items (1) and (2) will be subsidized.

In principle, an economy class air ticket purchased for a round-trip on the standard route according to the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) is defined as the standard airfare to be covered.

- (1) Actual round-trip airfare within the Standard Airfare Limits (the limits of AOTS's standard round-trip airfare amount) specified for the respective area (country).
- (2) The departure tax, airport tax and other taxes indispensable to the usual flight route defined by IATA subject to the submission of evidence.

[NOTE] A participant is not allowed to overstay at city(ies) of a third country between participant's home country and Japan by any reasons other than flight convenience. In such case, AOTS might not reimburse the International Travel Expenses to the participant.

3. Official Receipts:

AOTS will confirm the air ticket and official receipt and calculate the actual yen value of the air ticket with the exchange rate on the date of the ticket's issue.

- (1) AOTS can only accept the official receipts duly issued by the issuer in which a breakdown of the total airfare is explicitly described, such as airfare, tax (the departure tax, airport tax and other taxes indispensable to the usual flight route defined by IATA) and commission. It should also contain the name of the issuer's representative, address, telephone number and facsimile number.
- (2) Neither Invoice nor Calculation Sheet will be accepted as the receipt. However, an Invoice/Calculation Sheet using the letter-head of the air ticket issuer stating the word "Received" or "Paid" and including the signature of the air ticket issuer may be accepted.

*** If any participant fails to submit the official receipt duly issued by the relevant airline company or travel agent, the participant will not receive any subsidy towards his/her airfare and will be required to pay the full amount of the Participation Fee in cash to AOTS.**

Visa Acquisition Procedures:

1. Status of Residence:

The status required for your training in Japan is "Trainee."

2. Visa Acquisition:

A participant shall apply for and obtain a "Trainee" visa at a Japanese embassy or general consulate (hereinafter: diplomatic mission) with materials issued by AOTS such as a Guarantee Letter. It may be the case that the submitted materials are forwarded to the Consular Affairs Bureau (Tokyo) for checking.

3. Notes:

A bearer of a visa other than "Trainee" visa, e.g., a "temporary visitor" visa, a "multiple" visa, or an APEC business travel card (ABTC), or a citizen from a country/area participating in a visa waiver program with Japan must confirm with the local Japanese diplomatic mission prior to visa application if the existing visa is in accordance with the qualification of stay in Japan for the AOTS management training program.

9. HANDLING OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION:

AOTS handles personally identifiable information we have obtained from the applicant as follows:

- (1) Administrator of Personally Identifiable Information: General Manager, General Affairs & Planning Department,
The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS)
Group in charge: General Affairs Group, General Affairs & Planning Department, AOTS
Tel: 81-3-3888-8211 E-mail: kojinjoho-cj@aots.jp
- (2) Use of Personally Identifiable Information
Personally identifiable information provided by the participant will only be used for the screening of the participants and the implementation of the training program. It will not be used for any other purposes or beyond the scope required by laws and regulations of Japan.

For AOTS's privacy policy, please visit below website.

<http://www.aots.jp/en/policy/privacy.html>

10. FURTHER INFORMATION:

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