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ODA Program

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Program Outline
&
Participation Requirements
of
The Program for Quality Problem Solving
[PQPS]

28 February – 12 March 2024

1. BACKGROUND OF THE PROGRAMS:

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 200,000 individuals from 198 countries and regions have undergone our training in Japan, while the cumulative attendance at our overseas programs till the end of fiscal 2021 exceeded 230,000.

AOTS organizes and develops a various range of training courses based on requests from returning participants and industry in developing countries.

The Program for Quality Problem Solving (PQPS) is one of the management training courses which is conducted by the Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS). This program is designed for all the developing countries to learn business management/administration techniques and their underlying ways of thinking, all of which are characteristics of Japanese companies. It also aims to strengthen and improve the problem-solving abilities of managers of companies in developing countries, with a view to improving quality.

2. COUNTRY:

Please refer to "[Table 1] List of Target Countries and Regions" of this program outline.

Those who are residing in the country which is listed in the table who can be interviewed by AOTS Alumni Societies are welcome to apply.

3. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

24 participants

4. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) Participants should be, in principle, managers/supervisors or engineers who wish to acquire practical knowledge of techniques for improving quality and resolving important problems.
- (2) Participants should have, in principle, three years or more of business experience. It is preferable that participants are between 25 and 45 years of age.
- (3) Participants should have a sufficient working knowledge of English.
- (4) Participants should be university graduates and/or have equivalent professional experience.
- (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 subsidized training programs organized in Japan are not entitled to apply for any program which starts within six months (183 days) after they have returned home countries 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 countries soon after the completion of the program.

Preferential Selection:

- (1) Participants from Japanese companies, business partners of Japanese companies, companies planning to deal with Japanese companies are most desirable. (In the case of applications from Japanese companies, business partners of Japanese companies, companies planning to deal with Japanese companies, the priority for selection becomes higher.)
- (2) In the case of applications from non- Japanese affiliated companies that do not have any business relations with Japanese companies, the priority for selection becomes lower.
- (3) In addition, applications from companies with capital from developed countries will be given lower priority in the selection process than applications from local companies that hold local capital.
- (4) Those who work in the national government (agency) or the local government (agency) have lower priority to participate in this training programs, since the programs are mainly targeted at the people working in the companies/organizations in the private sector.
- (4) 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:

(Application from host companies in Japan)

- (1) **Advance application:** The Japanese host company should contact the Training and Expert Dispatch Administration Group of AOTS, the address of which appears in Item 12, by telephone or e-mail with an outline of the training plan (e.g., duties and background of the participants, whether practical training is required or not, etc.).

Please submit the following application documents to the Training and Expert Dispatch Administration Group by **no later than 4 December 2023**.

1. AOTS Training Application Form (outline)
2. The trainee's personal record and enquiry into training contract
3. Pre-training report

- (2) **Formal application:** After receiving notification of acceptance of the advance application, the host company will be informed about the preparation of the necessary documents and arrangements for the formal application.

*If you have any questions, please contact the Training and Expert Dispatch Administration Group (see Item 12).

*The above-mentioned AOTS prescribed forms can be downloaded from the website below.

<https://www.aots.jp/hrd/technology-transfer/download/#kanri-shinkokoku> (Japanese).

(Application from overseas countries)

Individual applicants should ensure the delivery of the following application documents in both PDF and Excel format through Overseas Collaborating Organizations to the Overseas Cooperation Group of AOTS listed in Item 12, no later than **4 December 2023**.

As the deadline for the submission of the application documents differs for each organization, please ask the Overseas Collaborating Organizations. Please contact the Overseas Cooperation Group of AOTS listed in Item 12 for the contact address of the Overseas Collaborating Organization.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Overseas Collaborating Organizations.

[Application Documents]

- (1) AOTS Training Application Form and Applicant's Personal Record (AOTS official form: Handwriting should be avoided.)
*Soft copies of both PDF and Excel file will be required to submit.
- (2) Enquiry about your Interest in doing business with Japanese companies and/or Entry into Japanese market
*Excel file
- (3) Medical Check Sheet (AOTS official form: Handwriting should be avoided.) *PDF file
- (4) About the handling of Personal Information Concerning Trainees (AOTS official form) *PDF file

- (5) Overseas Travel Insurance Consent Form *PDF file
- (6) Enquiry into Training Contract (For Japanese Joint-Venture-Companies and Companies exclusively funded by Japanese Enterprises) *PDF file
*For application forms (1) and (3) and (4) to (6) above 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.
- (7) A brochure of the applicant's company/organization *PDF file
- (8) Digital image of face photo (Please enter your name in the data title.)
- (9) Photocopy of the applicant's passport *JPEG or PDF file
*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 letters) and date of birth should be submitted instead.
- (10) Pre-Training Report *Word

Notes:

- **AOTS may ask the applicants to submit additional documents such as an official registration document and the latest financial statement of the company/organization, etc., other than the above listed, if necessary.
- ** The formats are available from the Overseas Collaborating Organizations. Please ask them.

[Screening Committee Meeting]

The application documents will be forwarded to the AOTS Screening Committee, which will meet on **11 January 2024**, for official approval of participation. Those who successfully pass the screening process will be notified when they receive the invitation documents.

Notes: If the number of participants is less than 24 as of the application deadline, AOTS may cancel or postpone this program.

6. OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM:

- OBJECTIVES

- (1) Through lectures and case studies focusing on practical understanding, the program seeks to ensure that participants master approaches to the ways of utilizing QC problem-solving methods, which are indispensable as a basis of TQM.
- (2) The program seeks to ensure that participants improve their own ability to resolve quality problems in their workplaces.
- (3) The program aims to improve the ability of participants to lead and promote problem-solving activities in their workplaces.

- AIMS

This program aims to enable the participants to learn QC problem-solving methods intensively, which are considered as key factor in Japanese way of TQM. Considering that it is rather difficult to use QC problem-solving methods in a practical manner if you only understand a general outline of the methods, this program provides the participants with practical training in the methods. Via this, it will provide the opportunity to develop key persons who will be the core person in companies to promote QC problem-solving methods in practical way.

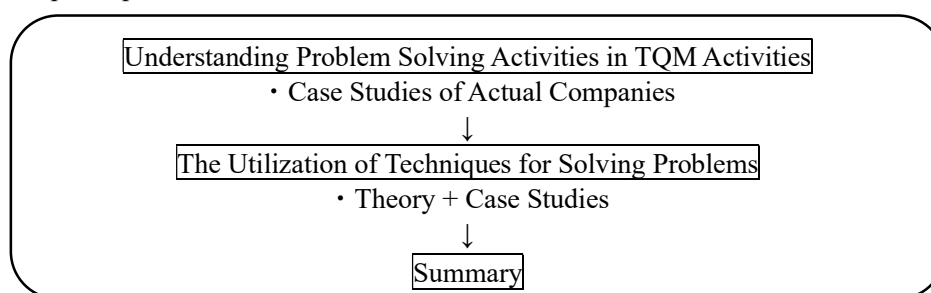
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To achieve the above-mentioned aims, in this program participants will study the following contents after studying the theory behind QC problem-solving methods.

- (1) Theoretical lectures and many practices about useful techniques and methods for each steps in problem-solving.
- (2) Combined exercises of techniques and methods for advanced problem-solving.
- (3) Actual experience of problem-solving steps through exercises using actual case studies.

As one of the characteristics of this program, in each exercise participants can receive careful, detailed guidance from a number of lecturers. Moreover, participants will visit Japanese companies that are practicing excellent quality activities, to learn about examples of those activities. Furthermore, a special lecture will be delivered by Dr. Kano, who is the most prominent figures in the TQM field, and this will give participants a wider view of the theme.

This curriculum focuses on “What should I do and how should I do it?”, based on the positions of both managers and staff involved in the promotion of TQM and quality management, so it can be put into practice immediately after participants return to their home countries.



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.

- DURATION

Wednesday 28 February – Tuesday 12 March 2024 (2 weeks)

- LANGUAGE

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

- PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dr. Noriaki Kano

Professor Emeritus, Tokyo University of Science

Honorary Chairperson, Asian Network for Quality (ANQ) (2005-present)

Chairperson, Selection Committee for Deming Prize for Individuals (2011-2021)

Board Member, Union of Japanese Scientists and Engineers (JUSE) (2000-2022)

Honorary Member, Japanese Society for Quality Control (JSQC) (2010-present)

Honorary Member, International Academy for Quality (IAQ) (2014-present)

Honorary Member, the American Society for Quality (ASQ) (2014-present)

Foreign Honorary Adviser, China Association for Quality (CAQ)

Principal Counselor, Honorary Member, Indian Society for Quality (ISQ)

Honorary Advisory Board Member, Hamdan Bin Mohammed e-University, Dubai

Honorary Member, Philippine Society for Quality (PSQ), Singapore Quality Institute (SQI), Quality and Productivity Society of Pakistan (QPSP), Vietnam Quality Association of Ho Chi Minh City (VQAH), Indian Society for Quality (ISQ), Chilean Association for the Quality (ASCAL), Business Foundation for Quality and Excellence (FUNDECE, Argentina) and Finnish Society for Quality (FSQ)

Committee Member, Deming Application Prize (1978 -2010), Chairperson (2004-2007)

President, Japanese Society for Quality Control (JSQC) (2000-2002)

Auditor, Sekisui Chemical Co., Ltd. (2003-2009)

Board Director, Komatsu Co., Ltd. (2008-2014)

Chair Professor, Chung Yuan Christian University (Taiwan) (2006 -2012)

Board Member, The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS) (2007-2012)

Dr. Kano is a world authority on TQM field. His numerous research results, such as “The House of TQM” and “Attractive Quality and Must-Be Quality (Kano Model)” have brought him an international reputation. He has published more than 300 research papers and books. He is renowned throughout the world as the founder of the “Kano Model.” He was awarded the 1997 Deming Prize for Individuals by the Deming Prize Committee (JUSE), the 1997 Deming Lecturer by the American Statistical Association (ASA), the 2002 E. Jack Lancaster Medal, the 2006 E. L. Grant Medal, the 2009 Distinguished Service Medal by the American Society for Quality (ASQ), the 2008 Dronacharya Award by Indian Society for Quality (ISQ), the 2014 A. V. Feigenbaum Lifetime Achievement Medal by Asia Pacific Quality Organization (APQO), the 2016 presidential Georges Borel Award for international achievements by the European Organization for Quality (EOQ), which is regarded as the best prize in the field of quality in Europe, and in 2021, the first recipient of the Quality Laureate Award by the International Academy for Quality (IAQ) which is described as the Nobel Prize for quality.

In 2009, the Kano Quality Award was established by the Technology Promotion Association in Thailand for excellent and successful companies in management based on TQM, and in 2023, the Kano BSTQM Quality Award was established by the Bangladesh TQM Association (BSTQM). In 2010, Ishikawa-Kano Award named after Dr. Kaoru Ishikawa and Dr. Kano has been established by the Asian Network for Quality (ANQ) for individuals who have made great contribution to the development of quality in Asia.

- PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Mr. Yukihiro Ando

TQM Consultant

Lead Examiner, the Deming Prize Committee

Academician, International Academy for Quality (IAQ)

Board Member, the Japanese Society for Quality Control (JSQC)

Honorary Advisor, Saitama Region QC Circle

Member of the Committee on the Domestic Response to ISO/TC176

Mr. Yukihiro Ando has been offering his expertise as a TQM consultant for many years to a large number of companies in both manufacturing and service sectors both at home and abroad, of which 25 companies have been awarded the Deming Application Prizes. He is a lecturer for quality management seminars held by organizations such as the Union of Japanese Scientists and Engineers, and has established a reputation as a lecturer who gives practical, enjoyable lectures. He has published many books on TQM. He was awarded the 1987 and 1997 Nikkei QC Literature Prizes, and the 2010 Distinguished Service Award for Promoting Quality Control from the Japan Society for Quality Control. His book published in 2010 "Daily Management - The TQM way" was awarded 2011 Masing Medal from International Academy for Quality.

Dr. Masaaki Kaneko

Professor, Department of Management Systems Engineering/Department of Information and Telecommunication Engineering, School of Information and Telecommunication Engineering, Tokai University

Member of the Deming Prize Committee

Board Member, the Japanese Society for Quality Control (JSQC)

Dr. Masaaki Kaneko has been engaged in his research at universities, specialized in Quality Control and TQM, after completing his doctorate degree at the Graduate School of Science and Engineering at Waseda University. He has won the Research Recognition Award by the Japanese Society for Quality Control (JSQC) four times, and the Best Paper Award by the Asian Network for Quality (ANQ) three times. He is also a representative of JSQC and a member of its international committee. In addition, he acts as a lecturer at seminars held by the Union of Japanese Scientists and Engineers (JUSE), and he was given an award for especially skillful lecturers at the 2005 and 2015 BC annual campaigns. He was also awarded the 2015 Nikkei QC Literature Prize for a collective-writing book, "QMS Approaches for Medical Care Quality to be Assured by Organizations."

- COURSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Dr. Kazuyuki Suzuki Professor Emeritus, the University of Electro-Communications

Dr. Tomomichi Suzuki Professor, Department of Industrial Administration, Faculty of Science and Technology, Tokyo University of Science

Dr. Satoko Tsuru Specially Appointed Professor, Healthcare Social System Engineering Laboratory, School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo

Mr. Yoshihisa Matsuda Registered Consulting Engineer (Quality Management)
Lecturer, Tokyo University of Science

Dr. Masahiko Munechika Professor, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Associate Dean, School of Creative Science and Engineering, Waseda University

- TRAINING LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATION

AOTS Tokyo Kenshu Center (TKC) <may change in consideration of various factors>

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

30-1, Senju-Azuma 1-chome, Adachi-ku, Tokyo 120-8534, Japan

Tel: 81-3-3888-8231 (Reception) Fax: 81-3-3888-0763

Tentative Schedule
of
The Program for Quality Problem Solving [PQPS]
 28 February – 12 March 2024 AOTS Tokyo Kenshu Center (TKC) <To Be Determined>

Date	Morning Session		Afternoon Session	Evening
27 Feb. (Tue.)	(Arrival in Japan)			
28 (Wed.)	Orientation/ Opening Ceremony	LECTURE: Course Overview/ Introduction to TQM The Importance of Problem Solving Activities	LECTURE & EXERCISE: -Approaches to and Ways of Implementing Problem Solving	
29 (Thu.)	LECTURE & EXERCISE: "Observation" and Techniques - Check Sheets and Pareto Diagrams		LECTURE & EXERCISE: "Analysis" and Techniques -Cause-and-Effect Diagrams LECTURE & EXERCISE: "Standardization" and Techniques	
1 Mar. (Fri.)	LECTURE & EXERCISE: Instructions for Statworks		LECTURE & EXERCISE: "Observation" and Techniques - How to Read and Draw a Histogram	
2 (Sat.)	Day Off			
3 (Sun.)	Day Off			
4 (Mon.)	LECTURE & EXERCISE: "Observation" and Techniques - Control Charts			
5 (Tue.)	COMPANY VISIT: - Case Study of Promoting Improvement Activities			
6 (Wed.)	EXERCISE: Combined Exercise-1 - Histogram and Control Charts		LECTURE & EXERCISE: "Analysis" and Techniques - How to Draw a Scatter Diagram/ Stratification	
7 (Thu.)	EXERCISE: Combined Exercise-2 - Histogram and Scatter Diagrams		LECTURE: Introduction of Actual QM Research	
8 (Fri.)	COMPANY VISIT: -Problem Solving Case Study			
9 (Sat.)	Day Off			
10 (Sun.)	Day Off			
11 (Mon.)	EXERCISE: Comprehensive Case Study -Guidance to the Case Study		EXERCISE: Comprehensive Case Study -Preparation for Reports by group	
12 (Tue.)	LECTURE: Special Lecture "Advanced Quality Theory"		EXERCISE: Comprehensive Case Study -Presentation / Q & A/	Closing Ceremony
13 (Wed.)	(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.

Current Japanese Boarder Measures are as follows. Please check.

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html>

8. TRAINING COSTS (Application from overseas countries):

The training costs and the procedures for their settlement differ depending on whether an overseas company makes the application via the Overseas Collaborating Organization or a Japanese host company in Japan makes the application. The following is an explanation of the case of the application from an overseas country via an Overseas Collaborating Organization.

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.
- Participants shall purchase their air tickets by themselves. For information on how to purchase tickets, please refer to “Guidelines for Purchase of Air Tickets by the Participant and method of reimbursement by AOTS” on page 14.
- In principle, the subsidy from the Japanese Government applies from the day before the start of the training until the last day of the training.
- Please refer to Table 1 “List of Target Countries and Regions” on page 11 for the classification of Category 1 and Category 2.
- Sample estimates of the Participation Fee for the countries of Category 1 and Category 2 are shown in Table 2 “Estimate of the Fees and Costs”.
- Participants are encouraged to enter the round-trip amount of the airline ticket they intend to purchase in order to ascertain the approximate amount of the participation fee when applying for training.
- For Category 1, the participation fee is the sum of 1/3 of 1. Allowance Costs and 192,000 yen, 2. Course Implementation Costs minus ODA subsidies on Table 2-1 on page 12.
- For Category 2, the participation fee is 133,000 yen, after subsidy for 2. Course Implementation Costs minus ODA Subsidies on Table 2-2 on page 13. (1. Allowance Costs are fully subsidized.)
- Participants will pay the participation fee upon arrival in Japan.
- AOTS will reimburse the international travel expenses to the participant (the amount will be finalized based on the AOTS rules and regulations after checking the evidence documents for the purchase of the ticket submitted by the participant when he/she arrives in Japan).
- The amount the participant actually pays after arrival in Japan is the participation fee minus the international travel expenses.
- In principle, payment is accepted by credit card.
 - AOTS Tokyo Center (Tokyo): Visa and Mastercard can be accepted.
 - AOTS Kansai Kenshu Center (Osaka): Visa, Mastercard, JCB, American Express, Diners Club, and Discover can be accepted.
- If it is difficult to pay by credit card, payment by cash will be accepted. In such case, please contact AOTS before coming to Japan.

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 and 2. Course Implementation Costs. The Participation Fee, the amount that participants should bear, consists of “Contribution to Allowance Costs” and “Contribution to Course

Implementation Costs” [A].

1. Allowance Cost

The 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

- International travel expenses are provided if an air ticket and its evidence document for purchase of the air ticket 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 round-trip air tickets by themselves. Please refer to “Guidelines for Purchase of Air Tickets by the Participant and method of reimbursement by AOTS” listed on page 14 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 the participant’s 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 ¥9,900 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 ¥9,020 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 ¥2,750 in cash per day for meals to cover the days 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 ¥12,100 (the upper limit) per day, and the meal allowance (¥2,750 per day) will be provided to participants in kind or paid in cash by AOTS.

(3) Personal Allowance

- AOTS will pay ¥1,040 per day in cash to a participant.

(4) Domestic Travel Allowance

- AOTS will arrange for the participants a chartered bus or other means of transport from the international airport to the AOTS training center on arrival in Japan, or provide part of the transport costs in cash, as per the table below.

【Train】

Airport of arrival in Japan	Training Center	Standard Amount (Round trip)	Standard Route
Narita International Airport (Tokyo)	AOTS Kenshu Center (TKC)	5,480JPY	Narita international Airport (Tokyo)－AOTS Tokyo Kenshu Center (TKC)

【Bus】

Airport of arrival in Japan	Training Center	Standard Amount (One way)	Standard Route
Narita International Airport (Tokyo)	AOTS Kenshu Center (TKC)	3,900JPY	Narita international Airport (Tokyo)－AOTS Tokyo Kenshu Center (TKC)

- In either case, AOTS will arrange a meeting service at the arrival airport in Japan for ¥4,500.

(5) Welfare costs (Overseas Travel Insurance premiums)

- These are the costs of overseas travel insurance insured by AOTS for the participants.

2. Course Implementation Costs

The Contribution to Course Implementation Costs for a two-week course (the amount participants should bear) is ¥192,000 for those participating from Category 1 countries and ¥133,000 for those participating from Category 2 countries.

Contribution to AOTS's Administration Cost

AOTS would like to ask the participants to support us by offering ¥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. AOTS will issue the receipt for the participants.

[Table 1] List of Target Countries and Regions (2023-2024)

Trainees should be residing in the following countries/regions.

<i>Category1*</i>		
Albania	Iraq	Paraguay
Argentina	Jamaica	Peru
Armenia	Jordan	Philippines
Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Samoa
Belarus	Kosovo	Serbia
Belize	Kyrgyzstan	Sri Lanka
Bolivia	Lebanon	St. Helena
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Libya	St. Lucia
Brazil	Malaysia	St. Vincent and Grenadines
Colombia	Maldives	Suriname
Costa Rica	Marshall Islands	Syrian Arab Republic
Cuba	Mexico	Tajikistan
Dominica	Micronesia	Thailand
Dominican Republic	Moldova	Tokelau
Ecuador	Mongolia	Tonga
El Salvador	Montenegro	Turkey
Fiji	Montserrat	Turkmenistan
Georgia	Nauru	Ukraine
Grenada	Nicaragua	Uzbekistan
Guatemala	Niue	Vanuatu
Guyana	North Macedonia	Venezuela
Honduras	Pakistan	Viet Nam
India	Palau	Wallis and Futuna
Indonesia	Panama	West Bank and Gaza Strip
Iran	Papua New Guinea	
<i>Category 2*</i>		
Afghanistan	Eswatini	Nepal
Algeria	Ethiopia	Niger
Angola	Gabon	Nigeria
Bangladesh	Ghana	Rwanda
Benin	Gambia	Sao Tome and Principe
Bhutan	Guinea	Senegal
Botswana	Guinea-Bissau	Sierra Leone
Burkina Faso	Haiti	Solomon Islands
Burundi	Kenya	Somalia
Cabo Verde	Kiribati	South Africa
Cambodia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	South Sudan
Cameroon	Lesotho	Sudan
Central African Rep.	Liberia	Tanzania
Chad	Madagascar	Timor-Leste
Comoros	Malawi	Togo
Congo	Mali	Tunisia
Côte d'Ivoire	Mauritania	Tuvalu
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mauritius	Uganda
Djibouti	Morocco	Yemen
Egypt	Mozambique	Zambia
Equatorial Guinea	Myanmar	Zimbabwe
Eritrea	Namibia	

1. The list above is in alphabetical order, with the generic name for the country being used.
2. These countries and regions are mainly developing countries as designated by the OECD/DAC (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development / Development Assistance Committee).

*Low/Lower Middle/Upper Middle Income Countries (Category 1):

According to the DAC list of ODA recipients effective for reporting on 2022 and 2023 flows, these are Low/Lower Middle/Upper Middle Income Countries and regions which are not “Least Developed Countries”, and thus have been recognized by the Japanese government as target countries for ODA. African countries and regions listed have been excluded as they will be treated as Category 2 countries this fiscal year.

*Least Developed Countries (Category 2):

These are mainly the least developed countries on the DAC list and countries in the African countries and regions, which the Japanese government has identified as target countries to especially support through ODA.