



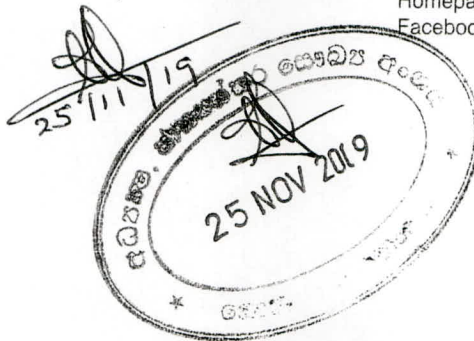
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Dear Mr. Rathnayake,

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For nominations for
Fellowship Committee



DGHS instructed to advertise on website for applicants

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Request Nominations for Country Focused Training in Japan
“Strengthening Criminal Justice System in Sri Lanka”
From 26th January – 08th February, 2020

In line with your official request for technical cooperation submitted last year, we are pleased to inform you that JICA will now consider completed applications from qualified nominees of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the titled customized Country Focused Training Program in Japan for fiscal year 2019.

Thus, we request your cooperation in submitting appropriate nominations In proportion to the attached “Program Outline” and “Schedule” of the training, in line with below procedures.

- Eligibility Criteria:
 - Judicial Officers, Administrators, Prosecutors in charge of Criminal Justice System in line agencies as specified below with more than 5 years of relevant experience is eligible to apply. Age below 50 years or having more than 10 years of balance Government service in the related field will be desirable. Applicants should be enthusiastic to transfer and disseminate the knowledge accumulated via the customized training after returning from Japan.
- Eligible Institutions and Number of Fixed Slots: (total 15 seats)
 - Ministry of Justice & Prison Reforms: Middle Management Officials - Assistant Director/Assistance Secretary or equivalent in charge of Crime Administration, in total 2 seats
 - Attorney General’s Department: 1 Higher Official (Deputy Solicitor General or above) & 2 Middle Management Officials (Senior State Counsel or equivalent)currently in charge of Crime Prosecutions, in total 3 seats
 - Judicial Service Commission: High Court Judges currently in charge of Crime Prosecutions, in total 3 seats
 - Department of Police: Provincial/Divisional Officers of the Legal branch in charge of Prosecutions of Crime/ Courts, in total 2 seats
 - National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crimes and Witnesses: Middle Management officials in charge of Crime Administration, in total 3 seats

- Secretariat for Coordination & Reconciliation Mechanism: Deputy Director/Director in charge of the Legal Division, in total 1 seat
- Judicial Medical Officers: Middle Management Officials in charge of Crime Administration, in total 1 seat
- How to Apply:
 - JICA will only accept nominations in the form of dully-completed JICA Knowledge Co- Creation (KCCP) Training Applications that consist of Official application, Part A, Part B, Medical questionnaire etc. and to be downloaded from ERD website.
 - Please note that all applications should reach JICA Sri Lanka office through Department of External Resources by **12th of December 2019**. (*Due to time confines, we highly encourage nominating agencies to share soft data of application documents in advance with JICA Sri Lanka office to cabral.sl@jica.go.jp)

For any further details or inquiries line agencies are requested to contact JICA Sri Lanka Office at 11 2300470.

Your cooperation to above procedures will be highly appreciated,

Yours Truly,



Kiyofumi Takashima
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JICA Sri Lanka Office

Attachments:

- Program outline
- Tentative Schedule

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Attorney General, Department of Attorney General
Secretary, Ministry of Justice & Prison Reforms
Secretary General, Secretariat for Coordination & Reconciliation Mechanism
Secretary, Judicial Service Commission
Inspector General, Department of Police
Chairperson, National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crimes and Witnesses
Secretary, Ministry of Health (for judicial medical officers)
Head of Economic Cooperation Division, Embassy of Japan

JICA Country Focused Training

“Strengthening of Criminal Justice System in Sri Lanka”

Topic: Improvement of the Practice of Criminal Justice Proceedings in Sri Lanka
- Solution for the Delays in the Criminal Justice Proceedings -

1. Background :

A new Country Focused Training ¹to improve the practice of criminal justice proceedings in Sri Lanka is scheduled to be held from **26 January to 8 of February, 2020** in Japan.

In August 2019, JICA dispatched a fact-finding mission to Sri Lanka to conduct a seminar and interviews with the authorities involved in the criminal justice proceedings in Sri Lanka. Through the interviews and discussions held with the relevant authorities, it was identified that one of the most serious challenges in the criminal justice proceedings in Sri Lanka would be the substantial delays prevailing in the whole process for a criminal charge to be resolved at the court. The delays in the criminal proceedings extends to different stages of the process from investigations, prosecutions, to trials and appeals.

More importantly, the staid delays in the criminal proceedings was mostly in the areas of heinous crimes such as murders, assaults, abductions, that have triggered and will cause serious threats to the safeties of the victims and witnesses.

By rereading the whole process of the criminal proceedings in comparison with the criminal proceedings in Japan, which usually takes only several months for the resolution of a criminal charge, may give some feasible suggestions to the authorities in Sri Lanka to improve the efficiency of the criminal proceedings by alleviating possible delays.

2. Training Program Details (including pre-departure program)

Prior to the training in Japan, JICA plans to have a Pre-Seminar in Colombo on **16th and 17th of January 2020*(Mandatory for all participants)**. In the Pre-Seminar, participants will learn about basics of criminal proceedings in Japan, including the rules on the witness examinations and the victims and witness protection mechanisms in Japan.

At the end of the series of the training, we expect the participants to present an action plan for Sri Lanka to resolve the delays in the criminal justice proceedings.

¹ At the last year`s annual need assessment for Japan`s technical cooperation, this Country Focused Training (customized) was adopted by the Japanese Government under the title of “Training on Transitional Justice to Strengthen Accountability Mechanism by Capacity Development of the Officers of the Attorney General’s Department of Sri Lanka”. Currently, JICA is primarily working with the Secretariat for Coordinating Reconciliation Mechanism (SCRM) and Ministry of Justice for necessary implementation. Preparation for the training program is based on the understanding that an efficient criminal justice proceeding is the prerequisite of the achievement of the accountability in the transitional justice context as well as the achievement of justice for all citizens in Sri Lanka.

"Strengthening of Criminal Justice System"

Theme: Improvement of the Practice of Criminal Justice Proceedings in Sri Lanka

- Solution for the Delays in the Criminal Justice Proceedings -

<Schedule>

	AM		PM
Jan 27 Mon	10:00 - 11:00 JICA Orientation 11:20 - 12:20 ICD Orientation Tokyo International Center (TIC)		13:30 - 17:00 Presentation by the Participants and Discussions on the Delays in the Criminal Justice Proceedings in Sri Lanka and the Measures to Solve the Problems TIC
Jan 28 Tue	10:00 - 12:20 Initial Stage Investigations of Heinous Crimes <i>- Points of Attention at the Initial Stage of Investigations -</i> TIC		13:30 - 17:00 Initial Stage Investigations of Heinous Crimes (Cont'd) TIC
Jan 29 Wed	10:00 - 12:20 Collection and Treatment of Scientific Evidence <i>- Seeking for Sure Evidence -</i> Ministry of Justice		14:00 - 16:00 Visit the National Research Institute of Police Science <i>- What the Professionals Look for -</i> National Research Institute of Police Science
Jan 30 Thu	10:00 - 12:20 Digital Forensic <i>- What the Prosecutors Should Know -</i> Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office		13:30 - 17:00 Treatment of Scientific Evidence and Expert Witness <i>- What Is Required for Expert Witnesses -</i> TIC
Jan 31 Fri	10:00 - 12:20 Witness Interview and the Confirmatory and Rebuttal Evidence <i>- Positioning and Evaluation of the Witness Interview for the Purposes of Trial -</i> TIC		13:30 - 17:00 Accused Interview and the Confirmatory and Rebuttal Evidence <i>- Positioning and Evaluation of the Accused Interview for the Purposes of Trial -</i> TIC
Feb 3 Mon	10:00 - 12:20 Interview of Vulnerable Witness <i>- The Interview Methods without Harming the Witness -</i> TIC		13:30 - 17:00 Interview of Vulnerable Witness (Cont'd) TIC
Feb 4 Tue	10:00 - 12:20 Prosecutors' Discretion <i>- Effective and Efficient Exercise of Discretionary Power -</i> TIC		13:30 - 17:00 Construction of Claims and Evidence <i>- Trial Prosecutors' Technique in the Disputed Cases -</i> TIC
Feb 5 Wed	10:00 - 12:20 Efficient Case Management <i>- The Court's Efforts towards the Expedient of the Proceedings-</i> Ministry of Justice		13:30 - 17:00 Trial Observation <i>- Judges' Control of the Court Proceedings in Serious Cases with Citizen Judges -</i> Tokyo District Court
Feb 6 Thu	10:00 - 12:20 Effective Witness Examination (Direct Examination) <i>- What Should and Shouldn't Ask to the Witness -</i> TIC		13:30 - 17:00 Effective Witness Examination (Cross & Redirect Examination) <i>- Rebuttal and Recovery of the Credibility -</i> TIC
Feb 7 Fri	10:00 - 12:20 Training Review and the Discussions on the Measures to Be Taken TIC		13:30 - 15:30 Evaluation of the Training TIC