

25 June 2022 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference  
on Technical Assistance in the Legal Field



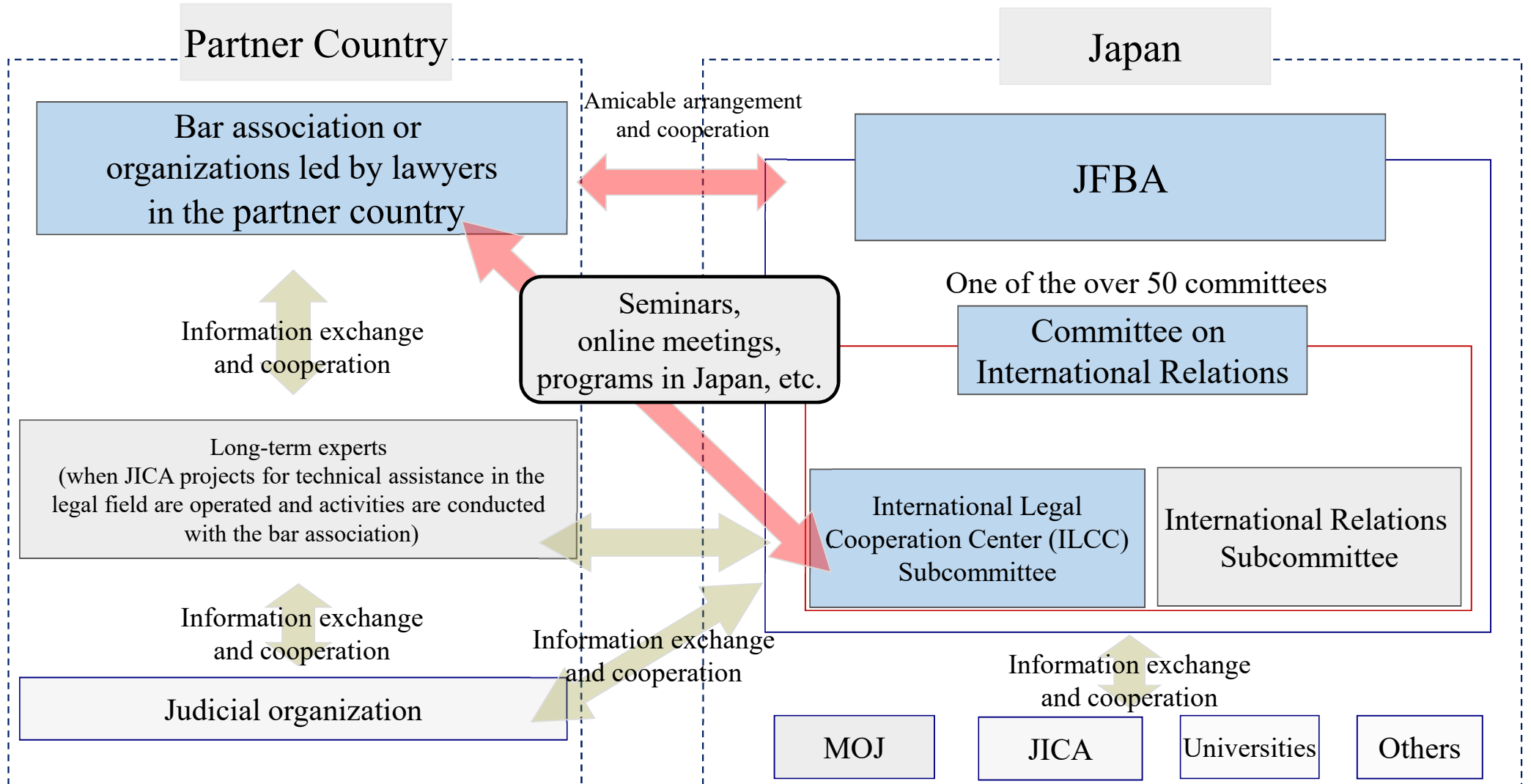
Japan Federation of Bar Associations Activity Report



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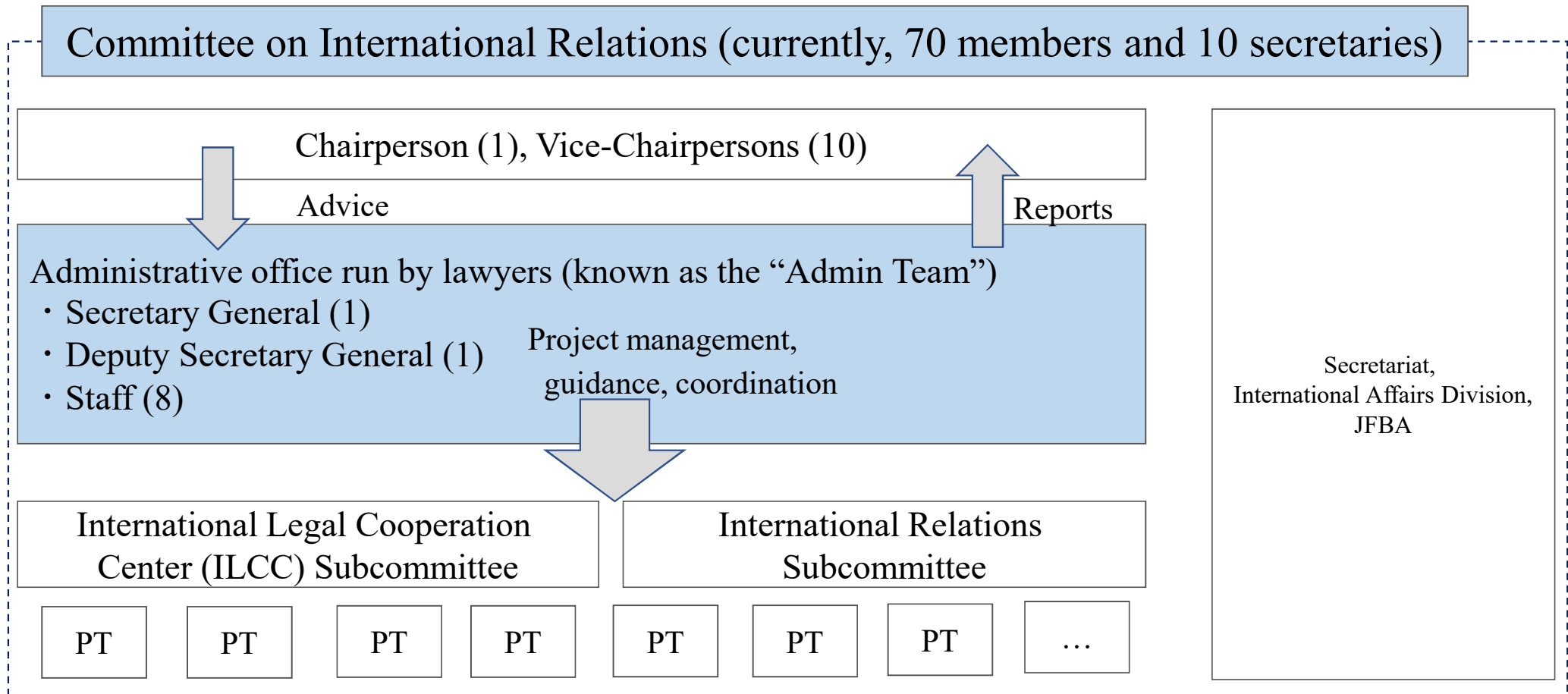
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# International Legal Technical Assistance by JFBA



# New Structure of the Committee on International Relations

The Admin Team was established in November 2021  
Aim: To further energize committee activities



# Project Teams (PT) within the Committee on International Relations

## < International Legal Cooperation Center (ILCC) Subcommittee >

- Cambodia PT
- Lao PT
- Vietnam PT
- Mongolia PT
- JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus) PT

## < International Relations Subcommittee >

- China PT
- Russia PT
- America PT
- Germany PT
- Hong Kong PT

Though PT have not been established for Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, South Korea, France, and Australia, we are interacting with the bar associations, etc. there.

# Overview of Activities

\*Mostly the ones conducted since the previous annual conference

## 1 The Toyota Foundation Project

- Cambodia PT
- Lao PT
- Vietnam PT

## 2 Activities other than those included in 1

- Vietnam PT
- Mongolia PT
- Myanmar PT

## 3 Training conducted held by the JFBA to which JICA outsourced (Access to Justice)

## 4 Domestic activities

- Exchange meeting “Globalization in regional areas today”
- Study sessions within the Committee on International Relations



## The Toyota Foundation Project

Cooperation among 4 countries to achieve Access to Justice  
and make the law more accessible for peaceful and enriched lives

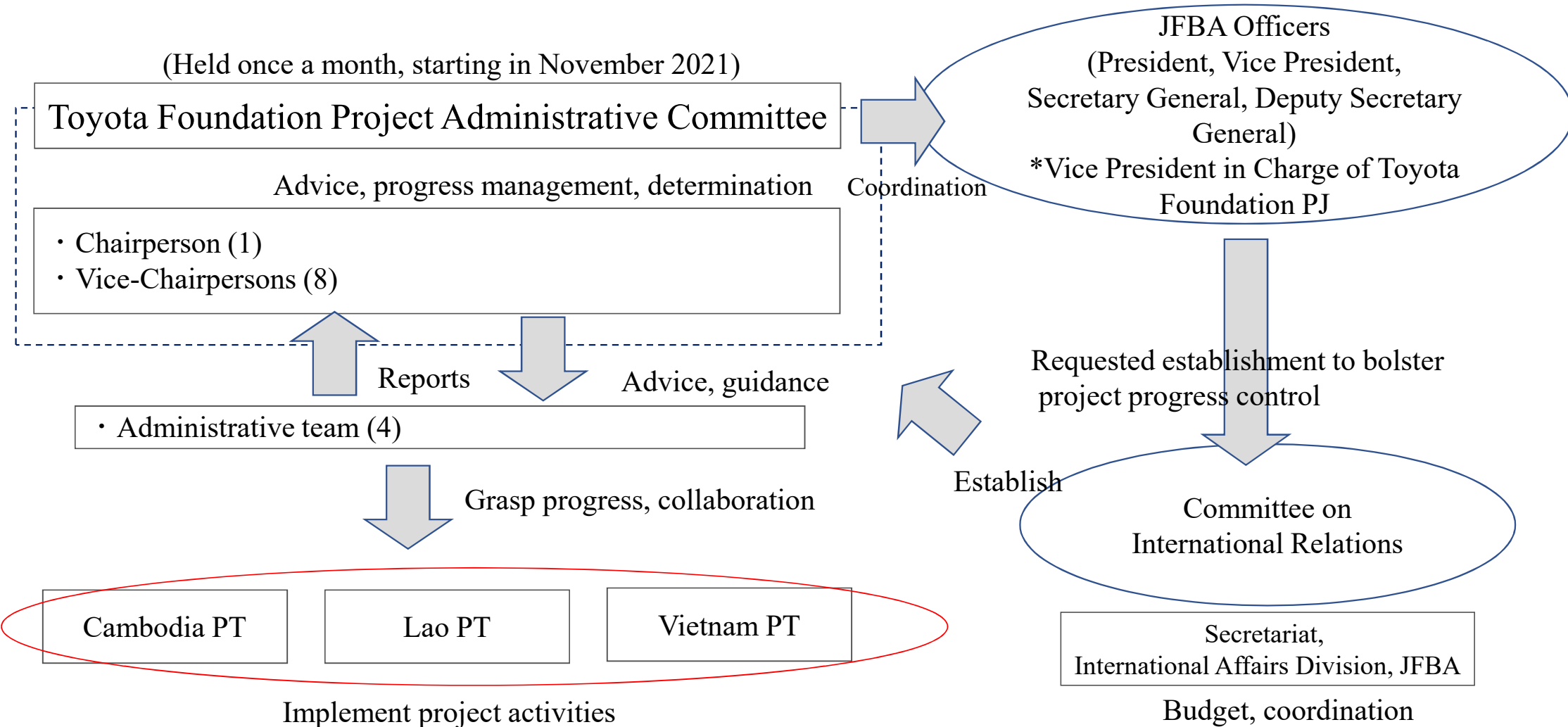
The aim of the project is to enable Vietnam, Cambodia, Lao P.D.R, and Japan to share experiences and learn from one another, thereby promoting Access to Justice.

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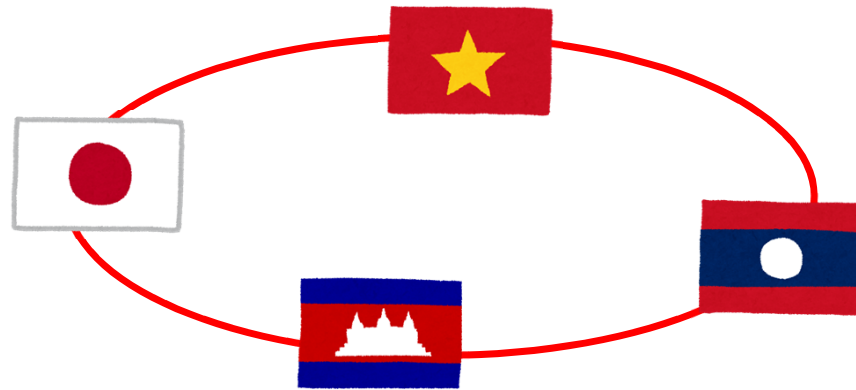
\*Initial Project Period: 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2021

→Extended until 30 September 2022

# The Toyota Foundation Project Framework



## The Toyota Foundation Project 4-Country Kickoff Seminar (online)



Start of full-scale activities

Thursday, 25 November 2021 17:00–19:30 (JST)

Theme: Challenges, activities, and lessons for enhancing Access to Justice

Language: English

Target Participants: JFBA, The Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Lao Bar Association, Vietnam Bar Federation

Participants: Over 39 in total (from Japan, Cambodia, Lao, and Vietnam)



# The Toyota Foundation Project

## Kickoff Seminar Agenda (excerpt)

### **Session I:**

#### **Country Reports on Challenges, Activities and Lessons for Enhancing Access to Justice**

- Participant from Cambodia
- Participant from Lao P.D.R
- Participant from Vietnam

### **Session II: Discussion**

#### Topics

- Raising social awareness of lawyers' role
- User-friendly interfaces between ordinary people and lawyers
- Improvement of legal outreach activities
- Agenda topics to be covered in working sessions in 2022

# 2-country workshops in the Toyota Foundation Project

\*Held completely online; participant numbers are not exact since in some cases multiple people participated over a single ZOOM connection.



The Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia  
Thursday, 17 February 2022 16:00–19:00 (JST)  
Theme: Challenges, activities, and lessons for enhancing  
Access to Justice  
Language: Japanese, Khmer  
Participants: 234 (21 from Japan, approx. 213 from Cambodia)



Lao Bar Association  
Friday, 18 March 2022 15:30–19:00 (JST)  
Theme: The legal aid practice  
Language: Japanese, Lao  
Participants: 74 (28 from Japan, over 46 from Lao)



Vietnam Bar Federation  
Wednesday, 23 March 2022 17:00–20:00 (JST)  
Theme: The spread of law and legal education  
in Japan and Vietnam  
Language: Japanese, Vietnamese  
Participants: Over 29 (22 from Japan, over 7 from Vietnam)

# 2-country workshops in the Toyota Foundation Project

\*Held completely online



Around June  
Workshop jointly held with The Bar Association  
of the Kingdom of Cambodia  
(targeting Cambodian university students)  
Theme: Access to Justice and the role of lawyers  
Language: Japanese, Khmer



14 June (scheduled)  
Workshop with the Lao Bar Association  
Theme: TBD  
Language: Japanese, Lao



13 June (scheduled)  
Workshop with the Vietnam Bar Federation  
Theme: Ways to improve legal access in remote locations  
Language: Japanese, Vietnamese

# Cambodia



## Activities other than the Toyota Foundation Project

Seminars were previously being held for lawyers to disseminate the code of civil procedure, but have been suspended due to the pandemic. The seminars are to be resumed once COVID-19 is under control. Utilization of judicial decisions made public through the JICA legal project is under consideration.

Lao P.D.R



## Activities other than the Toyota Foundation Project

Activities for Access to Justice (for example, activities related to village arbitration) were previously being conducted, but have been suspended due to the pandemic.

No specific future activities are determined.

# Vietnam



Activities other than the Toyota Foundation Project

Upcoming Schedule: From October, webinar jointly held with the Vietnam Bar Federation

Format: Online

Theme: International investment between Vietnam and Japan (planned)

Language: Japanese, Vietnamese (consecutive interpretation provided) or English

# Mongolia



Exchange meeting with the Mongolian Bar Association and the Mongolian Law Society

Date/Time: Friday, 25 March 2022 16:00–17:30 (JST)

Format: Online

Theme: The impact of COVID-19 on the judicial sector

Language: Japanese, Mongolian

Participants: 26 (8 from Japan, 18 from Mongolia)

Upcoming Schedule: TBD

# Myanmar



A plan was in place to launch a PT within the Committee on International Relations to begin support and review was underway, including the selection of counterparts, but...  
specific activities are currently suspended due to a military-led coup on 1 February 2021.



# JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

Multilateral training held by the JFBA to which JICA outsourced

Theme: Improving legal access—achieving Sustainable Development Goal 16

Study Period: 13 October to 1 December 2021 (8 lectures in total)

Language: English

Participants: 9 in total (Ministry of justice employees, lawyers, persons in charge of legislation, etc.)



Lao: 2



Malawi: 1



Nepal: 2

Nigeria: 2



Tanzania: 1

Vietnam: 1



# JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

- ① Create a country report at the time of application
- ② View video on demand prior to each lecture
- ③ Focus on discussion during each lecture

1<sup>st</sup> Lecture: Course orientation and overview of Japan's judicial system

2<sup>nd</sup> Lecture: Presentation of country reports

3<sup>rd</sup> Lecture: Global trends and theories related to legal access

4<sup>th</sup> Lecture: Overview of Houterasu (Japan Legal Support Center), the central organization for legal aid in Japan

5<sup>th</sup> Lecture: The history of the development of civil legal aid

6<sup>th</sup> Lecture: The history of the development of criminal legal aid

7<sup>th</sup> Lecture: Introduction on support for Côté d'Ivoire and Q&A, guide to creating an action plan

8<sup>th</sup> Lecture: Presentation of action plans

# Domestic activities

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Online exchange meeting

Date/Time: Saturday, 19 March 2022 13:00–16:00

Theme: Globalization in regional areas today

Target Participants: Representatives of bar associations in various regions

# Domestic activities

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Study sessions within the Committee on International Relations (online)

Target Participants: Members of the Committee on International Relations  
(primarily young members)

1<sup>st</sup> Lecture: Tuesday, 9 November 2021 18:00–20:00

Theme: The role of judicial sector in the nation and SDG target 16.3  
—Reviewing the history of judicial sector

Lecturer: IKEUCHI Masatoshi, Attorney, Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association

2<sup>nd</sup> Lecture: Monday, 24 January 2022 18:00–20:00

Theme: Globalization in regional areas

Lecturer: OTSUKA Fusanori, Attorney, Fukuoka Bar Association

3<sup>rd</sup> Lecture: Thursday, 3 March 2022 18:00–20:00

Theme: The rule of law and legal technical assistance

Lecturer: Prof. MATSUO Hiroshi, Keio University Law School