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Program Outline

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Participation Requirements

of

The Program on Design Management

-For enhancement of the ability pertaining to product and corporate design-

[PDM]

17 – 30 August 2011

1. BACKGROUND OF THE PROGRAM:

AOTS - the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship - is a non-profit association run with Japanese government subsidies from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). Since its establishment in 1959, AOTS has been conducting various technical and management training programs in Japan for the people of developing countries and regions. The total number of participants in past AOTS training programs amounts to almost 155,000 from about 170 developing countries and regions. These former participants are playing very important roles in industry and contributing greatly to the economic development of their respective countries.

At the request of former participants of AOTS training programs as well as the industrial and business circles in developing countries, and to meet the needs for human resource development in Japanese affiliated companies, AOTS has been organizing various training programs.

In corporate management today, the crucial elements are not only such conventional ones as product performance, quality and price; the creation of various added value through design, such as product design, package design, the design of the sales area, advertising and promotion activities and brand creation are also becoming very important. Design management is a management technique focused on how efficiently and effectively such design work and design activities can be undertaken in corporate management.

The Program on Design Management (PDM) is designed as one of AOTS's flagship courses 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 provide an opportunity for executives, senior managers, and designers to upgrade their capabilities in design management so that they can utilize "design" as the key factor for their corporate competitive strategies.

2. COUNTRY:

Please refer to the List of Target countries and regions.
(http://www.aots.or.jp/jp/use/kokunai/pdf/e_taishokoku.pdf)

3. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

28 participants

4. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

Participants should have the following qualifications.

- (1) Participants should be, in principle, executives, senior managers or designers involved in design management (the term "designer" refers to the individuals in types of work related to the design of consumer products. This program is targeted at those involved in product design and graphic design, so participation by parts designers, machinery design technicians, those involved in design related to construction, and designers in the garment or textile industries are not permitted). In addition, experts involved in design development and lecturers at educational institutions, such as universities, who are expected to play a role as a motive force in the dissemination of design management, may participate.
- (2) Participants should be between 25 and 60 years of age, with one year or more of professional experience.
- (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 developing countries or regions.
- (7) Participants should not be students or armed forces personnel.
- (8) AOTS ex-participants who have recently been awarded an AOTS Scholarship and participated in an AOTS training program 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) In the case of Japanese companies and/or companies that have Japanese capital, persons who are engaged in the duties described in the participation requirements are able to participate in this program without regard to their positions.
- (2) Family members are not allowed to accompany the participants to 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) The Guarantee Letter, which is one of the invitation documents to be issued by AOTS, shall be used only for the purpose of obtaining a training visa and shall not be used for any other purposes, such as participants' business.
- (5) The number of participants for the same host company or from the same sending company may be limited if there are more applicants than AOTS can accept.

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

5-1) Application from host companies in Japan

Please refer to Application Procedure from Japan (http://www.aots.or.jp/eng/t_prg_j/application.html)

Host companies should apply to AOTS by submitting the required documents to reach AOTS Head Office by **no later than 20 June 2011.**

5-2) Application from overseas countries

Applicants should apply to AOTS by submitting the following documents to reach AOTS Head Office by **no later than 20 June 2011.**

- (1) AOTS Training Application Form, Applicant's Personal Record and Medical Check Sheet (AOTS official form)
- (2) 2 copies of a photo (4 cm×3 cm) (Please write down the applicant's name of the back)
- (3) Brochure of the applicant's company/organization
- (4) Photocopy of a passport, an election card, a driver's license or any other identification document issued by a public organization in the applicant's country containing, in Roman letters, the applicant's name in full, a photo of the applicant and his/her date of birth.
- (5) Pre-Training Report
- (6) Overseas Travel Insurance Consent Form
- (7) About the handling of Personal Information Concerning Trainees (AOTS official form)
The applicant himself or herself is required to submit a form bearing his or her own signature. Either in the absence of agreement, or non-submittance, course participation will not be granted.
- (8) Enquiry into Training Contract (For Japanese Joint-Venture-Companies and Companies exclusively funded by Japanese Enterprises)

The required documents (Application Form, etc.) can be downloaded from the following Website.

http://www.aots.or.jp/eng/t_prg_j/management/documents/documents.html

The application documents will be forwarded to the AOTS Screening Committee, which will meet on 21 July 2011, for official approval of participation. Those who have successfully passed the screening process will be notified when they receive the invitation documents.

Notes: If the number of participants is less than 15 as of 20 June 2011, AOTS may postpone or cancel this program.

6. OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM:

- OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this program is to enable participants to strategically utilize design as a management resource by improving their capabilities of design management.

- KEY BENEFITS

By the end of this program, participants will be able to deepen their understanding on:

- (1) the importance of design management in corporate management and business strategy;
- (2) the organizational structure and functions of strategically utilizing design;
- (3) the importance of brand building and communication design that reflect a company's vision and business strategy; and
- (4) design concepts such as user-centered design, universal design, and eco-design.

- DURATION

17 - 30 August 2011 (2 weeks)

- CONTENTS

(1) Strategic use of design and design management

Participants will deepen their understanding regarding the design management concept that focuses on design as an important resource and competitive edge of business. They are also expected to understand the framework of organizational operation and the role of the top management for successful design management.

(2) Design concepts

Participants will learn the ideas, methods, and processes of various user/society-conscious product design concepts such as eco-design, user-centered design and universal design.

(3) Good design management companies in Japan

Participants will be able to know the current state and future direction of product designing in Japan through the introduction to the case examples of good design/brand strategy of Japanese companies.

(4) Wrap up discussion

On the final day of the program, participants will make presentations by group on what they learned through the program and will exchange views with other participants and the program director.

A typical daily schedule consists of a 3-hour morning session and a 3-hour afternoon session. Some evening sessions may also be organized after dinner.

Please refer to the Tentative Schedule.

- 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.

- PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Mr. Noriji Sato

Professor, College of Business Administration, Ritsumeikan University

Prof. Sato is one of the most prominent experts in the design management and cultural management fields and is actively engaged in research and teaching activities. After working 18 years at the Press and Magazine Dept, Marketing Dept, and Account Management Div. of Dentsu Inc., the largest advertising firm in Japan, he joined Ritsumeikan University as a professor to teach at the College of Business Administration and Environmental Design Institute. He is also an active board member of the Japan Institute of Design.

- TRAINING LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATION

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

<http://www.aots.or.jp/eng/about/center/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

Please refer to item 7 for further information on accommodation.

**Tentative Schedule
of
The Program on Design Management [PDM]**

17 – 30 August 2011 AOTS Tokyo Kenshu Center (TKC) <To Be Determined>

Date	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
16 Aug. (Tue.)	(Arrival in Japan)	
17 (Wed.)	Orientation Opening Ceremony	LECTURE: Introduction to Design Management LECTURE: Good Design Companies in Japan
18 (Thu.)	LECTURE: Development of Organizational Structure for Design Management	LECTURE: Corporate Strategy and Design Case Example (1)
19 (Fri.)	LECTURE: Product Concept and Design Development (1) <User-centered Design>	
20 (Sat.)	Day off	
21 (Sun.)	Day off	
22 (Mon.)	LECTURE Product Concept and Design Development (2) <Universal Design >	
23 (Tue.)	LECTURE: Product Concept and Design Development (3) < Eco Design >	
24 (Wed.)	LECTURE: Product Concept and Design Development (4) < Package Design >	
25 (Thu.)	STUDY TOUR	COMPANY VISIT: Corporate Strategy and Design : Case Example (2)
26 (Fri.)		COMPANY VISIT: Corporate Strategy and Design : Case Example (3)
27 (Sat.)	VISIT: GOOD DESIGN EXPO <To Be Determined> - Design Trends in Japanese Industry –	
28 (Sun.)	Day off	
29 (Mon.)	LECTURE: Brand Strategy and Communication Design	LECTURE: Business Innovation by Design
30 (Tue.)	Final Report Presentation and Overall Discussion	Evaluation of the Program Closing Ceremony
31 (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 may be arranged in the evening.
- (3) Though Saturdays and Sundays are days off in general, lectures may be scheduled on these days if deemed necessary.

7. ACCOMMODATION: <To Be Determined>

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 ¥8,500 per day with meals (lunch, dinner and breakfast). The said conditions are subject to change due to unavoidable reasons.

Please note that AOTS Kenshu Center canteens are closed on Sundays. The participant will receive ¥2,500 in cash per day for meals to cover this day.

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.

The after-mentioned participation fee estimate(s) reflect(s) the case when a participant lodges at an AOTS Kenshu Center. The suggested amounts may vary otherwise.

8. TRAINING COSTS:

8.1) Application from host companies in Japan

In applying for this program, please contact 'Scholarship Administration Group' listed in 10. FURTHER INFORMATION.

8.2) Application from overseas countries

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 (Contributions from Participant) from the participants themselves.

Participants shall pay the Participation Fee (Contributions from Participant) in cash to AOTS after their arrival in Japan.

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.

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 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.

**Please refer to Table 3 "List of Target Countries and Regions"*

2) Breakdown

1. Participation Fee (Contributions from Participant)

The Participation Fee, which consists of Contribution to Allowance Costs and Contribution to Course Implementation Costs is the amount participants should bear.

Each participant will be requested to pay the Participation Fee to AOTS in cash after his/her arrival in Japan.

(1) The Contribution to Allowance Costs for the participants from the countries in Category 1 is 25% of the Allowance Costs (2-(1)). The Contribution to Allowance Costs is not set up for the participants from the countries in Category 2.

(2) The Contribution to Course Implementation Costs is ¥93,000 for a 2-week AOTS Management Training Program.

2. Training Costs

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 (3) Domestic Travel Allowance.

(1) Allowance Costs

a. International Travel Expenses

- **Participants from China will not have their International Travel Expenses subsidized.**
- Participants will purchase their own round-trip air tickets, concerning which there are no restrictions pertaining to boarding class.
- The subsidy from the Japanese government will cover the actual airfare up to the Standard Airfare Limits (the AOTS's Standard Airfare Limits for 2011 is shown in Table 2.).
- 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.
- International travel expenses are provided if an air ticket and its receipt satisfy required conditions; not provided if unsatisfying conditions or for a free ticket.

b. Accommodation and Meal Allowance

At the AOTS Kenshu Center

- AOTS will provide a participant with accommodation to the value of ¥8,500 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 ¥7,700 per day with dinner and breakfast at an AOTS Kenshu Center.

During the study tour

- A participant will be provided with accommodation to the value of not exceeding ¥9,800 per day for their staying outside of the AOTS Kenshu Center, and ¥2,500 per day in cash for meals.

c. Personal Allowance

- AOTS will pay ¥800 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 ¥372,000.

(3) Domestic Travel Allowance

- Expenses for a part of transportation fee between international airport in Japan and AOTS Kenshu Center
- AOTS will pay ¥1,900 in cash to a participant for the cost of travel between Narita Airport and AOTS Tokyo Kenshu Center (TKC).

3. The amount to be paid in cash to participants by AOTS

The following allowances and expenses will be paid in cash as per Table 1 to each participant after his/her arrival in Japan.

- (1) Subsidy for international travel expenses (when they are claimable for subsidy)
- (2) Personal Allowance (¥800 x staying days)
- (3) Meal Allowance for the study tour (**each participant is requested to pay meals during the study tour from this Allowance.**)
- (4) Domestic Travel Allowance

4. Contribution to AOTS's Administration Cost

The Contribution to AOTS's Administration Costs is ¥1,800 per day for the participants from the countries in Category 1, and ¥1,000 per day for the participants from the countries in Category 2, and covers administrative expenses. The participant is kindly requested to pay the Contribution to AOTS's Administration Cost.

[Table 1-1] Estimate of the Fees and Costs [the Country of Category 1]***The amounts and figures for the Fiscal Year 2011 (April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012)****Country: Thailand****International Travel Expenses: Bangkok - Narita /Japan, Roundtrip****Management Training Course: 2 -week Course****1. Participation Fee (Contributions from Participant)**

(Japanese Yen)

		With International Travel Expenses subsidy	Without International Travel Expenses subsidy
(1) Contribution to Allowances Costs	[A] x 0.25	52,675	35,625
(2) Contribution to Course Implementation Costs		93,000	93,000
Total		145,675	128,625

2. Training Costs

		With International Travel Expenses subsidy	Without International Travel Expenses subsidy
(1) Allowance Costs			
a. International Travel Expenses		68,200	0 [1]
b. Accommodation and Meal Allowances			
at the AOTS Kenshu Center	@ 7,700 x 1 day = (Arrival Day)	7,700	7,700 (paid in kind)
during the study tour	@ 8,500 x 13 days =	110,500	110,500 (paid in kind)
Meal Allowance	@ 2,500 x 1 day(s) =	2,500	2,500 [3]
Accommodation Allowance	@ 9,800 x 1 day(s) =	9,800	9,800 (paid in kind)
c. Personal Allowance	@ 800 x 15 days =	12,000	12,000 [2]
Sub Total		210,700	142,500 [A]
(2) Course Implementation Costs		372,000	372,000
(3) Domestic Travel Allowance (Narita Airport - TKC)		1,900	1,900 [4]
Total		584,600	516,400

[1] The maximum amount of airfare claimable for subsidy to the air ticket's purchase. Air ticket will be purchased by participant. AOTS will subsidize the amount in accordance with rules & regulations.

3. The amount to be paid in cash to participant by AOTS

		With International Travel Expenses subsidy	Without International Travel Expenses subsidy
(1) International Travel Expenses subsidy	[1]	68,200	0
(2) Personal Allowance	[2]	12,000	12,000
	[SUM1]	80,200	12,000
(3) Meal Allowance during the study tour	[3]	2,500	2,500
(4) Domestic Travel Allowance in Japan	[4]	1,900	1,900
	[SUM2]	4,400	4,400
Total = [SUM1]+[SUM2]		84,600	16,400

*[1] provided if an air ticket and its receipt satisfy required conditions; not provided if unsatisfying conditions or for a free ticket

4. Contribution to AOTS's Administration Costs

The amount mentioned below covers administrative expenses.

The participant is kindly requested to pay the Contribution to AOTS's Administration Cost.

@ 1,800 x 15 days = **27,000**

[Table 1-2] Estimate of the Fees and Costs [the Country of Category 2]***The amounts and figures for the Fiscal Year 2011(April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012)****Country: Bangladesh****International Travel Expenses: Bangladesh - Narita /Japan, Roundtrip****Management Training Course: 2 -week Course****1. Participation Fee (Contributions from Participant)**

		(Japanese Yen)	
		With International Travel Expenses subsidy	Without International Travel Expenses subsidy
(1) Contribution to Allowances Costs	[A] x 0	0	0
(2) Contribution to Course Implementation Costs		93,000	93,000
Total		93,000	93,000

2. Training Costs

		(Japanese Yen)	
		With International Travel Expenses subsidy	Without International Travel Expenses subsidy
(1) Allowance Costs			
a. International Travel Expenses		127,400	0 [1]
b. Accommodation and Meal Allowances			
at the AOTS Kenshu Center	@ 7,700 x 1 day = (Arrival Day)	7,700	7,700 (paid in kind)
during the study tour	@ 8,500 x 13 days =	110,500	110,500 (paid in kind)
Meal Allowance	@ 2,500 x 1 day(s) =	2,500	2,500 [3]
Accommodation Allowance	@ 9,800 x 1 day(s) =	9,800	9,800 (paid in kind)
c. Personal Allowance	@ 800 x 15 days =	12,000	12,000 [2]
Sub Total		269,900	142,500 [A]
(2) Course Implementation Costs		372,000	372,000
(3) Domestic Travel Allowance (Narita Airport - TKC)		1,900	1,900 [4]
Total		643,800	516,400

[1] The maximum amount of airfare claimable for subsidy to the air ticket's purchase. Air ticket will be purchased by participant. AOTS will subsidize the amount in accordance with rules & regulations.

3. The amount to be paid in cash to participant by AOTS

		With International Travel Expenses subsidy	Without International Travel Expenses subsidy
(1) International Travel Expenses subsidy	[1]	127,400	0
(2) Personal Allowance	[2]	12,000	12,000
	[SUM1]	139,400	12,000
(3) Meal Allowance during the study tour	[3]	2,500	2,500
(4) Domestic Travel Allowance in Japan	[4]	1,900	1,900
	[SUM2]	4,400	4,400
Total =[SUM1]+[SUM2]		143,800	16,400

*[1] provided if an air ticket and its receipt satisfy required conditions; not provided if unsatisfying conditions or for a free ticket

4. Contribution to AOTS's Administration Costs

The amount mentioned below covers administrative expenses.

The participant is kindly requested to pay the Contribution to AOTS's Administration Cost.

@ 1,000 x 15 days = 15,000

Table 2 Standard Airfare Limits (FY 2011)

* Mark indicates the countries of category 2.

Unit: Japanese Yen

Area	Country	Place of Departure	Place of Arrival	Airfare Limit	Area	Country	Place of Departure	Place of Arrival	Airfare Limit
Southeast Asia	Indonesia	Jakarta		68,100	Central and South America	Nicaragua			178,700
		Manado		56,800		* Haiti		200,500	
	* Cambodia			82,500		Panama			192,200
	Singapore			59,200		Paraguay			166,500
	Thailand	Bangkok		68,200		Brazil			137,000
		Chiang Mai		80,600		Venezuela			199,900
	Philippines	Cebu	Narita	45,100		Peru			159,800
			Kansai	43,500		Bolivia			182,800
			Chubu	44,400		Honduras			163,800
		Manila	Narita	43,800		Mexico	Guadalajara	187,700	
			Kansai	36,500			Mexico City	136,500	
	Chubu	47,700	Tijuana	112,800					
	Davao	Narita	51,000	Mazatlan			172,000		
	Vietnam			86,100			San Luis Potosi	172,000	
	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur		72,700			Monterrey	140,700	
Kota Kinabalu			71,400	Morelia	168,900				
* Myanmar			93,600	Cancun	169,800				
* Laos			69,200	Algeria			168,000		
North east Asia	Mongolia	Ulan Bator	Narita	109,100	* Uganda			86,100	
			Kansai	97,800	Egypt			68,700	
			Chubu	68,000	* Ethiopia			123,200	
Middle Asia	* Afghanistan			239,300	Ghana			182,600	
	Uzbekistan	Tashkent	Narita	169,200	Cameroon			205,300	
			Kansai	156,800	Kenya			82,200	
Kazakhstan			175,100	* Zambia	Lusaka	160,400			
South Asia	India	Calcutta		107,200	Ndola	232,800			
		Cochin		111,300	Zimbabwe			125,100	
		Chennai		103,000	* Sudan			129,400	
		Thiruvananthapuram		125,500	Seychelles			44,400	
		Delhi		102,600	* Senegal			231,900	
		Hyderabad		100,200	* Tanzania			89,700	
		Bangalore		110,500	Tunisia			131,400	
		Mumbai		108,100	Nigeria			129,000	
		Ahmedabad		134,100	* Madagascar			98,900	
	Coimbatore		122,800	* Mozambique			67,800		
	Sri Lanka			55,900	Mauritius			66,900	
	* Nepal			146,500	* Mauritania			125,600	
	Pakistan			79,100	Morocco			180,300	
* Bangladesh			127,400	South Africa			124,400		
* Bhutan			130,200	* Malawi			144,400		
* Maldives			190,300	Libya			47,800		
Oceania	* Samoa			67,400	Middle East	Iran	Tehran	77,200	
	* Vanuatu			99,300			Tabriz	74,200	
	Papua New Guinea			129,000		Jordan			137,600
	Fiji			70,800		Syria			157,100
Central and South America	Argentina			188,600	Lebanon			187,800	
	Uruguay			191,700	Ukraine			59,400	
	Ecuador			187,500	Serbia			122,000	
	El Salvador			163,800	Montenegro			113,200	
	Guatemala			163,800	Turkey			90,400	
	Costa Rica			176,100	Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Rep. of)			119,900	
	Colombia			173,800	Croatia			106,000	
	Jamaica			200,500					
	Chile			227,500					
	Dominican Republic			200,500					

Guidelines for Purchase of Air Tickets by the Participant

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) **A citizen from a country or area participating in a visa waiver program with Japan** shall additionally apply for and obtain a "Trainee" visa.
- b) **A bearer of a visa other than a "Trainee" visa**, e.g., a "temporary visitor" visa or a "multiple" visa shall additionally apply for and obtain a "Trainee" visa. Please bear in mind that **the existing visa will be nullified in exchange for the "Trainee" visa.**
- c) **A bearer of an APEC business travel card (ABTC)** shall additionally apply for and obtain a "Trainee" visa. This is because the purpose of his or her travel is participation in an AOTS training program.
- d) **Please contact the local Japanese diplomatic mission for any inquiries prior to visa application.**

[Table 3] List of Target Countries and Regions (FY 2011)

Trainees should be citizens of the following countries/regions.

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

▪ Territory.

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