



JICA-DSP



Graduate School of Health Sciences, University of the Ryukyus



JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP)

Various universities, in collaboration with JICA, have established JICA-DSP among the graduate school degree courses they offer. JICA-DSP consists of class subjects pertaining to the development experience of modern Japan (including the experience of Japan's own development and of its cooperation with other countries through ODA). This program offers JICA scholars a chance to deepen their understanding of Japan's development experience in the respective academic fields.

Graduate School of Health Sciences

The Graduate School of Health Sciences aims to train leaders and researchers with a high degree of research capacities in the field of health sciences. The school consists of two educational research fields, "International Island Health" and "Human Health Development," which conduct unique educational research regarding health-related states and longevity on Okinawa, physical, psychological, and cultural factors that influence health, the development of health resources and advanced healthcare technology, and island health in the Asia-Pacific region.



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PROGRAM OUTLINE

The Okinawa Global Health Science Course accepts students from a wide range of disciplines, including healthcare, biomedical science, public health, and health policy planning. Students have the opportunity to improve their research skills under capable supervisors in the laboratory or department of their choice. A JICA training course for health practitioners from low- and middle-income (consistency) countries offers students the chance to hone their practical skills also. This program offers students an opportunity to learn about the high level of longevity and eradication of parasitic diseases in Okinawa.

COURSE SUBJECTS

Asia and Pacific Health

- Okinawa's health development post-World War II (*A health systems perspective*)
- Japan's experiences in international health development (*Lectures by practitioners and researchers in the field of global health*)

Tropical Medicine

- Malaria and soil-transmitted helminthiasis control in Okinawa (*Application of this experiential knowledge in low- and middle-income countries*)
- Tropical disease research in Okinawa

Global Health/Advanced Global Health

- Case study of Okinawa's experience in maternal and child health and infectious disease control
- Discussion of problem solving in low- and middle-income countries

Environmental Health

- Addressing environmental health problems in Japan related to rapid economic growth with a focus on Okinawa
- Discussing Japanese actions and policies to control environmental health issues and their application in low- and middle-income countries

Students can participate in the training program in JICA Okinawa Center to discuss and learn from practitioners in low- and middle-income countries.

Through JICA Development Studies Program, I got a better understanding of Japan's development context, including its modernization process, failures, and successes. With the spirit of solidarity, sacrifice, common interest, and strategic decision, Japan established itself very early on as one of the first and most modern non-Western countries.

Understanding the Japanese ODA strategy allows me to better appreciate Japan's support to developing countries and the Benino-Japanese relationship. This acquired knowledge will be useful in my role as a leader in the future.

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