

Other Intellectual Support provided by Ministry of Finance

MOF: International Bureau

Intellectual Support

The International Bureau has been carrying out technical cooperation activities for the development of the local currency bond markets in Asia for mainly Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam via Japanese consulting companies based on the request from the recipient countries, through the Japan-ASEAN Financial Technical Assistance Fund in the ASEAN Secretariat to which Japan has contributed.

With the purpose of developing financial and legal systems for the development of the bond market in each country, to date, Japan has conducted assistance to the officials of the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank, etc. of each country with regard to the development of a roadmap for the issuance system of long-term government bonds and the draft regulations on government or corporate bond trading, etc.

MOF: Customs and Tariff Bureau

Intellectual Support

Japan Customs organizes and implements the Capacity Building Program in conformity with the needs from Customs administrations of developing countries, in cooperation with the World Customs Organization (WCO), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and other agencies. The Program includes the acceptance of customs officers from developing countries and the dispatch of experts of Japan Customs, some of whom are Accredited Customs Experts of the WCO.

These efforts, to improve the capacity of customs in developing countries, contribute to the facilitation of international trade, and the implementation of appropriate customs procedures as well as the strengthening of the relationship between Japan and developing countries.

Main recent activities

September 2021 to June 2024

JICA/WCO Joint Project Master Trainer Program for the Pacific Islands

November 2023

JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program on Customs Administration (A)

May 2024

Workshop on HS Classification for Malaysian Customs

National Tax Agency

Intellectual Support

The National Tax Agency (NTA) has been providing training courses as technical cooperation for the tax officials of developing countries under the framework of Japan's Official Development Assistance. The aims of the training are to improve tax administration of developing countries and to foster foreign tax officials who understand Japan's tax administration.

The NTA has also played a core role in the operation of the OECD Asia-Pacific Academy for Tax and Financial Crime Investigation. The purposes of the academy are to promote international cooperation and to strengthen investigators' capacity for international tax and financial crimes. The first program was held in May 2019 at Wako Campus of the National Tax College.

Main recent activities

October 2023 to June 2024

Practicum at the NTA

September 2023

International Seminar on Taxation (General)

November 2023 and May 2024

OECD Asia-Pacific Academy for Tax and Financial Crime Investigation