

Course Objectives

The objective of the program is to deepen the participants' understanding of how ICT utilization in the Japanese manufacturing and logistics industries has changed, its current situation, and, by studying the concrete objectives to introduce ICT in companies and ICT technology in a case example of a Japanese company, have them comprehend how strategically important ICT utilization in corporate management is. Then it aims to enable participants to enhance their corporate management capabilities, so that they can start/utilize ICT in their own corporate management.

Traget Participants

Owners or directors of companies in the manufacturing and/or logistic industry, who are responsible for corporate management.

*Senior managers who are engaged in ICT utilization at the corporate management level, and are also in a position to communicate directly with top management to introduce/promote ICT utilization in their companies may also be accepted.

*Also, middle to senior managers who are engaged in the work of system development in companies that develop systems for manufacturing/logistic industry may be accepted.

*In addition to this, Japanese people who wish to participate in part of the curriculum in this training program may be accepted.

Language

All lectures, visits and exercises will be conducted in English or Japanese with translation into English.

Course Contents


(1) Participants will first examine the historical development of ICT and how corporate business activities have changed with such ICT development. Also, they will deepen their understanding of Japanese and global trends in terms of newly started solution businesses utilizing information technology.

(2) Participants will deepen their understanding of corporate business models utilizing ICT, means of such strategy building, and the like, through the lectures and exercises on the practical case examples of how a Japanese company actually put into practice.

(3) Participants will share the current situations and problems/challenges of their companies through the group discussions, and examine how they can start and utilize ICT in their companies in the most appropriate ways. Then, they will formulate a concrete action plan and make a presentation on the final day.

[Characteristics of this program]

A lot of time is spared in this program for well-focused group discussion. Participants will be required to examine how they should integrate what they will learn in the lectures, company visits, and exercises into their own companies. They will also be requested to review their corporate management strategies, by considering how to cope with an environmental change around their companies through the active discussions with other participants (including Japanese ones) from overseas as well as lecturers.



Part of the
participation
expenses will be
covered by subsidy
from the Japanese
government

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**Tentative Schedule of
The Program on Information and Communication Technology
in Manufacturing Industry
[PICT]**

* Joint session with Japanese participants
** Optional participation of Japanese participants

Date	Morning Session (9:30-12:30)	Afternoon Session (13:30-16:30)	Evening Session (16:30-17:30)
1-Mar (Tue.)	(Arrival in Japan)		
2 (Wed.)	Orientation*/ Opening Ceremony*	LECTURE: Case Example of Strategic ICT Utilization in Japanese Manufacturing Industry *	Group Discussion (1)*
3 (Thu.)	LECTURE: Historical Transition in ICT Development * -Shifting from Analog to Cloud Computing	LECTURE & EXERCISE: Current Situation of ICT Utilization and Future Perspective (1) * -What ICT changed in corporate management -ICT utilization in manufacturing, logistics, marketing, finance, R&D, etc.	Group Discussion (2)*
4 (Fri.)	LECTURE & EXERCISE: Strategic Use of ICT in the Manufacturing and Service Industries * -Comparative Analysis between Japan and Overseas Countries		Group Discussion (3)*
5 (Sat.) 6 (Sun.)	Days off		
7 (Mon.)	LECTURE: Integration of Manufacturing and Logistics with ICT (1) ** -Case example of a leading Japanese manufacturing company in the field of construction/industrial machines	COMPANY VISIT: Case Example of ICT Utilization in Japanese Logistics Industry**	—
8 (Tue.)	LECTURE: Integration of Manufacturing and Logistics with ICT (2) ** -Case example of a leading Japanese manufacturing company in the field of construction/industrial machines		Group Discussion (4)**
9 (Wed.)	STUDY TOUR	COMPANY VISIT: History of Japanese Manufacturing Development/ Case Example of Advanced Japanese Company	—
10 (Thu.)		COMPANY VISIT: Case Example of ICT Utilization in Japanese Manufacturing Industry (1)	—
11 (Fri.)		COMPANY VISIT: Case Example of ICT Utilization in Japanese Manufacturing Industry (2)	—
12 (Sat.) 13 (Sun.)	Days off		
14 (Mon.)	LECTURE & EXERCISE: Current Situation of ICT Utilization and Future Perspective (2) * -Limits and Potential of ICT and future	Preparation for Final Report Presentation*	—
15 (Tue.)	Final Report Presentation*	Final Report Presentation*/ Closing Ceremony*	—
16 (Wed.)	(Departure from Japan)		

*The above schedule is subject to change for the convenience of lecturers, or for other unavoidable reasons.

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for the Program Outline and Participation Requirements.

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