



Outline of IDE Advanced School (IDEAS)



Mission & Target Audience

🎯 Purpose

- To build the capacity building of overseas government officials in Asia and Africa, as well as Japanese fellows (Open Call fellows) in the field of trade, investment and development.
- Aim to strengthen JETRO's international networks with Asia and Africa

👥 Target Audience

- Mid-career governmental officials who belong to Trade and Investment Development-related Ministries and Government Agencies
- Japanese fellows by Open Call
- Generally, 35 years old or younger.

Over 30 Years of History

1990
 IDEAS was founded



1991
 Overseas fellows program was started



2013
 Started receiving fellows from African countries



2018
 Reform program:

- Shifted from "Development" issues to "Trade, Investment and development" issues

2020
 Shifted to online lectures

2022-
 Online and In-person (Japan visit) program

Program Features



Comprehensive Curriculum

Theory of international trade, investment and finance/social and economic development/
Mini thesis writing



Expert Faculty

Lectures by IDE researchers, professors from top universities (e.g., SOAS, London), and experts from international organizations.



Collaborative Learning with Diverse Participants & Japan Visit

A month-long in-person program in Japan featuring in-person lectures, study tours, and networking with Japanese (Open call) fellows.

Course Method

(1) On-demand Lectures

About 1-2 lectures a week at a convenient time

(2) Live stream Lectures

Attend live lectures about two/three times a week.

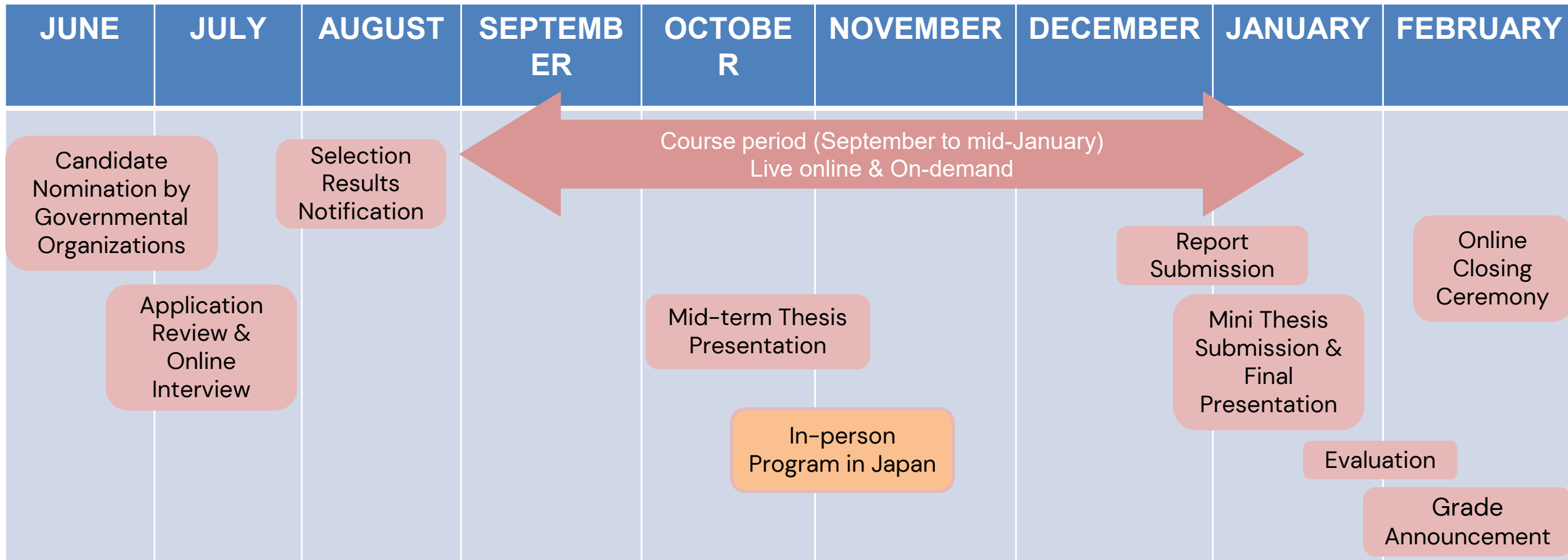
From 6:00pm to 7:30pm (JST, +9) on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

(3) In-person/ Japan Visit Program

Fellows stay in Japan for about one month from October to November. During this period, they are required to attend in-person classes, participate in study tours, and have discussions with their mini thesis supervisor.

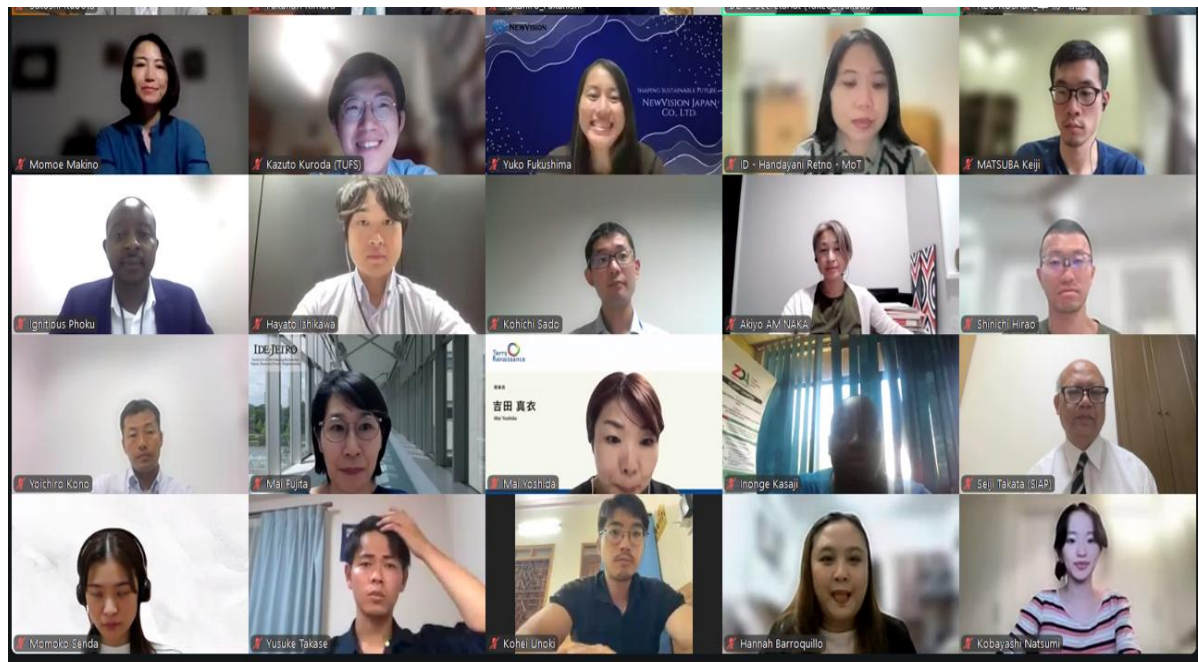
Training Program for FY2026 (tentative)

including the Selection Process



Scenes from last year's lectures

Online Opening Ceremony



Online lecture by IDE researcher



Group Work



Japan Visit Training Program for FY 2025

Schooling Day



Networking



Official meeting with the President of JETRO



Fellows from Diverse Backgrounds Learn Together

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Overseas Fellows

- ✓ Government Officials
 - ✓ Ministry of Trade, Investment Promotion Agencies
 - ✓ Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, etc.
 - ✓ Active in frontline of development policy
- etc.

Japanese/Open Call Fellows

- ✓ National and International Civil Servants
- ✓ Private sector
- ✓ Development agencies (JICA)
- ✓ Consultants, Lawyers
- ✓ University faculty, Graduate students

Alumni Voices

“ *"I found the IDEAS program very useful. It offered a good balance of theory and practical experiences, like the study tour and networking. The chance to connect with professionals and alumni gave me valuable insights for my career. Overall, it expanded my knowledge and network, which will help in my future work."*

"Based on the learned theories and experiences of developed countries, it is possible to use the acquired knowledge in one's own country.

I would like to mention our visits to JETRO headquarters, Yokohama Customs, schools, Chiba Prefectural Office were also very useful for each of us. I would like to say Japan has a special place in my heart."

- IDEAS Alumni

Grade Evaluation

- (1) Attendance rate: 85% or higher
- (2) Scores for the following: 60 points or higher out of 100 points.
 - Mini Thesis (only for Course A)
 - Report Assignments
- * Academic violations such as plagiarism in reports will be severely judged in the evaluation.
- * Successful Fellows who complete the above conditions will be awarded Certificate in International Studies.

