

Data 3-3-3 Activities Related to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

(As of Sep. 30, 2017)

February 2007	Prepared a JFBA written statement on the UPR (submitted to the 4th session of the Human Rights Council).
February 2008	Prepared a JFBA report for the Summary of the Human Rights Situation in Japan to be prepared by the UN Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights.
March 2008	Prepared a JFBA written statement “Universal Periodic Review: Review of Japan and Modalities of the Universal Periodic Review” (submitted to the 8th session of the Human Rights Council).
February 2011	Prepared a JFBA written statement on the UPR for review by the UN Human Rights Council (submitted to the 16th session of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))
April 2012	Prepared a JFBA report for the “Summary of the Human Rights Situation in Japan” to be prepared by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.
March 2017	Prepared a JFBA report for the “Summary of the Human Rights Situation in Japan” to be prepared by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.
September 2017	Held a briefing for foreign embassies in Japan about the JFBA’s opinion regarding the UPR

3.2. International Cooperation

3.2.1. Past and Current JFBA Assistance Projects for Bar Associations in Developing Countries (by Country)

Data 3-3-4 Past and Current JFBA Assistance Projects for Bar Associations in Developing Countries

(As of Jul. 1, 2017)

Cambodia	
The JFBA’s legal technical assistance in Cambodia has the longest history in its assistance activities. Specific activities conducted are as follows:	
1996-2000	The JFBA cooperated in the 1st through 5th Cambodia Justice Training Sessions organized by the JICA.
1999 to date	The JFBA has dispatched its members to the Ministry of Justice of Cambodia (10 in total, including 9 nominated by the JFBA) on a continuous basis to provide support in drafting the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure of Cambodia. Some JFBA members have been participating in the JICA’s support committees in Japan, such as the committee for drafting the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure of Cambodia, and the committee for the civil education improvement project on the training of judges and prosecutors in Cambodia. The JFBA also dispatches instructors when training programs for Cambodian attorneys are held in Japan by the JICA or the Research and Training Institute of the Ministry of Justice.
Oct. 2000	The JFBA conducted a seminar for Cambodian attorneys.
2001-2002	The JFBA applied to the JICA small-scale partner program to conduct a project of legal and judicial cooperation for the Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia (BAKC) (such as training seminars for attorneys and proposals for a legal aid system)
2002-2005	The JFBA was entrusted and conducted a JICA partner program to provide assistance for the BAKC (such as assistance for the Lawyers’ Training Center and provision of continuous legal education and gender training programs for attorneys).
2007-2010	The JFBA was entrusted and conducted a JICA project to provide legal technical assistance to the BAKC (such as assistance for the Lawyer’s Training Center, provision of continuous legal education programs for attorneys, and gender training). From 2008-2010, the JFBA sent a member to Cambodia as a JICA long-term expert.
2012 to date	The JFBA has been holding a special lecture on an annual basis at the Cambodian Lawyers’ Training Center, sending its members to the site.

Vietnam

Since 1995, the JFBA has been involved in JICA projects for supporting improvement of the legal system, including amendment of the Civil Code and other legislation, conducting training for legal education, and providing support to the bar association. Specifically, the JFBA members have been participating in a JICA support group in Japan and a total of nine JFBA members have been sent to Vietnam as JICA long-term experts. In addition, many JFBA members participated in JICA seminars in Vietnam and training programs in Japan as instructors.

In May 2009, with the help of the JFBA, the first integrated national bar association in Vietnam was established. Since 2009, entrusted by the JICA, the JFBA has been inviting members, etc. of the Vietnam Bar Federation and conducting training programs regarding the organizational operations of the bar association and the enhancement of the capacity of attorneys.

Laos

The JFBA conducted research on judicial issues in Laos in May 2000. Based on the results, the JFBA is providing assistance as follows:

The JFBA cooperated in a JICA legal technical assistance project and enhancement of fostering legal professional project for Laos, and seven JFBA members, four as short-term experts and three as long-term experts, were sent to Laos. Another JFBA member has also been working in Laos since July 2010 as a long-term expert. In addition, the JFBA sent its members as instructors in response to a request from the Research and Training Institute of the Ministry of Justice for its seminars in Laos. However, the number of attorneys in Laos is still around 200. Since 2012, with a grant from the Toshiba International Foundation, a public interest incorporated foundation, the JFBA has been conducting support activities, such as holding conferences on the enhancement of access to justice and fostering legal professionals, conducting training programs in Laos, as well as in Japan, by inviting members of the Laos Bar Association to Japan.

Mongolia

The JFBA sent a total of two members to Mongolia as JICA long-term experts; one as a JICA advisor to Mongolia from 2004 to 2006 and the other for a project to strengthen the functions of the Association of Mongolian Advocates (AMA) from 2006 to 2008. Specifically, they assisted in enhancing the Conciliation Center of the AMA including training programs in Japan. In addition, a number of members have been sent as short-term experts to seminars conducted in Mongolia. A JFBA member had been sent to Mongolia as a JICA long-term expert from 2010 to 2015 under the mediation system enhancement project (Phases 1 & 2) for supporting the establishment of a mediation system in the courts of first instance in Mongolia. In the meantime, entrusted by the JICA, the JFBA invites judicial officials to participate in training programs regarding the mediation system. Since 2013, a group of a dozen Mongolian attorneys who are members of the AMA have come to Japan at their own expense to participate in lectures, site tours, and social programs prepared mainly by the JFBA Committee on International Relations.

Indonesia

A JFBA member has been working in Indonesia since 2007 for a JICA project to assist in enhancing settlement and mediation systems in Indonesia. He is drafting rules concerning settlement and mediation while collaborating with local counterparts including the Supreme Court as well as providing training for mediators. A JFBA member was sent to the JICA Indonesia Office as a planning designer from 2003 to 2004. Further, some JFBA members have participated in the support committee in Japan for the JICA project, which commenced in 2015, regarding intellectual property protection and increasing legal consistency in order to improve the business environment.

China

The JFBA has sent a total of two members to China as JICA long-term experts. The JFBA also sent commissioners in a project aimed at cooperating to bring about improvements to China's Code of Civil Procedure and arbitration system, which was conducted from 2007 to 2010. Further, a number of JFBA members have worked as JICA short-term experts in the project for formulating business and corporate laws, which was conducted from 2004 to 2009. In addition, a JFBA member has become a member of the study group on the Civil Procedure Law of China in relation to the JICA's Improvement of Civil Procedure Law and Arbitration Law Project. Currently, the JFBA is sending one of its members as a commissioner to a study group reviewing China's Code of Civil Procedure and laws related to the civil law.

Nepal

The JFBA has been cooperating in JICA's seminars on the Civil Code and other relevant laws in Nepal, under which three members have been sent to Nepal as advisors on legal technical assistance since July 2010. A JFBA member, currently the third person to do so, has also been working in Nepal since September 2013 as a JICA long-term expert for JICA's Project for Strengthening the Capacity of the Court in Nepal.

Uzbekistan

The JFBA has sent a member to Uzbekistan as a JICA long-term expert to help draft the commentary on the insolvency law so that judges dealing with bankruptcy cases can interpret and apply insolvency law in an integrated and consistent manner.

Myanmar

A JFBA member has been sent to Myanmar as a JICA long-term expert (*) since 2014, and such member has been engaged in providing support for improving the capacity for drafting and reviewing legislation, and for developing human resources.

Cote d'Ivoire

A JFBA member was sent to Cote d'Ivoire as a JICA long-term expert (*) from 2014 to 2017, and such member worked on developing human resources in the field of criminal justice, as well as on improving access to justice for citizens in eight French-speaking African countries.

*: Not nominated by the JFBA

3.2.2. JICA Long-Term Experts Achievement

The JFBA has been engaging in international cooperation since 1994 and sending instructors to seminars organized by various domestic organizations that invite overseas trainees and also dispatching attorneys to countries such as Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia, Mongolia, China, and Nepal as JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) long-term experts. Data 3-1-5 and 3-1-6 below show the detailed achievements in the JFBA's dispatching of JICA long-term experts.

Data 3-3-5 JICA Long-Term Experts (Fiscal 2007- 2017.7.1)

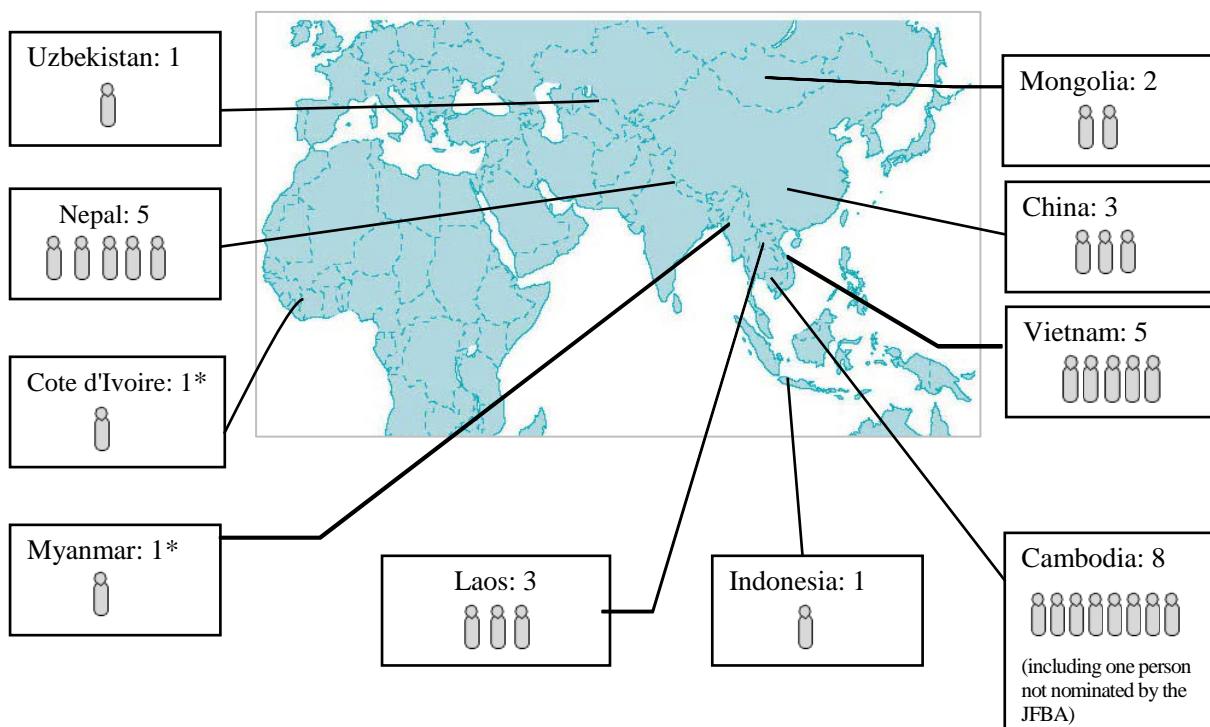
Term	Country	Activity
Apr. 2006 - Oct. 2007	Uzbekistan	Assist in drafting the commentary on the insolvency law
Mar. 2007 - Mar. 2009	Indonesia	Enhancing the settlement and mediation system (amendments to the rules of the Supreme Court on its mediation system, provided advice to improve training curricula for mediators)
Apr. 2007 - Mar. 2009	Vietnam	Assist in reforming the legal system (mainly laws on civil execution, real property registration, and security transaction registration), and advise on judicial reforms (establishment of a national federation of bar associations)
Sep. 2007 - Sep. 2008	Cambodia	Legal technical assistance (with a focus on improving laws and regulations related to the Civil Code and coordination of donors engaging in drafting other related laws)
Apr. 2008 - Oct. 2010	China	Assist with improving the Civil Procedure Law, the Arbitration Law, and other laws related to civil affairs (meetings with the National People's Congress and advice upon request)
May 2008 - Jun. 2010	Cambodia	Assist the Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia (to improve the operation of the Lawyers' Training Center and its training materials)
Mar. 2009 - Mar. 2011	Cambodia	Assist in drafting laws and regulations (mainly drafting laws and regulations related to the Civil Code and the Civil Procedure Code and coordination of other donors)
May 2009 - Mar. 2011	Vietnam	Assist with judicial reforms related to the interests of attorneys (advice on how to work with counter partners, workshops, etc.)
Mar. 2010 - Mar. 2012	Cambodia	Assist in drafting laws associated with the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure
May 2010 - Dec. 2015	Mongolia	Mediation System
Jul. 2010 - Jul. 2016	Laos	Civil law /Judicial reform

Term	Country	Activity
Jul. 2010 - Sep. 2013	Nepal	Advisor on legal technical assistance
Jan. 2011 - Oct. 2013	China	The Civil Procedure Law and laws related to Chinese civil affairs
Mar. 2011 - Mar. 2012	Vietnam	Enhancing the capacity of attorneys / Assisting in drafting laws
Mar. 2011 - Mar. 2013	Cambodia	Development of human resources / Assisting in drafting laws and regulations/ Conducting practical operations of civil law
Nov. 2012 - Mar. 2014	Vietnam	Enhancing the capacity of attorneys / Assisting in drafting laws
Mar. 2013 - Mar. 2016	Cambodia	Development of human resources (Conducting practical operations of civil law)
Apr. 2013 - Mar. 2014	Cambodia	Development of human resources (Conducting practical operations of civil law)*
Sep. 2013 - Sep. 2015	Nepal	Enhancing court capacity (Management of cases / Mediation)
Sep. 2013 - Sep. 2015	Nepal	Advisor on legal technical assistance
Jan. 2014 - Nov. 2016	Myanmar	Drafting and reviewing legislation, legal advice, human resource development*
Mar. 2014 - Mar. 2018	Vietnam	Assisting in drafting laws / Enhancing the capacity of attorneys
Jun. 2014 - Jun. 2016	China	Advisor on legal technical assistance
Oct. 2014 - Oct. 2016	Laos	Civil and economic-related laws / Judicial reform
Dec. 2014 - Dec. 2016	Cote d'Ivoire	Legal advisor*
Sep. 2015 - Mar. 2017	Nepal	Strengthening the capacity of the courts (Chief Advisor)
Sep. 2015 - Aug. 2017	Nepal	Advisor on legal technical assistance
Mar. 2016 - Mar. 2017	Cambodia	Development of human resources (Conducting practical operations of civil law)*
Oct. 2016- Jul. 2018	Laos	Civil and economic-related laws / Judicial reform
My 2017- May 2018	Myanmar	Long-term expert for legal technical support project

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Data 3-3-6 JICA Long-Term Experts (Total by Country)

(As of July 1, 2017)



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