

## JICA Co-creation & Innovation Program “QUEST” 2026 – Idea Application Form

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- Only one application per one proposal is allowed. If you have multiple proposals, please fill out a separate application form for each proposal.
  - Idea application period: April 1 (Wed)–23:59(JST) May 31 (Sun), 2026.
  - Application guidelines : <https://quest.jica.go.jp/en/>
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1. Name
2. Email address
3. Email address (Confirm)
4. Phone number (digits only, no hyphens)
5. Gender
6. Organization name
7. Organization address
8. Organization website
9. Please select the category of your organization.
  - For-profit company (301 or more employees)
  - For-profit company (300 or fewer employees)
  - Startup
  - Financial institution
  - University
  - Technical college
  - Research institution
  - International organization
  - Central government · Government ministries and agencies
  - Local government
  - Public interest or external organization
  - Civil society organization (CSO)
  - Independent administrative agency (excluding JICA)
  - JICA alumni
  - JOCV · OV
  - Other
10. If you are companies, please select your industry. If not, please select “Not applicable.”
  - Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

- Mining
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Electricity and Gas
- Transportation and Information and Communications
- Commerce (Wholesale/Retail)
- Finance and Insurance
- Real Estate
- Services
- Not applicable
- Other

11. Name of Department

12. Position/title

- Executive • Board Member
- Manager
- General Staff • Employee
- Other

(If you have co-proposers, please fill in items 13–24.)

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25. If more co-applicants apply jointly, please list all company/organization names.
26. Please select the JICA co-creation theme that you address in QUEST. If none, select “Other.”
- Development of a model for new industry creation in Bhutan leveraging digital health platform
  - Utilizing Cultural Heritage /Cultural Resources in Peacebuilding Cooperation
  - City of Lusaka, Zambia: Open call for ideas on low-cost waste recycling and valorization, and on simple fecal sludge treatment and utilization technologies
  - Leveraging technologies and know-how to reduce environmental impacts associated with mine development

- Establishing a local production and supply system for medical and assistive devices using 3D printing
- Toward solving common issues in domestic and international water supply
- Promoting Women’s Health in Pakistan through Japan–Pakistan Gender-Smart Business Co-creation
- Digital Solutions for Asia's Forgotten Refugee Crisis
- Utilizing AI and Smart Solutions for NCDs Surveillance and Risk Identification in Laos
- Waste to Fine Chemicals: The Black Soldier Fly Bio-Engine
- Mina Connect / Open Data & AI-Driven Labour Intelligence for Gabon
- Sustainable Use of Fishery Resources towards the promotion of Blue-Economy
- Advancing Sustainable Smart Cities in Developing Countries Through Satellite Data Utilization
- Linking frontier technologies from academia with the business challenges that matter
- Improving Access to Continuum of Maternal and Child Care Services in Pakistan through Digital Transformation
- Patient- and family-friendly hospital space
- Mongolian Dinosaur Revival —Transforming the Dormant Resources of the South Gobi into Drivers of Tourism and Regional Economic Growth
- Building a fun waste sorting system through game-like approach
- Strengthening Value Chain between Central Asia and Japan Aiming to Promote the Distribution of Developed and improved Products
- Demonstrating a Community-Driven Model for Sustainable Natural Resource Management and Upgrading Local Value Chains
- No littering campaign
- Sanitary Toilets for Healthier People and Vibrant Cities
- Improving access to continuous care services for patients at risk of chronic kidney disease (CKD) in El Salvador through digital transformation (DX)
- Learning Design Lab for Foundational Math & Science
- Measuring the Social Impact of Sport and Development
- Other

27. Please provide the title of this co-creation proposal (“the proposal”)

28. Please indicate the target area(s) (multiple selections allowed).

- Japan
- Southeast Asia

- East Asia (excluding Japan)
- Central Asia and the Caucasus
- South Asia
- Africa
- Central America and the Caribbean
- North America
- South America
- Oceania
- Middle East
- Europe

29. Please specify the target countries.
30. Please describe the mission you aim to achieve through this proposal (e.g., Create a world where all pregnant and postpartum women can give birth and raise children with appropriate environment).
31. Please define the target customers/beneficiaries for this proposal (e.g., pregnant and postpartum women in the country).
32. Please state the size of the target customer/beneficiary population (e.g., 1,000,000 people).
33. Please explain the rationale for targeting these customers/beneficiaries from the perspectives of cost-effectiveness, sustainability, impact, and equity (benefits to vulnerable groups).
34. If socially vulnerable groups (e.g., women, children) are also targeted, please specify the groups and their estimated size. \*If not applicable, please enter "None."
35. Please describe the challenge the proposal aims to solve and its background in at least 100 words. (e.g., In country XXX, the low quality of primary education is a major issue. The main reason of this issues is that many children, especially girls are made to help with household chores, which leads to widespread chronic absenteeism)."
36. Please describe the content of the proposal in at least 100 words. (e.g., A business is to provides a safe, controlled VR-based training environment to enable healthcare workers such as physicians and nurses in rural areas of developing countrie to acquire the necessary skills).
37. Please explain why the proposal will be effective in solving the identified challenge. (e.g., Introducing Parent Teacher Association into primary schools will create communication channels between schools and parents and opportunities for household-level intervention, thereby reducing truancy).
38. Please describe the changes or benefits the proposal will bring to

customers/beneficiaries.

39. Please tell us about the novelty of the proposal.
  - It is a new approach for society.
  - It is not new for society, but it is a new approach within international cooperation.
  - It is not a new approach for either society or international cooperation.
40. If you selected “It is a new approach”, Please describe the novelty compared to conventional methods and services in international cooperation. \*If you selected “It is not a new approach,” please enter “None.”
41. Please select the option that best describes the status of social implementation in international cooperation for the proposal.
  - Not yet implemented in international cooperation
  - Effectiveness has been partially verified
  - On the verge of implementation
  - Already implemented
42. Please describe the new value this proposal is expected to create in the field of international cooperation.
43. If you already hold any patents you plan to utilize in the proposal, please describe them. \*If not applicable, please enter “None”.
44. If there are any patents you plan to obtain/apply for in the proposal, please describe them. \*If not applicable, please enter “None”.
45. If there are any particularly unique aspects of the proposal, please describe them.
46. Please select the assets of your company/organization that you expect to utilize in the proposal.
  - Talent (e.g., research, development/design, planning, operations, sales, marketing)
  - Know-how (e.g., knowledge of challenges in the business domain, business models)
  - Networks/connections (e.g., networks in relevant business domains, business model know-how)
  - Research institutions
  - Production facilities
  - Technology
  - Services/products
  - Industrial property (patents, trademark registrations)
  - Customer base
  - Sales channels (e.g., branches, agent locations, online sites)

- Global network
  - Customer support functions (e.g., call center)
  - Data
  - Media platforms/outlets
  - Testbed/venues for pilot demonstrations
  - Fundraising support (e.g., support for equity finance, debt finance)
  - Other
47. Please provide details of the categories selected above.(e.g., providing pilot demonstration venues at commercial facilities or supermarkets; a membership organization of approximately 20 million people).
48. Please select the JICA assets that you expect to utilize in the proposal.
- Network with government agencies and NGOs
  - Network with the private sector, universities, and research institutions
  - Network with JICA staff and experts
  - Opportunities to collaborate with JICA projects
  - Insights into development and social issues
  - Insights into local markets, systems/institutions, and consumers/residents
  - Access to local information and support for information gathering
  - Local trust and reputation
  - Support for business development and PoC promotion
  - Support for fundraising · Financing
  - PR and communication opportunities
  - JICA brand
  - Other
49. Please provide details of the categories selected above.
50. In the proposal, please describe what kinds of synergies could be generated with JICA through the utilization of these assets (e.g., leveraging JICA's local networks and expertise in the XXX theme and combining them with Japan's research seeds in our XXX domain to develop a new XXX business in country XXX).
51. After the QUEST program ends, please describe the expected size of the customer/beneficiary base in three years. For projects targeting companies or governments, please state the scale of end users/beneficiaries (e.g., We plan to serve 1,000 people in the first year and expect 1,000,000 people by the third year).
52. Looking three years beyond the end of QUEST, please describe your business development policy and the steps to realization in at least 100 Words(e.g., In the near term, we will test hypotheses at XXX sites; in the second half of year one we expect to

surpass break-even and move toward commercialization; by year three we plan to conduct business activities at a local base). Please enter your answer.

53. To achieve this, please describe your fundraising (capital raising) policy for post-PoC business development after QUEST.
  - Investment (equity)
  - Loans (debt financing)
  - Grants • subsidies
  - Donations
  - Revenue from our company • organization
  - Other
54. Please describe the approximate amount and timing of the fundraising you are considering.
55. Please tell us the current status of this proposal's consideration.
  - At the idea stage
  - Validation • testing has begun
  - Near commercialization
  - Concrete results are emerging (e.g., revenue or measurable impact)"
56. If "concrete results are emerging," please describe the details (e.g., annual revenue scale, etc.). \*If not applicable, please write "None."
57. For implementing the proposal, please describe your company's relevant experience, expertise, and track record.
58. Including past and present, has this proposal (or a proposal with the same intent) been selected for any other programs or grants?
  - Yes
  - No
59. If "Yes," please provide the program/grant name, funding period, and amount. \*If "No," please enter "None."
60. For this PoC, please describe in at least 100 Words what you plan to validate (validation items, methods, and period) (e.g., Validation items: Customer evaluation of our product. Methods: Conduct a product trial with 100 residents in XXX Prefecture, XXX Country, and analyze usability via an online questionnaire and on-site field research. Validation period: 3 months).
61. Please describe which specific parts of your post-PoC business development and fundraising policy the above validation will address.
62. Please enter the amount you plan to apply for as a PoC grant (maximum: 3,000,000 yen).

63. Please select the expense items you are considering as uses of funds (multiple selections allowed). For details on eligible items, please refer to the application guidelines on the website. Selected organizations will be asked to submit a separate detailed plan.
- Travel and transportation costs (domestic and international airfare)
  - Personnel costs for the design and development of systems • services
  - Per diem and lodging
  - Domestic transportation within Japan
  - Vehicle-related costs
  - Special hired labor costs
  - Equipment costs
  - Miscellaneous expenses
  - Indirect costs
  - Other
64. Please describe in more detail how you will use the main expense items selected above.
65. If selected for QUEST, including co-proposers, how many people are expected to be involved?
66. Combining the time of all participants, how much time per week can be devoted to QUEST?
- Less than 5 hours
  - 5 to less than 10 hours
  - 10 to less than 20 hours
  - 20 to less than 35 hours
  - 35 hours or more"
67. Please describe the expertise and experience of each person involved.
68. Do you have your own budget for this co-creation project?
- Yes
  - No
69. If "Yes," please tell us the amount. \*If "No," please write "None."
70. For joint proposals involving two or more organizations, please select the co-proposers' assets (multiple selections allowed).
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72. For joint proposals involving two or more organizations, please describe in at least 100 words how the proposers will utilize each other's assets. (e.g., Combining Company A's know-how and R&D capabilities in the XXX business with Company B's local network for the XXX business in Kenya to create synergies such as XXX). Please enter your answer."
73. How did you learn about "QUEST 2026"?
- Direct/individual outreach from JICA
  - Email notice from the QUEST Secretariat (including notices from Deloitte)
  - JICA Business Co-Creation Platform email newsletter
  - Information from a QUEST first-cohort participant/alumni
  - QUEST website
  - Notice from another organization (other than JICA or Deloitte)
  - Notice from a regional partner (Tokyo, Aichi, Fukuoka, other regions)
  - Social media (LinkedIn, Facebook)
  - Peatix
  - PR TIMES
  - Other
74. Regarding the option selected above, please specify the exact medium or the

person/organization through which you learned about QUEST2026. (\*Form branching)

75. If you have, or believe you may have, any financial relationship, employment relationship, or other conflict-of-interest relationship with the Deloitte Tohmatsu Group, which is a contractor for JICA and QUEST, please describe the details. Depending on the content, we may follow up with additional questions. Thank you for your understanding.
76. Regarding Handling of Personal Information / Notes