

1. BACKGROUND OF THE PROGRAM:

The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS) is an organization for human resources development in developing countries to promote technical cooperation through training, experts dispatch and other programs. Through those programs, we aim at contributing to the mutual economic growth of developing countries and Japan as well as enhancing friendly relations among those countries.

AOTS was established in 1959 with the support of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (which is the present Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry: METI) as Japan's first technical cooperation organization on a private sector basis. More than 186,000 individuals from 171 countries have undergone our training in Japan, while the cumulative attendance at our overseas programs till the end of fiscal 2016 exceeded 199,000.

The Executive Program on Corporate Management (EPCM) is designed as one of AOTS's flagship courses for all the developing countries to learn business management/administration techniques and their underlying ways of thinking which are characteristics of Japanese companies. It was first organized in 1983 to improve the managerial capabilities of corporate executives in developing countries, and the 39th program will be held this year.

2. COUNTRY:

Please refer to the List of Target Countries and Regions.

(<http://www.aots.jp/jp/ikusei/files/taishokoku.pdf>)

NOTE: The general-purposed web page enlists China, which is not a target country of this program.

3. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

25 participants

4. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

Participants should have the following qualifications.

- (1) Participants should be, in principle, director-level senior executives who have overall responsibility for their organizational management.
- (2) Participants should be, in principle, 30 years old or above with three years or more of business experience.
- (3) Participants should be university graduates and/or have equivalent professional experience.
- (4) Participants should have a sufficient working knowledge of English.
- (5) Participants should be healthy enough to undergo an intensive training program in Japan.
- (6) Participants should be residing in the developing countries and/or regions.
- (7) Participants should not be students or armed forces personnel.
- (8) Former participants of AOTS management training programs (ODA-funded and CRTP programs) organized in Japan are not entitled to apply for any program which starts within six months (183 days) after they returned home.

Notes:

- (1) Participants shall attend all the events in the curriculum provided for each management training program.
- (2) Family members are not allowed to accompany participants on their journey in Japan.
- (3) Participants shall not request AOTS to arrange, nor arrange by themselves, any additional programs, and shall leave Japan and return to their home country soon after the completion of the program.
- (4) In the case of applications from other than Japanese-affiliated companies or local companies that hold local capital, the priority for selection becomes lower.
- (5) Those who work in the national government (agency) or the local government (agency) are not eligible to participate in the AOTS management training programs, since the programs are mainly targeted at the people working in the companies/organizations in the private sector.
- (6) The number of participants from the same host company in Japan or the same sending company from overseas may be limited if there are more applicants than AOTS can accept.