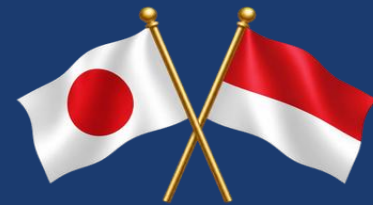




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Fukuoka × Indonesia Entrepreneurship Program

Application Guidelines

[Apply Here!](#)

Deadline:
September 23, 2026



01 Program Overview

This global entrepreneurship program invites Fukuoka-area students interested in entrepreneurship and social/industrial challenges to team up with Indonesian local students in Indonesia.

After refining ideas online, participants travel to Jakarta for an on-site hackathon*, exchanges with local companies and universities, and visit to startups — taking their first step toward becoming global entrepreneurs.



Program Period: Mid-October to November 2026



Number of Participants: 8

Total of 16 participants forming 4 cross-border teams (Japan & Indonesia)



Eligibility: Vocational, undergraduate, and graduate students with an interest in social problem-solving or entrepreneurship (open to all majors and nationalities)



Language: English (no interpretation provided)



Participation Fee: Free

(see [Section 04: Participation Fee](#) for details)

Why Join?

1. A Hands-On, End-to-End Startup Program

Go through the full startup journey - from problem definition to prototyping and market validation - everything an entrepreneur needs. It's a great opportunity to develop the mindset needed to succeed on the world stage in the future.

2. A Global Community

8 Japanese students, 8 Indonesian students, one team. You'll learn together, hack together, and walk away with friends for life.

3. Strong Government Support

Program fees, travel expenses, and accommodation are fully supported, so you can focus on making the most of the program.

*Hackathon:

A term combining “Hack” (creative development and problem-solving) and “Marathon” (sustained, focused effort). It refers to an event in which participants form teams and, within a limited timeframe, move from idea generation to prototyping and then present their results.

02 Why Indonesia?



Average age: 30. With more than half the population under 30, Indonesia is bursting with youthful energy! It's also home to **280 million citizens**, making it **Southeast Asia's largest** economy and market.

Simultaneously, Indonesia faces a range of social challenges quite different from Japan's — and that is precisely where enormous business opportunities are emerging, making it an ideal stage for aspiring entrepreneurs.

This program, held in such a dynamic country, is a great opportunity to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with local students and develop your ideas to test in the market. If you're thinking about starting a business and ready to take your first step onto the global stage, there is no better place to start than Indonesia.



Image of Jakarta City

03 Program Structure

Program Partner: The program will be delivered by a local support organization with extensive knowledge and experience in Indonesia's startup ecosystem. This information will be updated once the program partner is confirmed.

Program details are subject to change

STEP 1 Domestic Program (Online)

- **Dates: October 12 – October 28**
- **Sessions: 5 in total, 1.5–2hrs. each**
(Dates are to be announced)

Details

Day 1: Kickoff & Team Formation

Day 2: Market Analysis & Ideation

Day 3: Problem Deep-Dive & Targeting

Day 4: Solution & Development Design

Day 5: Final Preparation for Travel

* Teams and themes are assigned by JETRO based on submitted info. Each team also gets up to 3 mentoring sessions.



STEP 2 On-Site Program (Jakarta)

- **Dates: October 31 – November 3**
- **Sessions: 4 full days**
- **Location: Jakarta, Indonesia**

Details

• Hackathon (3 days)

Day 1,2:

On-site validation & product refinement

Day 3:

Pitch preparation & Demo Day

• Visits & Networking (1 day)

Day 4:

On-site ecosystem visits & global networking



STEP 3 Follow-Up Program (Online)

- **Dates: November 4 – November 30**
- **Sessions: 3 in total**
(Dates are to be announced)

Details

Day 1,2:

• Team followup sessions
(40 min × 2 sessions/team)

Day 3:

• Online final presentation
(90 min, all participants)

04 Participation Fee

Covered by JETRO

- ✓ Program participation fee
- ✓ Round-trip airfare and accommodation (provided by JETRO; participants cannot choose the arrangements)
- ✓ Express train/ Shinkansen ticket to the domestic airport (for eligible participants)

***1 Cancellations are not permitted for any reason once travel arrangements have been finalized.** If JETRO incurs any cancellation or change fees for accommodation, these costs must be covered by the participant.

***2** Participants must submit their airline ticket stubs to JETRO, or provide a photo of them.

***3** If participants wish to take a detour or extend their stay, they must cover the cost of their airfare.

Participant's Responsibility

- ✓ Passport / Visa application fees
- ✓ Domestic transportation costs to the airport, other than those listed on the left
- ✓ Local transportation, meals, and communication costs at the destination
- ✓ Overseas travel insurance
- ✓ All other costs not listed under “Covered by JETRO”

1. Be a student aged 18 or older enrolled in a vocational school, university, or graduate school in Fukuoka or nearby region.
(All nationalities are welcome.)
2. Have sufficient English skill to attend lectures and communicate in English.
3. Have an interest in solving social issues or entrepreneurship, and aspire to succeed on the global stage.
4. Hold a passport valid for **at least 6 months beyond the travel period**. If you do not currently hold one, apply promptly upon notification of selection.
5. Be able to attend the **full program** schedule.
6. Agree to the consent form sent upon selection, and be able to cooperate with surveys conducted by the program office.
7. **Complete entry visa and overseas travel insurance procedures at least two weeks before departure**, and submit proof to the program office.
8. Satisfy all of the following:
 - a. Not be involved in any litigation or legal compliance issues
 - b. Neither the applicant nor any officer of their affiliated organization is a member of an anti-social force (e.g., organized crime group)
 - c. Has no relationship with antisocial forces and has not received funding or investment from them
 - d. The application does not concern a business that raises public order or morality concerns
 - e. The application does not concern a business deemed socially inappropriate as a use of public funds — specifically, an “amusement business” as defined in Article 2 of the Act on Control and Improvement of Amusement Businesses, etc. (Act No. 121 of 1948), pertaining to the proposed application.

06 Notes

- Application with incomplete submission materials may be considered invalid.
- JETRO may contact the applicant to confirm details of the entry.
- Cancellations for personal reasons are not accepted under any circumstances. If a cancellation occurs after the selection notice has been sent, participant may be required to cover part of the costs JETRO has incurred in preparing for his/her participation.
- If participant wish to change the accommodation dates or airfare while in Indonesia, participant will be responsible for the all incurred cost.
- Please note that JETRO may decide to postpone or cancel this program due to changes in local conditions, war, political instability, natural disasters, infectious disease outbreaks, or other special circumstances. JETRO will not compensate for any costs or losses arising from such changes or cancellation.
- Personal information provided may be shared with parties involved in the program — including JETRO, participant's university, the Indonesian program partner, and relevant government bodies — for the purpose of implementing the program.
- JETRO may issue press releases and carry out publicity activities related to this program (including photos and social media posts), which may make participant information public. Thank you for your understanding.
- To help track program outcomes, please be sure to respond to any surveys conducted by JETRO. Participant will also be asked to report on the progress during the support period and for a certain time afterward.

Please review [05 Eligibility Requirements \(P.6\)](#) before applying and complete your application by **[September 23, 2026]**, following the application steps below.

Application Steps



Submit Application Form

Please submit your purpose for participating, areas of interest, etc. via the [application form](#).



First-time applicant must complete a free "Customer Information Registration."



[Self-intro video required \(P9\)](#)



Screening & Selection

The program office will review the information you submit. If there are a large number of applications, applicants may be invited to a 10-minute interview.



Selection Results & Consent Form Submission

Selected participants will receive a Participation Consent Form along with their result notification. Please sign and submit it.

Evaluation Criteria



Motivation & Enthusiasm

Clear motivation and sense of purpose for joining the program



Language & Communication Skills

Able to attend lectures and communicate in English



Growth Potential

Willing to grow through participation in the program



Team Contribution & Collaboration

Able to contribute proactively to team activities



Global Entrepreneurial Mindset

Demonstrate an interest in starting a business with a view to expanding internationally in the future



About the Video Submission

- Video content:

Self-introduction (name, university, major, etc.), your motivation for applying, current interests, and any business idea you'd like to pursue (if you have one), etc.

- Length: approximately 3 minutes

- Language: English

How to Submit

Please share the link uploaded by you in the designated field of the application form.

*For Google Drive, OneDrive, and similar services, please set sharing permissions to “Anyone with the link can view.” If access is not configured correctly, the program office will be unable to view your video, which may result in disqualification.

◆ Notes on Your Video ◆

*Videos filmed on a smartphone are perfectly fine.

*Please make sure the video and audio are clear.

*AI-generated videos will result in disqualification.

*Once submitted, videos cannot be edited or replaced.

*We look forward to a video that show your personality!

Feel free to use props or your own original illustrations.



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