# THE ASSOCIATION FOR OVERSEAS TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP[AOTS]

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Program Outline &

Participation Requirements

of
The Program for Innovative Operations Management

[PIOM]

28 August – 15 September 2006

Yokohama, Japan

#### 1. BACKGROUND OF THE PROGRAM:

AOTS - the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship - is a non-profit association run with Japanese government subsidies from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). Since its establishment in 1959, AOTS has been conducting various technical and management training programs in Japan for the people of developing countries. The total number of participants in past AOTS training programs amounts to almost 122,000 from about 170 developing countries and regions. These former participants are playing very important roles in industry and contributing greatly to the economic development of their respective countries.

At the request of former participants of AOTS training programs as well as the industrial and business circles in developing countries, and to meet the needs for human resource development in Japanese affiliated companies, AOTS has been organizing various training programs.

The Program for Innovative Operations Management (PIOM) is one of such management training programs, designed by AOTS to enhance production management capability in the industries of developing countries.

## 2. COUNTRY AND NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

25 participants

## 3. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

Participants should have the following qualifications in addition to meeting the other requirements specified in the AOTS Scholarship Rules and Regulations.

- (1) Participants should be, in principle, middle managers, supervisors, and/or engineers who are responsible for production management on the shop floor.
- (2) Participants should be between 25 and 60 years of age.
- (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 developing countries or regions.
- (7) Participants should not be students or armed forces personnel.

#### Notes:

- (1) AOTS ex-participants who have recently been awarded an AOTS Scholarship and participated in an AOTS training program in Japan are not entitled to apply for any program which starts within six months (183 days) after they have returned home from Japan.
- (2) Family members are not allowed to accompany the participants to 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) The Guarantee Letter, which is one of the invitation documents to be issued by AOTS, shall be used only for the purpose of obtaining a training visa and shall not be used for any other purposes, such as participants' business.

#### 4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applicants should apply to AOTS by submitting the following documents to reach AOTS Head Office no later than 8 May 2006.

- (1) AOTS Training Application Form, Applicant's Personal Record and Medical Check Sheet (AOTS official form)
- (2) 2 copies of a photo (4 cm x 3 cm)
- (3) Brochure of the applicant's company/organization
- (4) Photocopy of a passport, an election card, a driver's license or any other identification document issued by a public organization of the applicant's country containing, in Roman letters, the applicant's name in full, a photo of the applicant and his/her home address
- (5) Pre-Training Report
- (6) Consent Form of Overseas Travel Insurance

The application documents will be forwarded to the AOTS Screening Committee, which will be held on 22 June 2006, for official approval of participation. Those who have successfully passed the screening process will be notified when they receive the invitation documents.

Notes: If the number of participants is less than 13 as of 8 May 2006, AOTS may postpone or cancel this program.

#### 5. OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM:

#### - OBJECTIVES

The objective of the program is to enhance participants' problem-solving and decision-making capabilities as managers by acquainting them with the following:

- (1) Basic kaizen (continuous improvement) techniques, and
- (2) Effective production management systems.

#### - DURATION

28 August – 15 September 2006 (3 weeks)

### - CONTENTS

## Course Design

Step 1

Participants will be introduced to *kaizen* methods as well as the characteristics of the production management methods used in Japan. Participants will also hold discussions for problem/knowledge sharing among themselves.

# Step 2

Participants will learn how they can introduce and promote effective production management at their work sites. Topics covered will be Productive Maintenance (PM), Total Quality Management (TQM), Low Cost Automation, Supply Chain Management (SCM), and so on.

# Step 3

Participants will obtain practical experiences through in-plant exercise. They will also acquire the useful communication skill important to production managers. The final presentation will be organized to present the results of the training program and review of program contents.

A typical daily schedule consists of a 3-hour morning session and a 3-hour afternoon session. Some evening sessions may also be organized.

### Course Feature:In-Plant Exercises

An in-plant exercise has been designed to offer a unique opportunity for participants to grasp the comprehensive idea of *kaizen* methods and production management systems for productivity enhancement and to apply them in real-life settings. Participants will be divided into groups and guided by the instructors to observe the shop floor of a selected Japanese company and work out a *kaizen* proposal to improve productivity by applying what they have learnt in the course. The in-plant exercise will be completed with the group report presentation. The report will be submitted to the aforementioned company.

## - LANGUAGE

All lectures, company visits and exercises will be conducted in English or Japanese with translation into English. The program documents and training materials will be prepared in English.

# - PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Dr. Seiichi Fujita, Ph.D.

Professor, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University Kaizen Consultant Graduating from Keio University, Dr. Fujita received his Ph.D. from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He became associate professor at Nagoya Institute of Technology, and hen served as professor at Tennessee Technological University and the School of Management and Informatics, Sanno University. He has greatly contributed to the promotion of *kaizen* management and other production management practices at companies both in Japan and abroad.

#### Prof. Tatsuyuki Negoro

Chief-Director, Research Institute of Information Technology and Management Professor, Information Systems & Management School of Commerce and Graduate School of Commerce, Waseda University

Graduating from Kyoto University, Prof. Negoro received an M.B.A. from the Graduate School of Business Administration of Keio University. After working at a steel manufacturing company, he became a visiting researcher at Hull University in the U.K., and then took up a teaching position at Sanno University and Bunkyo University. He also teaches at the Graduate School of Business Administration of Keio University, and the Graduate School of the Tokyo Institute of Technology. At the same time, he is actively offering his guidance to corporate managers to promote IT management.

## - TRAINING LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATION

The program will be held at the following AOTS Training Center.

## **AOTS Yokohama Kenshu Center (YKC)**

5-1, Fukuura 1-chome, Kanazawa-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa 236-0004 Japan Tel: 81-45-786-1611 (Reception) Fax: 81-45-786-1625

Please refer to item 6 on page 5 for further information on accommodation.

# Tentative Schedule of The Program for Innovative Operations Management [PIOM]

28 August – 15 September 2006 AOTS Yokohama Kenshu Center

Date		Morning Session	Afternoon Session				
27 Aug. (Sun.)	(Arrival in Japan)	3					
28 (Mon.)	Orientation Opening Ceremony		Pre-Training Report Presentation				
29 (Tue.)		ent Methods Used in Japan-1 activities, ap	oplication in industry, 5S <i>kaizen</i>				
30 (Wed.)	-5S kaizen and proble	ent Methods Used in Japan-2 ms	Company Visit: Production Management Activities at a Japanese Company-1				
31 (Thu.)	-Kaizen in the JIT pro	ent Methods Used in Japan-3 duction system	Company Visit: Production Management Activities at a Japanese Company-2				
1 Sep. (Fri.)	LECTURE: TPM -Concept and meth promotion of PM	odology of PM, introduction and	Company Visit: Productive Maintenance				
2 (Sat.)	Day off						
(Sun.)	Day off						
4 (Mon.)	LECTURE: Cost Management -Principle of comparis	son, sunk cost, concept of efficiency	Exercise: Inventory Management				
5 (Tue.)	LECTURE: Promotion of TQM and the Role of Managers -Concept and methodology of TQM, introduction and promotion of TQM						
6 (Wed.)	LECTURE: Low Cost Automation -Background, charact	n eristics and principles, introduction and	application				
7 (Thu.)	LECTURE:	Supply Chain Management(SCM)	COMPANY VISIT: Low Cost Automation				
8 (Fri.)	LECTURE/EXERCISE Program for Changing	SE: g Behaviors (Skills for Managers) numunication skills, role play	Low Cost Automation				
9 (Sat.)	Day off						
10 (Sun.)	Day off						
11 (Mon.)		Introduction to the company, observ processes	ation of production site, understanding assigned products and				
12 (Tue.)		Studying the current situation, analysi	s, working out improvement proposals				
13 (Wed.)	In-Plant Exercise	Studying the current situation, analysi	is, working out improvement proposals				
14 (Thu.)		Writing report, presentation					
15 (Fri.)	Course Summary		Evaluation of the Program Closing Ceremony				
16 (Sat.)	(Departure from Japan)						

Remarks: (1) The above schedule is subject to change for the convenience of lecturers and cooperating companies, or for other unavoidable reasons.

- (2) Several group discussion sessions will be arranged in the evening.
- (3) Though Saturdays and Sundays are days off in general, lectures may be scheduled if deemed necessary.

#### 6. ACCOMMODATION:

During the training period, participants will be accommodated at an AOTS Kenshu Center. AOTS will provide a participant with accommodation in a single room to the value of \8,700 per day with meals (lunch, dinner and breakfast).

Please note that AOTS Kenshu Center Canteen will be closed on Sundays. The participant will receive \2,700 in cash per day for meals to cover this day.

Participants in principle are requested to arrive in Japan the day before the commencement of the training program and leave Japan the day after the final day of the program.

#### 7. TRAINING COSTS:

#### 1) Outline

AOTS training programs are financed by Official Development Assistance (ODA) subsidies from the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) together with the Participation Fee (Contributions from Participant) from the participants themselves.

Participants shall pay the Participation Fee (Contributions from Participant) in cash to AOTS after their arrival in Japan.

The Training Costs will vary in accordance with the actual airfare, and participants' staying days. Therefore, the Participation Fee will be finalized after their arrival in Japan.

The Estimate of the Participation Fee for Less Developed Countries (LDCs) and Least among Less Developed Countries (LDCs) is shown in Table 1-1 and 1-2.

#### **Notes:**

- (1) The amount and figures of Training Costs and Participation Fee in Fiscal Year 2006 (April 1, 2006 March 31, 2007) are subject to change slightly. This outline of Training Costs and Participation fee is tentative.
- (2) The subsidy from the Japanese government will be applicable from the day before the commencement of the training program to the final day of the training program in principle.

# 2) Breakdown

#### 1. Training Costs

The Training Costs are the total amount of expenses to invite a participant for the training program in Japan. It is the sum of (1) Allowance Costs, (2) Course Implementation Costs (3) Domestic Travel Allowance.

#### (1) Allowance Costs

#### International Travel Expenses

# Participants from China will not have their International Travel Expenses subsidized.

Participants will purchase their own round-trip air tickets, concerning which there are no restrictions pertaining to boarding class.

The subsidy from the Japanese government will cover the actual airfare up to the Standard Airfare Limits (the AOTS's Standard Airfare limits is shown in Table 2).

Please refer to "Guidelines for Purchase of Air Tickets by the Participant" for the arrangement and the method of reimbursement for details.

A participant is not allowed to overstay at city(ies) of a third country between participant home country and Japan by any reasons other than flight convenience. In such case, AOTS might not reimburse the International Travel Expenses to the participant.

# Accommodation and Meal Allowance

AOTS will provide a participant with accommodation to the value of \8,700 per day with meals (lunch, dinner and breakfast), while the participant stays at the AOTS Kenshu Center.

For the arrival day, AOTS will provide a participant with accommodation to the value of \7,900 per day with dinner and breakfast at the AOTS Kenshu Center.

During the in-plant exercise, a participant will receive in cash \9,800 per day for accommodation, and \2,700 per day for meals.

# Personal Allowance

AOTS will pay \1,200 per day in cash to a participant.

# (2) Course Implementation Costs

Course Implementation Costs, which is the cost to carry out a 3-week AOTS Management Training Program, is \500,000.

#### (3) Domestic Travel Allowance

AOTS will pay \8,920 in cash to a participant for the cost of travel between Narita Airport and AOTS Yokohama Kenshu Center (YKC).

\* The amount of the domestic travel allowance might be slightly changed due to seasonal rates.

## 2. Participation Fee (Contributions from Participant)

The Participation Fee, which consists of Contribution to Allowance Costs, Contribution to Course Implementation Costs and Contribution to AOTS's Administration Costs, is the amount participants should bear.

Each participant will be requested to pay the Participation Fee to AOTS in cash after his/her arrival in Japan.

- (1) The Contribution to Allowance Costs for the participants from Least Developed Countries (LDC) is 25% of the Allowance Costs. The Contribution to Allowance Costs is not set up for the participants from Least among Less Developed Countries (LLDC).
- (2) The Contribution to Course Implementation Costs is \164,000 for a 3-week AOTS Management Training Program.
- (3) The Contribution to AOTS's Administration Costs is \1,800 per day for the participants from LDC, and \1,000 per day for the participants from LLDC, and covers administrative expenses.

# 3. The Amount to be paid in cash to participants by AOTS

The subsidy for international travel expenses (when they are claimable for subsidy), Accommodation and Meal Allowance for the in-plant exercise (Each participant is requested to pay the accommodation and meals during the in-plant exercise from this Allowance.), Personal Allowance (1,200 x staying days) and Domestic Travel Allowance will be paid in cash as per Table 1 by AOTS to each participant after his/her arrival in Japan.

# [Table 1-1] Estimate of the Participation Fee for LDC

\* The amount and figures of Training Costs and Participation Fee in Fiscal Year 2006

# (April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007) is subject to change slightly. This estimate is tentative.

Country: Thailand

International Travel Expenses: Bangkok - Narita/Japan, Roundtrip

**Management Training Course: 3-week Course** 

# 1. Participation Fee (Contributions from Participant)

(Japanese Yen)

The amount mentioned below will be paid in cash by participant to AOTS after his/her arrival in Japan.

	With International	Without International
	Travel Expenses subsidy	Travel Expenses subsidy
(1) Contribution to Allowances Costs [A] x 0.25	65,575	52,150
(2) Contribution to Course Implementation Costs (3-week)	164,000	164,000
(3) Contribution to AOTS's Administration Costs		
$@ 1,800 \times 20 \text{ days} =$	36,000	36,000
Total	265,575	252,150

2. Training Costs	With International	Without International						
(1) Allowance Costs						Travel Expenses subsidy	Travel Expenses subsidy	
International Travel Expenses						53,700	0	*[1] (paid in cash)
Accommodation and Meal Allowances	<u>a</u>	7,900 x	1	day	=	7,900	7,900	(paid in kind)
at the AOTS Kenshu Center				(Arriv	al Day)			
	<u>a</u>	8,700 x	16	days	=	139,200	139,200	(paid in kind)
Personal Allowance	<u>a</u>	1,200 x	20	days	=	24,000	24,000	*[2] (paid in cash)
for the in-plant exercise								
Meal Allowance	<u>a</u>	2,700 x	3	days	=	8,100	8,100	*[3] (paid in cash)
Accommodation Allowance	<u>a</u>	9,800 x	3	days	=	29,400	29,400	*[3] (paid in cash)
Sub Total						262,300	208,600	[A]
(2) Course Implementation Costs (3-week course)					500,000	500,000		
(3) Domestic Travel Allowance	(Na	rita Airport	t - Yl	KC)		8,920	8,920	*[4] (paid in cash)
Total						771,220	717,520	

<sup>\*[1]</sup> The maximum amount of airfare claimable for subsidy to the air ticket's purchase. Air ticket will be purchased by participant. AOTS will subsidize the amount in accordance with rules & regulations.

# 3. The amount to be paid in cash to participant by AOTS

The amount mentioned below will be paid in cash by AOTS to participant after his/her arrival in Japan.

		With International	Without International
1) Allowances		Travel Expenses subsidy	Travel Expenses subsidy
(1) International Travel Expenses subsidy (provided if an air ticket and it	s receipt satify	53,700	0
required conditions; not provided if unsatifying conditions or for a free ticket)	*[1]		
(2) Personal Allowance	*[2]	24,000	24,000
	[SUM1]	77,700	24,000
2) Expenses during training course & Transportation			000000000000000000000000000000000000000
(1) Allowance for the in-plant exercise	*[3]	37,500	37,500
(Expenses to be spent for meals and accommodation by the participant during in-participant during durin	olant exerscise)		
(2) Domestic Travel Allowance in Japan	*[4]	8,920	8,920
(Expenses for a part of transportation fee between Int'l Airport in Japan and AOTS	Kenshu Center)		800
	[SUM2]	46,420	46,420
Total =[SUM1]+[SUM2]		124,120	70,420

# [Table 1-2] Estimate of the Participation Fee for LLDC

\* The amount and figures of Training Costs and Participation Fee in Fiscal Year 2006 (April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007) is subject to change slightly. This estimate is tentative.

**Country: Bangladesh** 

International Travel Expenses: Bangladesh - Narita/Japan, Roundtrip

**Management Training Course: 3-week Course** 

# 1. Participation Fee (Contributions from Participant)

(Japanese Yen)

The amount mentioned below will be paid in cash by participant to AOTS after his/her arrival in Japan.

	With International	Without International
	Travel Expenses subsidy	Travel Expenses subsidy
(1) Contribution to Allowances Costs [A] x 0	0	0
(2) Contribution to Course Implementation Costs (3-week)	164,000	164,000
(3) Contribution to AOTS's Administration Costs		
@ $1,000 \times 20 \text{ days} =$	20,000	20,000
Total	184,000	184,000

2. Training Costs	With International	Without International						
(1) Allowance Costs						Travel Expenses subsidy	Travel Expenses subsidy	
International Travel Expenses						93,200	0	*[1] (paid in cash)
Accommodation and Meal Allowances	<u>@</u>	7,900 x	1 (	day	=	7,900	7,900	(paid in kind)
at the AOTS Kenshu Center				(Arri	val Day)			
	<u>@</u>	8,700 x	16	days	=	139,200	139,200	(paid in kind)
Personal Allowance	<u>@</u>	1,200 x	20 d	days	=	24,000	24,000	*[2] (paid in cash)
for the in-plant exercise								
Meal Allowance	<u>@</u>	2,700 x	3 (	days	=	8,100	8,100	*[3] (paid in cash)
Accommodation Allowance	<u>@</u>	9,800 x	3 (	days	=	29,400	29,400	*[3] (paid in cash)
Sub Total						301,800	208,600	[A]
(2) Course Implementation Costs (3-w	æek o	course)				500,000	500,000	
(3) Domestic Travel Allowance	(Na	rita Airpor	t - Yk	(C)		8,920	8,920	*[4] (paid in cash)
Total						810,720	717,520	

<sup>\*[1]</sup> The maximum amount of airfare claimable for subsidy to the air ticket's purchase. Air ticket will be purchased by participant. AOTS will subsidize the amount in accordance with rules & regulations.

# 3. The amount to be paid in cash to participant by AOTS

The amount mentioned below will be paid in cash by AOTS to participant after his/her arrival in Japan.

		With International	Without International
1) Allowances		Travel Expenses subsidy	Travel Expenses subsidy
(1) International Travel Expenses subsidy (provided if an air ticket and it	ts receipt satify	93,200	0
required conditions; not provided if unsatifying conditions or for a free ticket)	*[1]		
(2) Personal Allowance	*[2]	24,000	24,000
	[SUM1]	117,200	24,000
2) Expenses during training course & Transportation			
(1) Allowance for the in-plant exercise	*[3]	37,500	37,500
(Expenses to be spent for meals and accommodation by the participant during in-	plant exercise)		
(2) Domestic Travel Allowance in Japan	*[4]	8,920	8,920
(Expenses for a part of transportation fee between Int'l Airport in Japan and AOT	S Kenshu Center)		
	[SUM2]	46,420	46,420
Total =[SUM1]+[SUM2]		163,620	70,420

# Table 2 Standard Airfare Limits (FY 2006)

\* Mark indicates the LLDC countries and region.

A: Total training days are 30 days or less. B: Total training days are 31 days or more. Unit: Japanese Yen

Α. 10		Place of	Place of					r more. Unit: J	apanese i en	
Area	Country	Departure	Arrival	A	В	Area	Country	Departure	A	В
	Indonesia	78,400	98,000		Argentina		168,700	295,300		
	* Cambodia	82,500	102,800		Uruguay		164,000	307,100		
	Singapore			48,900	90,800		Ecuador		167,800	314,400
	Bangkok Thailand Chiang Mai			53,700	76,200		El Salvado		146,600	274,600
<b>(</b> 2)	Thananu	Chiang Mai		56,900	80,700	 	Guatemala		146,600	274,600
ou		Cebu	Narita	59,000	72,600		Costa Rica	a	157,700	301,100
Southeast Asia		Ccou	Kansai	56,900	70,000	Q	Colombia		155,600	410,200
eas	Philippines		Chubu	58,100	81,700	Central and South America	Jamaica		196,600	368,200
t A	**	Manila	Narita	55,600	68,500	ral	Chile		172,300	360,300
Si		ivianna	Kansai	52,600	74,100	21		n Republic	220,200	412,400
ξ3	77' - 37		Chubu	54,800	77,000	nd		and Tobago	218,900	410,000
	Viet Nam	KuaraLumpur		86,500 73,800	99,500 92,000	So	Nicaragua * Haiti	l .	160,000 217,400	282,600 407,100
	Malaysia	Kuara Lumpur Kota Kinabalı		59,200	81,000	uth	Panama		172,000	272,400
-	* Mvanmar	Ttota Ttillabare	4	93,800	108,200	$\overline{\lambda}$	Paraguay		154,600	289,600
	* Laos			69,100	86,100	Щé	Barbados		248,700	465,900
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Northeast Asia	Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	Narita	109,000	159,600	ప	Brazil		137,600	220,100
ieas ia	ongona		Kansai	97,700	143,000		Venezuela Peru	l	178,900 159,000	357,900 212,000
+	*Afghanistar	<u> </u>		185,700	201,400		Bolivia Bolivia		163,700	306,500
×	Kazakhstan	•		191,900	208,200		Honduras		146,600	274,600
Middle Asia	razannotan		Narita	166,800	180,900	1	Honduras	Condelaiana	188,400	314,100
le	Uzbekistan	Tashkent -	Kansai	154,700	160,500		Mexico	Guadalajara MexicoCity	170,700	263,900
		Calcutta	Kansar	89,900	113,900	ł		Monterrey	170,700	267,000
	India	Cochin		108,500	137,500		Algeria	Wionterrey	222,900	539,500
		Chennai		93,700	118,700		* Uganda		91,200	220,800
		Thiruvananthapuram		108,000	148,800		Egypt		66,400	132,800
		Delhi		96,800	120,500		* Ethiopia	ļ	95,100	230,100
Sc		Hyderabad		108,000	136,800		Ghana		193,500	468,200
South Asia		Bangalore		102,700	130,100		Cameroon	1	195,800	474,000
h /	Mumbai			102,100	132,700		Kenya		85,300	206,500
\si	Sri Lanka			65,800	106,100		* Zambia		242,900	587,900
а	* Nepal			97,700	142,300		Zimbabwe	2	132,500	254,500
	Pakistan			91,800	127,500	$\rightarrow$	* Sudan		104,400	252,800
	* Bangladesl	h		93,200	127,400	Africa	Seychelles		106,800	258,500
	* Maldives			147,700	215,000	ca	* Senegal		221,200	535,400
	*Bhutan			110,300	160,600		* Tanzania		89,600	216,800
	Fiji			88,100	219,100	Í	Tunisia		170,900	413,800
Oceania	Papua New (	Guinea		128,700	320,000		Nigeria		112,400	272,200
ani	*Samoa			69,800	173,500		* Madagascar		104,800	253,800
ia	* Vanuatu			104,800	242,500		* Mozaml		107,500	260,100
	Ukraine		96,500	205,100		Mauritius		60,200	145,800	
	Slovak Republic		124,600	264,800	1	* Mauritania		138,400	335,000	
	Czech Repul			129,000	286,100		Morocco		252,100	610,000
	Turkey			92,300	134,600		South Afr	ica	151,100	272,100
Ει	Hungary		86,200	129,300		Iran		92,600	121,600	
Europe	Bulgaria		123,000	261,500		Oman		135,300	187,700	
pe	Poland			116,800	248,200	$ _{\mathbb{H}} \ge$	Saudi Ara	Saudi Arabia		204,200
	Macedonia (	Former Yugosla	av Rep. of)	123,000	261,500	Middle East	Jordan		157,200	218,000
	Romania			123,000	184,600	le	Syria		142,800	198,000
							Bahrain		168,300	233,300
							Lebanon		191,300	265,200

# Guidelines for Purchase of Air Tickets by the Participant

#### 1. Arrival and Departure Dates:

Arriving in Japan on the day before the commencement of the program and departing on the day after the closing day of the program or the nearest days to be allowed by the flight schedule within two days before and/or after the program.

#### 2. Method of Reimbursement:

During the training program in Japan, participants should present to AOTS their air tickets and submit official receipts of air ticket purchase for reimbursement. The sum of the following items (1) and (2) will be subsidized. In principle, an economy class air ticket purchased for a round-trip on the standard route according to the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) is defined as the standard airfare to be covered.

- (1) Actual round-trip airfare within the Standard Airfare Limits (the limits of AOTS's standard round-trip airfare amount) specified for the respective area (country).
- (2) The departure tax, airport tax and other taxes indispensable to the usual flight route defined by IATA subject to the submission of evidence.

[NOTE] A participant is not allowed to overstay at city(ies) of a third country between participant's home country and Japan by any reasons other than flight convenience. In such case, AOTS might not reimburse the International Travel Expenses to the participant.

#### 3. Official Receipts:

AOTS will confirm the air ticket and official receipt and calculate the actual yen value of the air ticket with the exchange rate on the date of the ticket's issue.

- (1) AOTS can only accept the official receipts duly issued by the issuer in which a breakdown of the total airfare is explicitly described, such as airfare, tax (the departure tax, airport tax and other taxes indispensable to the usual flight route defined by IATA) and commission. It should also contain the name of the issuer's representative, address, telephone number and facsimile number.
- (2) Neither Invoice nor Calculation Sheet will be accepted as the receipt. However, an Invoice/Calculation Sheet using the letter-head of the air ticket issuer stating the word "Received" or "Paid" and including the signature of the air ticket issuer may be accepted.

If any participant fails to submit the official receipt duly issued by the relevant airline company or travel agent, the participant will not receive any subsidy towards his/her airfare and will be required to pay the full amount of the Participation Fee in cash to AOTS.

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1. Your name	
2. Your Country	
3. Name of your company/ organization	
4. Major products	
5. Your duties in detail, preferably by attaching an organizational chart indicating your position and company brochure	
6. Most critical problems that you are now facing	