



# The Japan Council of Local Authorities for International Relations, Singapore



財団法人自治体国際化協会シンガポール事務所



## Our Activities

(April 2011)



The Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) was established in July 1988 in response to rising concern for local-level internationalization in Japan. CLAIR was created as a joint organization of local governments to promote and provide support for local internationalization.

CLAIR's headquarters are located in Tokyo with seven overseas offices set up in Singapore, New York, London, Paris, Seoul, Sydney and Beijing.

## CLAIR Singapore

CLAIR Singapore was set up in October 1990 and conducts activities in the 10 ASEAN countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) and India.

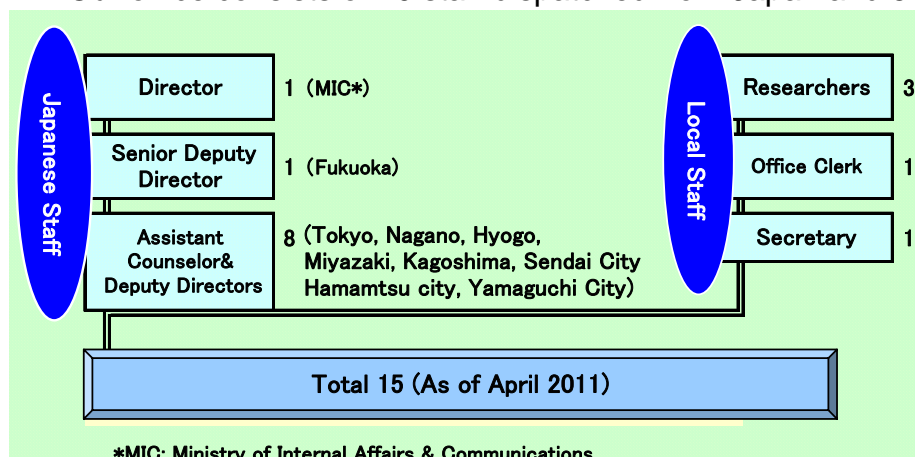
### Our Main Activities

1. Promote local level exchange between Japan and ASEAN countries as well as India
2. Support Japanese local governments' activities in ASEAN countries and India
3. Conduct research on local administration and finance systems as well as the various policies in ASEAN countries and India
4. Introduce Japan's local administration and finance systems as well as its various policies to ASEAN countries and India



## Profile

Our office consists of 10 staff dispatched from Japan and 5 local staff.



## Support for Overseas Activities of Japanese Local Governments

To support Japanese local government officials and local government-related personnel in their overseas events, research activities and field trips etc. in 10 ASEAN countries and India, CLAIR Singapore introduces the appropriate organizations and individuals, arranges appointments with government agencies, accompanies them on these site visits, conducts briefings on administration systems etc. and provides related materials. To date, CLAIR Singapore has assisted more than 13,000 people.



Attending to Japanese Local government officials on their field trips.

FY	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
No. of cases	30	60	90	57	75	81	85	64	80	41	49	37	27	17	29	23	61	80	56	53	93	1,188
No. of people	256	756	1,008	620	667	1,324	687	603	519	296	657	300	903	173	800	279	846	535	838	299	753	13,119

## Tourism Promotion

To support Japanese local governments' attempts to boost local economies through tourism, CLAIR Singapore ties up with Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) to participate in international travel fairs in countries like Singapore and Thailand. Posters and pamphlets provided by Japanese local governments were distributed in the tourism promotion events. CLAIR Singapore compiles reports on the events and disseminates the findings to Japanese local governments.

### Recent Participation:

- "NATAS Travel 2011" (Singapore) 25-27 Feb 2011  
organized by National Association of Travel Agents Singapore (NATAS)
- "Thai International Travel Fair 2011" (Bangkok) 24-27 Feb 2011  
organized by Thai Travel Agents Association (TTAA)
- "OTM Mumbai 2011 / OTM Delhi 2011" (India) 18-20 Feb 2011 / 24-26 Feb 2011  
organized by Fairfest



「NATAS Travel 2011」



「 Thai International Travel Fair 2011 」



「OTM Delhi 2011」

# Japan-India Regional Exchange Promotion Program



The cultural exchange session at The Japan Foundation, New Delhi

## 【Purpose】

The purpose of the program is to enable Japanese local governments and local international exchange associations to achieve the following:

- To foster closer understanding of the current situation pertaining to Japan-India relations
- To build capacity in leaders who will assume the responsibilities of internationalization of the local areas
- To create opportunities for the promotion of future Japan-India regional exchange

## 【Program】

A group of Japanese local government officials etc. will conduct visits to two or three cities in India, which include visits to local governments, universities, Japanese governmental organizations and firms in India. This year's program is tentatively scheduled to be implemented in November 2011 (As of April 2011).



A courtesy visit to The Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai

## 【Targeted Participants】

15-20 participants from the following groups:

- Japanese local government officials
- Staff of recognized local international exchange associations
- Staff of NPOs referred by local governments

## 【Last Year's Program Outline】

- Date : 24th November - 4th December 2010  
24th -26th Nov: 3-day course in Japan on the general overview of India  
27th Nov-4th Dec: Overseas mission
- Participants : Japanese local government officials, staff of recognized local international exchange associations
- Places of Visit: The Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai, Embassy of Japan in India, Infosys, IIIT-Bangalore, Delhi Metro etc.

# The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program

JET Program is implemented to increase cross-cultural understanding as well as contribute to internationalization efforts within Japan.

The JET Program enables local authorities (prefectures, designated cities and other municipalities) to employ foreign youths for the purpose of improving foreign language education as well as promoting international exchange at the local level. By teaching foreign languages at schools nationwide and assisting with international exchange activities organized by local authorities, JET participants engage in international exchange at a variety of levels with local residents.



A scene of a class instructed by an ALT

## Participants are selected to be:

- ALT:** Assistant Language Teachers who provide language instruction in elementary, junior and senior high schools,
- CIR:** Coordinators for International Relations who work for Japanese local governments to promote international exchange activities
- SEA:** Sports Exchange Advisors who promote international exchange through sports.

## JET Participants (As of Dec 2010)

Country	CIR	ALT	Total
India	1	7	8
Indonesia	1	0	1
Malaysia	1	0	1
Philippines	1	0	1
Singapore	2	49	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>62</b>

# Specialist Dispatch Project

The objectives of this project are:

- To improve the quality of local administration, technical expertise and human resources in foreign local governments
- To increase friendly ties between Japanese and foreign local governments.



Site visit to water treatment plant in Palitana Municipal Corporation, India

Since 2000, CLAIR Singapore has been dispatching Japanese local government officials (including retirees), who have knowledge or technical skills related to international cooperation, as specialists to foreign local governments etc. in response to their requests.

The specialists' areas of expertise include fire and disaster prevention, water supply and sewerage, social welfare, health and sanitation, local administration etc.

### Recent Successful Projects

FY	Country	Specialists	Area of Expertise
2010	India	1	Water Supply and Sewerage Systems
	Thailand	1	Conservation of Cultural Assets
	Thailand	2	Fire and Disaster Prevention
	Brunei	1	Agriculture and Commerce
2009	Thailand	1	Fire and Disaster Prevention
	Malaysia	1	Health and Sanitation
	Malaysia	2	Fire and Disaster Prevention

## Local Government Exchange & Cooperation Seminar

Overseas local government officials etc. are invited to Japan to discuss and exchange information on the current situation and various issues of local administration facing local governments in both Japan and their home countries. The seminar aims to increase participants' knowledge of local administration systems in other countries and build networks of contacts.

In addition, the seminar encourages regional exchange as participants visit local governments during their stay in Japan, go on site visits and have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Japanese culture.

Country	No. of participants															Total	
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009		2010
Cambodia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Indonesia	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	15
Laos	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
Malaysia	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	4	2	1	2	0	1	1	27
Myanmar	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	10
Philippines	2	2	2	4	2	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	24
Thailand	4	2	3	3	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	1	26
Vietnam	0	2	2	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	2	1	2	1	21
Brunei	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
India	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>157</b>



Study visit to Shizuoka Prefectural Earthquake Prevention Center(2010)

## Local Government Officials Training Program (LGOTP)

As part of international cooperation efforts, overseas local government officials are hosted as trainees in Japanese local governments under this program jointly organized by CLAIR and Japan's Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications. Trainees attend lectures and acquire the know-how and skills in various fields. After the training, they return to their respective fields in their local governments, apply what they have learnt and play an active role in the promotion of internationalization in local communities.

After an initial introductory training period of about 1 month, trainees are posted to individual host institutions to begin their specialized training and deepen their understanding of Japanese culture and traditions. The training typically lasts for 6-10 months.

The fields of training available include general administration, environment, agriculture, education, tourism and economic exchange amongst others.

Country	No. of Trainees														Total	
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009		2010
Cambodia	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Indonesia	10	8	1	2	3	3	2	4	3	1	2	1	2	1	0	43
Laos	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
Malaysia	3	2	2	2	1	4	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	3	0	23
Myanmar	0	2	3	4	3	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Philippines	6	6	6	1	0	3	5	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	35
Thailand	6	9	4	3	6	5	3	3	0	2	1	2	0	1	0	45
Vietnam	2	4	7	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>203</b>



Trainee from the Philippines learning about waste management in Kochi prefecture (2010)

# Promotion of Regional Exchange

CLAIR Singapore promotes international exchange between Japan and other countries through assisting in the participation of Japanese local governments etc. in cultural events such as the Chingay Parade organized by the People's Association of Singapore.



"Nippon Domannaka Festival" dance group from Aichi prefecture performing in the Chingay Parade in February 2011

\*Chingay Parade is Singapore's largest street parade which is held annually since 1973 in celebration of the lunar new year. Upon receiving a request from the People's Association, CLAIR Singapore will help in the recruitment of an interested participating group and provide the appropriate assistance during their stay in Singapore.

## Support for Sister City Affiliations and Exchange

The first sister city agreement between Japan and this region was signed by Yokohama and Mumbai in 1965. At present, 38 affiliations have been concluded.

CLAIR facilitates sister city affiliations and exchange in response to requests. We provide support for international exchange corresponding to the needs of the region and also provide consultation on sister city affiliations. Please contact CLAIR Singapore office if you wish to establish an affiliation with a Japanese local government.

### List of Sister City Affiliations with Japan (by country)

Indonesia			Philippines		
Prefecture	Local Government	Affiliated Counterpart	Prefecture	Local Government	Affiliated Counterpart
Osaka	Osaka Pref	East Java	Kochi	Kochi Pref	Benguet Province
Kyoto	Kyoto Pref	Yogyakarta	Kanagawa	Yokohama City	Manila, Luzon
Tokyo	Tokyo	Jakarta	Saitama	Hanyu City	Baguio, Benguet
Yamagata	Yamagata Pref	Papua	Kagawa	Marugame City	Passig
Chiba	Ichikawa City	Medan, North Sumatra	Chiba	Chiba City	Quezon
Shimane	Misato Town	Mas Village, Bali	Hokkaido	Wakkanai City	Baguio, Benguet
Kochi	Kochi City	Surabaya, East Java	Shizuoka	Iwata City	Dagupan, Pangasinan
Thailand			Osaka	Takatsuki City	Manila, Luzon
Prefecture	Local Government	Affiliated Counterpart	Hiroshima	Fukuyama City	Tacloban, Leyte
Fukuoka	Fukuoka Pref	Bangkok	Aomori	Gonohe Town	Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya
Toyama	Uozu City	Chiangmai, Chiangmai	Chiba	Choshi City	Legazpi, Albay
Gifu	Ibigawa Town	Tha Kat, Mae Tha, Lamphun	Kyoto	Nantan City	Manila, Luzon
Saitama	Chichibu City	Yasothon, Yasothon	Yamagata	Sakegawa Village	Kawit
Chiba	Yachiyo City	Bangkok	Yamagata	Tozawa Village	General Trias
India			Kagoshima	Amagi Town	Silay, Negros
Prefecture	Local Government	Affiliated Counterpart	Iwate	Miyako City	La Trinidad, Benguet
Okayama	Okayama Pref	Pune, Maharashtra	Gunma	Takasaki City	Muntinlupa
Okayama	Okayama Pref	Pimpri Chinchwad, Maharashtra	Ibaraki	Hitachiota City	La Trinidad, Benguet
Fukuoka	Fukuoka Pref	Delhi	Vietnam		
Kanagawa	Yokohama City	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Prefecture	Local Government	Affiliated Counterpart
Hiroshima	Miyoshi City	Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh	Osaka	Osaka Pref	Ho Chi Minh City
Malaysia			Fukuoka	Fukuoka Pref	Hanoi
Prefecture	Local Government	Affiliated Counterpart	(As of 31 Mar 2011)		
Fukuoka	Fukuoka City	Ipoh, Perak			

# Research on Administration and Finance Systems etc. of Foreign Local Governments

## Research on local administration and finance systems, introduction on various policies

CLAIR Singapore conducts research on the local administration and finance systems in ASEAN countries and India, and then compiles them into reports or publications. We issued several publications in Japanese such as Vietnam's Local Administration System (2007 ed), India's Local Government System (2007) and Indonesia's Local Government System (2008).

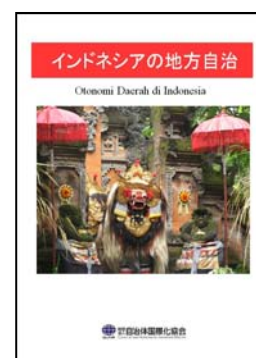
## Other publications in Japanese

In addition, we also have other publications in Japanese such as CLAIR REPORT or CLAIR FORUM that provide the latest information on the local administration and finance systems of the respective countries and their various policies. These publications can be found on CLAIR's website:

<http://www.clair.or.jp/j/forum/index.html> (in Japanese only)



Singapore's Government Policies



Indonesia's Local Government System

## Dissemination of Information

### Newsletter

CLAIR Singapore publishes a newsletter that features our activities and sends it to the central and local governments as well as government-related institutions in the countries that we cover.

### Homepage

CLAIR Singapore's homepage in both English and Japanese highlights our programs and ongoing activities.

CLAIR Singapore homepage <http://www.clair.org.sg>



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