

## Announcement - Central Asian Course

Training Title:	<b>Collection and analysis of official economic statistics for central Asian countries</b>
Target Participants:	Statisticians in government statistical offices who deal with data collection and data analysis in economic statistics and compilation of SNA in their respective offices.
Durations:	2 months (14 July – 19 September 2009)
Venue:	Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, Chiba, Japan
Application Deadline:	By invitation. This training course organized by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in collaboration with SIAP. JICA will provide fellowships to all selected participants.
Objective(s):	This program aims to improve the capability of participants in economic statistics, including 2008 SNA as a conceptual framework for economic statistics.
Expected Output:	After completing this course, the participant is expected to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand principles and concepts of economic statistics:</li><li>• Understand the 2008 SNA framework and its updates</li><li>• Be able to apply the statistical methods of data analysis by using statistical software STATA.</li><li>• Learn Japanese experience in compiling economic statistics</li><li>• Organize workshops/ seminars and train other colleagues in economic statistics</li><li>• Make efficient presentations.</li></ul>
Contents:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Introduction to Statistical System in Japan and Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics</li><li>2. Overview of Economic Statistics</li><li>3. 2008 System of National Accounts</li><li>4. Other economic statistics</li><li>5. Introduction to surveys and censuses</li><li>6. MDG Indicators</li><li>7. Introduction to statistical software STATA</li><li>8. Statistical methods of analysis</li><li>9. Presentation Skills and Training Techniques</li><li>10. Project work, development of an action plan</li><li>11. Group Visits and Field Study Trip</li></ol>
Training Techniques:	Lectures, group discussions and case studies, hands-on exercises, presentations by participants, supervised project work and field study trip
Training Materials:	Textbooks, reference books and selected readings (hardcopy, soft copy, web-based resources),

Handouts: PowerPoint presentations, exercises, instruction on using statistical software STATA and other training materials

Required Preparation: Country report: accepted candidates are requested to prepare a country paper on the current situation and future direction of the economic statistics in their respective countries