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e-ASIA JRP 15th Call for Proposals Webinar: Comprehensive Guide to Research Priorities, Eligibility Criteria, and Common Application Challenges

The e-ASIA Joint Research Program (e-ASIA JRP)

1. Background

The e-ASIA Joint Research Program (e-ASIA JRP) has launched its 15th Call for Proposals (December 17, 2025), inviting researchers to submit international collaborative projects in Agriculture, Alternative Energy, and Health Research. This call offers a valuable opportunity to build cross-border research partnerships and contribute to solutions addressing shared regional challenges.

Experience from earlier calls has shown that navigating national eligibility requirements across participating countries is a critical step in both the application and eligibility screening process. To support prospective applicants in preparing eligible and competitive proposals, an informational webinar will be held.

2. Purpose

This webinar aims to provide prospective applicants with clear, practical guidance on the national eligibility requirements for the 15th Call for Proposals and the application process. The session will introduce the e-ASIA JRP framework, outline research priorities across the fields of cooperation, and highlight important points to consider before submission.

Based on experiences from previous calls, the webinar will address common eligibility issues and missteps, clarify key national requirements, and share practical tips to help

applicants strengthen their proposals and avoid avoidable disqualification. Participants will gain:

- A clear understanding of eligibility criteria and country-specific differences
- Insight into common issues that have resulted in ineligibility in past calls
- Practical advice to improve proposal compliance and overall quality

Unlike previous e-ASIA JRP workshops for the last Call for Proposals, this webinar is fully focused on guidance and clarification, ensuring participants leave with the understanding needed to prepare and submit a compliant, well-prepared proposal.

List of participating MOs and fields of cooperation in the 15th Call for Proposal.

Country	Member Organization	Participates in		
		Agriculture	*Alternative Energy*	*Health Research*
Australia	National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)			✓
China	National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC)	✓	✓	✓
Indonesia	National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN)	✓	✓	✓
Japan	Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)	✓		
Japan	Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED)			✓
Malaysia	Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) and Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM)	✓		
The Philippines	Department of Science and Technology, The Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD)	✓		
	Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD)		✓	

Country	Member Organization	Participates in		
		Agriculture	*Alternative Energy*	*Health Research*
	Department of Science and Technology, The Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD)			✓
Thailand	Program Management Unit for Human Resources & Institutional Development, Research and Innovation (PMU-B)		✓	
Singapore	Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR)			✓
The USA	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)			✓

3. Date & Time

Date: The webinar is scheduled for a date of Thursday, 12 February 2026.

Time: 08:00– 14:45 (Indochina Time, UTC+7)

- Thematic Area 1: Health Research | 08:00 – 10:05
- Thematic Area 2: Alternative Energy | 11:00– 12:35
- Thematic Area 3: Agriculture | 13:00– 14:45

4. Webinar Program Overview

The webinar will be divided into three thematic areas based on the fields of cooperation opened in the 15th Call for Proposals, with each area consisting of three main sessions:

4.1   Thematic Areas

- Thematic Area 1: Health Research
- Thematic Area 2: Agriculture
- Thematic Area 3: Alternative Energy

4.2   Main Sessions

- **Session 1: Introduction to the e-ASIA JRP Framework and Program Objectives** – This session will introduce the e-ASIA JRP framework, including

the program's overall goals, objectives, and how it supports multilateral joint research. Participants will gain a clearer understanding of how the program facilitates international collaboration under the e-ASIA JRP.

- **Session 2: Research Priorities Under the 15th Call for Proposals**
  This session will present the research priorities for each field of cooperation under the 15th Call. Key research areas will be highlighted, along with updates or changes compared to previous calls. Participants will also learn about research areas that will not be supported under this call.

- **Session 3: Eligibility Criteria and Common Challenges in Applications**
  This session will focus on eligibility considerations for the 15th Call for Proposals, with emphasis on national eligibility requirements. Participants will gain practical insights into how eligibility is assessed and how to align proposals with the rules.

  A) Overview of common requirements, including project consortium composition and funding arrangements under the e-ASIA JRP.

  B) Overview of national eligibility requirements, highlighting frequently encountered issues and sharing practical, experience-based guidance to support applicants in preparing compliant proposals.

5. Program Agenda (Tentative)

Thematic Area 1: Health Research
Time: 08:00–10:05 (2 hours 5 minutes)

Time	Program Agenda
Session 1: Introduction to the e-ASIA JRP Framework and Program Objectives **Moderator:** e-ASIA JRP Secretariat **Time Duration:** 10 minutes	
08:00–08:10 10 min	• Welcome to Webinar and Introduction • Introduction of the e-ASIA Joint Research Program Framework and Objectives
Session 2: Health Research Topics **Time Duration:** 10 minutes	
08:10–08:20 10 min	Health Research Topics presented by NHMRC, Australia • Background of the call • Key topics and focus areas • Suggested research priorities • Areas not supported
Session 3: Eligibility Criteria and Common Challenges in Applications **Time Duration:** 1 hour 20 minutes	
08:20–08:30 10 min	e-ASIA JRP Secretariat
08:30–08:40 10 min	NHMRC, Australia
08:40–08:50 10 min	NSFC, China
08:50–09:00 10 min	BRIN, Indonesia
09:00–09:10 10 min	AMED, Japan
09:10–09:20 10 min	DOST-PCHRD, The Philippines
09:20–09:30 10 min	A*STAR, Singapore
09:30–09:40 10 min	NIAID, The USA *(Video recording)*
Discussion & Closing **Time Duration:** 25 minutes	
09:40–10:00 20 min	Q&A for Session 2 and 3
10:00–10:05 5 min	Closing

Thematic Area 2: Alternative Energy

Time: 11:00–12:35 (1 hour 35 minutes)

Time	Program Agenda
Session 1: Introduction to the e-ASIA JRP Framework and Program Objectives **Moderator:** e-ASIA JRP Secretariat **Time Duration:** 10 minutes	
11:00–11:10 | 10 min	• Welcome to Webinar and Introduction • Introduction of the e-ASIA Joint Research Program Framework and Objectives
Session 2: Alternative Energy Topics **Time Duration:** 10 minutes	
11:10–11:20 | 10 min	Alternative Energy Topics presented by PMU-B, Thailand • Background of the call • Key topics and focus areas • Suggested research priorities • Areas not supported
Session 3: Eligibility Criteria and Common Challenges in Applications **Time Duration:** 50 minutes	
11:20–11:30 | 10 min	e-ASIA JRP Secretariat
11:30–11:40 | 10 min	NSFC, China
11:40–11:50 | 10 min	BRIN, Indonesia
11:50–12:00 | 10 min	DOST-PCIEERD, The Philippines
12:00–12:10 | 10 min	PMU-B, Thailand
Discussion & Closing **Time Duration:** 25 minutes	
12:10–12:30 | 20 min	Q&A for Session 2 and 3
12:30–12:35 | 5 min	Closing

Thematic Area 3: Agriculture

Time: 13:00–14:45 (1 hour 45 minutes)

Time		Program Agenda
Session 1: Introduction to the e-ASIA JRP Framework and Program Objectives **Moderator:** e-ASIA JRP Secretariat **Time Duration:** 10 minutes		
13:00–13:10	10 min	• Welcome to Webinar and Introduction • Introduction of the e-ASIA Joint Research Program Framework and Objectives
Session 2: Agriculture Topics **Time Duration:** 10 minutes		
13:10–13:20	10 min	Agriculture Topics presented by BRIN, Indonesia • Background of the call • Key topics and focus areas • Suggested research priorities • Areas not supported
Session 3: Eligibility Criteria and Common Challenges in Applications **Time Duration:** 60 minutes		
13:20–13:30	10 min	e-ASIA JRP Secretariat
13:30–13:40	10 min	NSFC, China
13:40–13:50	10 min	BRIN, Indonesia
13:50–14:00	10 min	JST, Japan
14:00–14:10	10 min	MOSTI-ASM, Malaysia
14:10–14:20	10 min	DOST-PCAARRD, The Philippines
Discussion & Closing **Time Duration:** 25 minutes		
14:20–14:40	20 min	Q&A for Session 2 and 3
14:40–14:45	5 min	Closing

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