The Japanese Government has informed the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT that qualified candidates of the developing countries, nominated through the Centre, will be accepted for participation in the Japanese Advanced Group Training Course in Trade Promotion due to start in Tokyo 1 June 1968.

The Japanese Government will meet travel and maintenance costs of successful applicants for this forty-five day Course. The purpose of this Course is to acquaint senior officials of developing countries in charge of national trade promotion activities with the latest knowledge and techniques of international trade. The training programme includes lectures, discussions, observation tours in co-operation with public institutes and private enterprises and related facilities. The Course aims generally at contributing to the development of international trade, through trade promotion in developing countries, and at promoting technical co-operation in this field with the developing countries.

This offer from the Japanese Government is the second Japanese training provision made to developing countries through the International Trade Centre since 1964. Japan has also contributed to the work of the International Trade Centre on behalf of developing countries in other ways, including the programming of a trade study tour of Latin American officials in 1966.

The International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT is the channel through which many developed country governments, foundations, international organizations, and semi-governmental export agencies are making available, in co-operation with the Centre's own teaching staff services, some 250 export promotion training vacancies to developing country nominees during 1968.