When applying for JDS and preparing a research plan, you are advised to understand the **Sub-Program (SP)**, **background of the Component (CP)**, and **expected research areas** under the CP.

Sub-Program (SP) (Target priority area)	**3. Realization of Safe and Secure Society**
Component (CP) (**Development issue** in SP)	**3-2. Legal and Judicial Development**

CP background

Good governance is the foundation of all development, and the Cambodian government has identified "Strategy Governance Reform and Strengthening" as a core element of the 'Pentagonal Strategy- Phase Ⅰ' (2023).

However, due to historical factors, the governance systems for legal framework and administrative functions remain fragile, with governance indicators (WGI) positioned in the bottom 24% globally (2021).

Judicial reform, which directly impacts citizens' lives, is an urgent issue, and strengthening the capabilities of personnel responsible for operating legal systems is a key challenge.

In Cambodia, improving administrative capacity and establishing effective systems in the relevant field are key challenges, and the development of civil servants as the core administrative officials through the JDS project is expected.

Expected research areas

Civil Code and Civil Procedure Law, Legal System Operation, Tariff / SEZ Related Law Development, Labor Related Law, Social Policy-Related Law