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Date

22 September 2022

Secretary to the Cabinet / Cabinet office
Secretary General of Parliament / The Parliament
Secretaries / All Ministries
Secretaries / All State Ministries



Attn: Officer In-charge of Foreign Trainings

Dear Sir / Madam,

Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship Programme (JDS)
- Call for applications for the Academic Year 2023/2024

We are pleased to inform you that, the Government of Japan has invited nominations from eligible Government Officials in Sri Lanka for the above long-term Scholarship programme.

Accordingly, the Government of Japan has planned to provide 15 Scholarships for Master's Degree Programme and 02 Scholarships for Doctoral Course to Sri Lankan public sector officials for the academic year 2023/2024 to pursue studies in Japanese universities.

The identified fields of study and universities for the Master's Degree programme are given below.

Component - Field of Study		University/ Graduate School
1.1 Public Policy Studies		Meiji University
		International University of Japan
1.2 Economics	1.2.1. Macro Economics Studies	International Christian University Hiroshima University
	1.2.2. Public Finance and Investment Management	Nagoya University
	1.2.3. Industry Development Policy and Investment Promotion	International University of Japan
1.3 Urban and Regional Development		The University of Tokyo University of Tsukuba

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Please note that only the duly completed applications for the Master's Degree programme and Doctoral programme received by ERD before 4.00 p.m. on 11th November 2022, with the line ministry covering letter and other relevant documents as stipulated above, will be processed. The qualifications and requirements for these programme are as follows.

Criteria of Eligibility for Master's Degree Programme

1. To be a Citizen of Sri Lanka with the age of 40 or below as of 01st April 2023
2. To be a Bachelor's Degree holder
3. Confirmed officials or completed the probation period and eligible for confirmation.
4. Should be a "Executive/ Senior Executive", those who are mentioned in the Public Administration Circular No.06/2006, Annexure II, Page 2, IV Senior Level, and Page 5, 3.10 & 3.11
5. Officials those who belong to Board of Investment (BOI) can only apply to CP 1-2-3 "Industry Development Policy and Investment Promotion"
6. Officials those who belong to National Building Research Organization (NBRO), Central Environmental Authority (CEA), National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB), Waste Management Authority (WMA) can only apply to CP 1-3 "Urban and Regional Development"
7. Should be in good health both mentally and physically
8. English language ability which is sufficient to study at the graduate level
9. A person falls under any of the following items is not eligible to apply:
 - Military personnel registered on the active list or person on alternative military service
 - Those who are currently awarded or scheduled to receive another scholarship
 - Those who have obtained a master's or higher degree overseas under the support of foreign scholarship

Criteria of Eligibility for Doctoral Programme

1. To be a Citizen of Sri Lanka with the age of 45 or below as of 1st April 2023
2. Be a **JDS Returned Fellow (those completed Master's Degree of JDS), or those who completed Master's course in Japan**
3. **Have returned to and served for the country for a certain years set by his or her organization** after completion of Master's Degree.
4. Belong to the **Target Group of JDS and his/ her research theme is relevant to the Development Issues of Sri Lanka**
5. In principle, **enroll in the same graduate school of the university where he or she obtained a Master's Degree** in Japan. Due to some circumstances, enrollment to other graduate school of the university will also be acceptable.

The application guidelines/documents and Universities information can be downloaded at the following website <https://jds-scholarship.org/> and ERD Form can be downloaded from <http://www.erd.gov.lk/>

Accordingly, the **Online Promotional Seminars** have been organized to promote and encourage eligible government officials in all island Services to apply for Master's Degree under the JDS programme. It is also expected to disseminate detailed information and application procedures on the JDS through these seminars.

Details of the online promotional seminars are as follows.

Date	Time	Language
30 th September 2022	14.00 - 15.00	Sinhala Medium
07 th October 2022	14.00 - 15.00	Tamil Medium
14 th October 2022	14.00 - 15.00	Sinhala Medium
21 st October 2022	14.00 - 15.00	English Medium

You are kindly requested to circulate this letter among the all agencies which are coming under the preview of your Ministry and encourage to apply all qualified officials for this Scholarship programme. It is also requested to grant official leave once they are selected to the programme.

Your early action in this regard is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully



W.W.S. Mangala
Director / TA Division
for Director General

About JDS

The objective of JDS is to support human resources development of Sri Lanka. Targeting young government officials, who are expected to be leaders of the country, and to engage in formulating and implementing social and economic development policies after their return. JDS Fellows shall contribute to an expanded and enhanced foundation for bilateral relations with Japan as persons having wellrounded knowledge of Japan.

Eligibility

- (1) To be citizens of Sri Lanka
- (2) Should have a good command of both written and spoken English
- (3) "Executives/Senior Executives", mentioned in the Public Administration Circular No.06/2006, Annexure II, Page 2, IV Senior Level, and Page 5, 3.10 & 3.11
- (4) Semi-government staffs (BOI, NBRO, CEA, NWSDB, WMA) can also apply under limited components
- (5) Applicants are expected to have special interest in studying in Japan as well as motivation to utilize their experience and human network developed through JDS in their career

Benefits

- One round trip airfare between Sri Lanka and Japan
- Monthly living allowance
- Full tuition fee at accepting university
- Other designated allowances (ex. buying books, shipping, travelling and seminar attendance, overseas travel insurance, etc.)

Voice from a Returned Fellow



Vindya Vidarshi Abeyratne

International University of Japan
GS of International Relations
Public Service Commission
Assistant Secretary

Being able to do postgraduate studies under the JDS programme is one of the best opportunities I received in my life. This prestigious opportunity paved the way for me to complete the Master of Arts in Public Management at the International University of Japan, becoming the best academic performing student in the Public Management and Policy Analysis Programme (2020-2022), receiving the Dean's Certificate for Academic Excellence. I finished my thesis with a distinction pass by analyzing union behavior in the context of public management.

For me, studying abroad is not only doing academics but also learning about other cultures, making new friends, exploring new travel destinations and many more. Travelling to famous cities on my dream list, visiting elementary school children to share Sri Lankan Culture with them and participating in JDS Programs for knowledge enhancement added more value to my two years in Japan. Now I am back in Sri Lanka with the hope of utilizing and sharing my knowledge and experience for the development of the Nation. I recommend the JDS programme to any public officer who has eager to learn abroad to serve Sri Lanka as it is the best opportunity to complete their higher studies abroad surrounded by beautiful people and culture.

Doctoral Degree Course is also available!

Information

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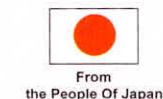
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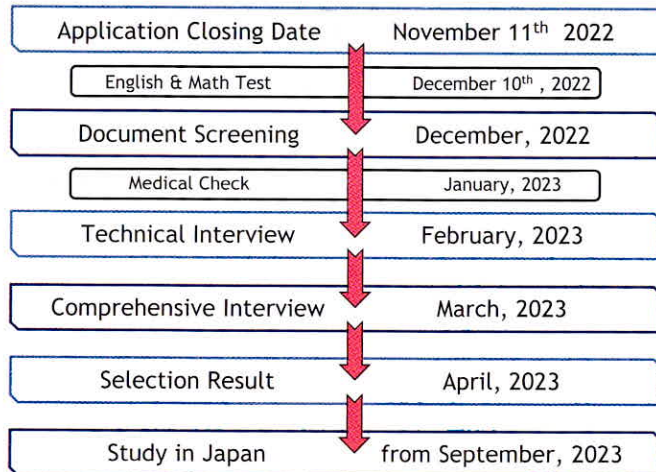
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Development Scholarship
by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS)
in Sri Lanka**



Framework

Sub-Program Target Priority Area	Component Development Issue	Expected Research Theme	Accepting University	Degree to be Obtained	Slots	Target	
Building a Strong Base for Inclusive and Sustained Economic Growth	1-1 Public Policy Studies	International Relations, Social and Welfare Policy, International Development, Environmental Policy, Administration, Governance, Local Autonomy, etc.	Meiji University	Master of Public Policy	2	"Executives/ Senior Executives" mentioned in the Public Administration Circular No.06/2006, Annexure II, Page 2, IV Senior Level, and Page 5, 3.10 & 3.11. * Board of Investment (BOI) staffs can apply for CP 1-2-3.	
			International University of Japan	Master of Arts in Public Management	2		
	1-2 Economics	1-2-1 Macroeconomics Studies	Economic Development including Sustainable Growth and Job Creation, Macroeconomics/ Econometrics, Statistics/ Statistical Analysis, Environment, Agricultural Economics, etc.	Hiroshima University	•Master of Economics •Master of Business Administration •Master of International Cooperation Studies •Master of Philosophy		2
				International Christian University	Master of Arts in Public Economics		2
				1-2-2 Public Finance and Investment Management	Fiscal Policy, Fiscal Management/ Policy, Public Investment Management/ Policy, Infrastructure Management, etc.		Nagoya University
	1-2-3 Industry Development Policy and Investment Promotion	Industrial Policy, Investment and Export Promotion, Small and Medium Enterprise Promotion Policy, Promotion of Private Investment, etc.	International University of Japan				Master of Business Administration (MBA)
	1-3 Urban and Regional Development		Urban and regional development Planning/ Policy, Agriculture/ Rural Development Plans/ Policies, Environmental Management/ Policies, Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management/ Disaster Prevention Policy, Community Infrastructure Development Management, Urban Economics, Land Use Planning, Transportation and Traffic Planning, etc.	The University of Tokyo	Master of Engineering		1
				University of Tsukuba	Master of Environmental Sciences		2

Selection Procedure



Promotion Seminars

Online promotion seminar are scheduled as below,

- September 30th 2022 (Fri) 14:00-15:00 - Sinhala Medium
- October 7th 2022 (Fri) 14:00-15:00 - Tamil Medium
- October 14th 2022 (Fri) 14:00-15:00 - Sinhala Medium
- October 21st 2022 (Fri) 14:00-15:00 - English Medium

University promotion Seminar is also available !
please visit our website for more information!

Contact jds.srilanka@jice.org to join!

How to Apply

1. Access the JDS website
2. Download the Application Form(AF) and other designated forms from the website
3. Complete the Application Form and arrange the all the required documents
4. Submit the application documents as instructed in the Application Guide

<http://jds-scholarship.org/>



Application Guideline(AG), Application Form(AF) and University Information can be downloaded from the website above.