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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR/TO : All Undersecretaries  
All Assistant Secretaries  
All Service Directors  
All Bureau Directors  
All Regional Executive Directors  
All Heads of Attached Agencies**

**FROM : The Assistant Secretary  
Administration and Human Resources**

**SUBJECT : INVITATION TO THE PROJECT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE  
DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP BY JAPANESE GRANT AID  
(JDS) FOR 17TH-20TH BATCH**

This refers to the letter dated 05 October 2021 of HIROSAWA Jin, Senior Representative for General Affairs of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) inviting DENR to nominate applicants to a two (2) year master degree program at Japanese accepting universities for the Academic Year (AY) 2020-2022 and the 3-year Ph.D. program covering AY2022 to AY2024. The JDS aims to support and develop the human resource development of highly capable young officials who are expected to engage in implementing social and economic development plans in the country through policy-making.

The JDS Scholarship will cover full tuition fees in premiere accepting Japanese universities, monthly living allowance in Japan, roundtrip airfare between Philippines and Japan and other designated allowances (field study, etc.).

All nominees for foreign trips shall possess the following qualifications:

1. Have at least two (2) years holding a plantilla position at the time of application;
2. Have obtained performance ratings of at least Very Satisfactory for the last two (2) consecutive rating periods;
3. Performing duties and responsibilities relevant to the field of study/travel being applied for;
4. Have no pending administrative case;
5. Have no pending application and nomination for other study and non-study trips;
6. Have not exceeded four (4) official foreign travels within a year;
7. Have submitted all the required reports from previous foreign travels thirty (3) working days upon completion of travel and based on the prescribed travel report format, received by the HRDC Secretariat; and
8. Not a delinquent scholar.

In addition, the nominee shall possess the following:

1. Bachelor's degree relevant to the field of study
2. 22-39 years old
3. English Proficiency and Math Exam: TOEFL PBT 550/ iBT 79-80 or IELTS 6.5 or higher (covered by JDS)
4. Have not been awarded any other foreign scholarships for obtaining a master's degree

The fields of study of the JDS Project (17th - 20th Batch) is hereto attached for your reference. You may also visit their website <http://jds-scholarship.org/country/philippines/index.html>.

The nominees for the scholarship shall submit the following requirements to Career Development Division-HRDS **on or before 26 November 2021**:

1. Memorandum addressed to the Chair of the Human Resource Development Committee (HRDC), attention HRDC Secretariat to be endorsed by Head of Office and with justification on how the travel complies with the minimum criteria for travel pursuant to EO 77 and other DENR requirements. Division Chief and above applicants/nominees must be concurred by Supervising Undersecretary/Assistant Secretary;
2. Resolution from HRDC Counterpart recommending the nomination of the applicant;
3. Service Record;
4. Certificate of No Pending Administrative Case;
5. Certification from the Director supervising human resources/Assistant Regional Director for Management Service/Assistant Director (Region/Bureau/Attached Agency) stating that the applicant:
  - a. has No Pending Scholarship Nomination;
  - b. has not been a delinquent scholar from a previous scholarship grant; and
  - c. has submitted all the required reports from previous foreign travels.
  - d. has rendered and completed the service obligation required under the previous scholarship (if any)
6. Updated Personal Data Sheet, with work experience sheet, duly signed by authorized person administering oath;
7. Self-Certification of official Travel History; and
8. Signed Service Obligation Contract (foreign study trip).

The DENR Human Resource Development Committee (HRDC) shall screen and select qualified candidates to the program. Selected candidates will be notified and endorsed to the JDS and are to complete the necessary application requirements of the JDS.

Should you need further information about the requirements, please communicate with the HRDC Secretariat at (02) 8927-9107 and email at [hrdcs2020@gmail.com](mailto:hrdcs2020@gmail.com).

For your information and appropriate action.

  
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Fields of Study						
<p>The "Framework of the JDS Project" is characterized by several "Sub-programs" and "Components", which aims to deal and address selected target priority areas and development issues of the Philippines. Select Japanese universities offer degree programs that correspond to the priority areas. The accepted participants are screened and selected in consideration of the relevance of their qualifications to the overall Framework as seen below. Also note that there are 2 PhD slots for the Philippines under the JDS Project. Field of study/research by the potential PhD applicant is expected to be in line with the framework below.</p>						
Framework of JDS Project (17th - 20th Batch of JDS Fellows)						
Sub-program	Component	University Graduate School	Course/ Program	Degree to be obtained	Study Period	Slot
1. Public Policy Science and Technology for Sustainable Economic Growth	1-1 Enhancement of Public Administration and Finance	International University of Japan Graduate School of International Relations	Public Management and Policy Analysis Program (PMPP)	Master of Arts in Public Management	2y	1
		Meiji University Graduate School of Governance Studies	(a.) Public Policy Program (b.) International Development Policy Program (c.) Community Planning and Management Program	Master of Public Policy	2y	2
		International Christian University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences	Public Policy and Social Research Program	(a.) Master of Arts in Public Administration (b.) Master of Arts in International Relations	2y	2
		Hitotsubashi University School of International and Public Policy	Asian Public Policy Program (APPP)	Master of Public Policy (Public Economics)	2y	1
	1-2. Enhancement of Industrial Promotion	International University of Japan Graduate School of International Relations	International Development Program (IDP)	Master of Arts in International Development or Economics	2y	1
		Kobe University Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies	Special Course for Development Policy	(a.) Master of Economics (b.) Master of International Studies	2y	2
		Rikkyo University Graduate School of Business	Master of Public Management and Administration (MPMA) Course	Master of Public Management and Administration	2y	1
	1-3. Improvement of Transportation Infrastructure Development	Yokohama National University Graduate School of Urban Innovation	International Graduate School of Infrastructure (IGSI)	(a.) Master of Engineering (b.) Master of Philosophy	2y	2
		Nagoya University Graduate School of Environmental Studies	Nagoya University Global Environmental Leaders Program	(a.) Master of Environmental Studies (b.) Master of Engineering	2y	1
		Hiroshima University Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation	Division of Development Science, Development Technology Course	(a.) Master of Engineering (b.) Master of Science (c.) Master of Agriculture (d.) Master of International Cooperation Studies	2y	1
		Hokkaido University Graduate School of Engineering	English Engineering Education Program	Master of Engineering	2y	2
2. Overcoming Vulnerability and Stabilizing Bases for Human Life and Production Activity	2-1. Disaster Risk Reduction and Management	Yokohama National University Graduate School of Urban Innovation	International Graduate School of Infrastructure (IGSI)	(a.) Master of Engineering (b.) Master of Philosophy	2y	1
		Nagoya University Graduate School of Environmental Studies	Nagoya University Global Environmental Leaders Program	(a.) Master of Environmental Studies (b.) Master of Engineering	2y	1
	2-2. Environmental Management, Infrastructure Development in Regional Cities	The University of Tokyo School of Engineering	Graduate Program for Int'l Students in Urban and Environmental Studies, Department of Urban Engineering	Master of Engineering	2y	2
Total Number of Finalists for Master's Degree						20