

Voice from a Returned Fellow

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I join in ICU's proud vision of a World-Class Individual -educating professionals with diverse culture, unique individuality and skills working in unison with one objective; individuals united and governed with integrity, responsibility, safeguarding human dignity as it engages in a battle for a peaceful and united realm.

ICU takes pride as being the best university in Japan. Named as one of the most selective university, where students are guaranteed to be the best, the brightest and the finest in their craft. The same motivation I have for my university choice.

My journey as JDS Fellow is one exciting, fruitful, memory-filled experience. A journey worth revering, the ones that will make you say, I made the most of my career.

Being a student in a place away from home--- away from my comfort zone made me anxious at first. But my anxiety fade as easily as it came. I fell in love with Japan- people, culture and tradition. I am overwhelmed by the conservation of the culture despite modernity to meet the demands of time. The warmth of the people made me feel that I am home.

The atmosphere in the university shaped me in delivering of my craft with utmost excellence. I was trained to meet the demands of unprecedented time. I am enthused to be the best that I can be, to do things with the highest degree of professionalism and competence--- traits distinctive of an ICU student. The same traits which made me stand out from among my peers, earned the trust and admiration of my professors; thereby my conferment of Graduation is "With Honors".

These experiences are attestations that we Filipinos, through hard work, integrity and professionalism, are at par with the world. I will forever cherish my JDS experience. I am always grateful to JDS for this opportunity, an opportunity to journey as one despite diversity, to learn and to excel.

Application guidelines/documents and university information can be downloaded at JDS official website:

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

or available at JICE JDS project office.

Implementing Organization

National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)

Public Investment Staff (PIS)

In cooperation with

Civil Service Commission,

Department of Foreign Affairs,

&

Embassy of Japan,

JICA Philippine Office

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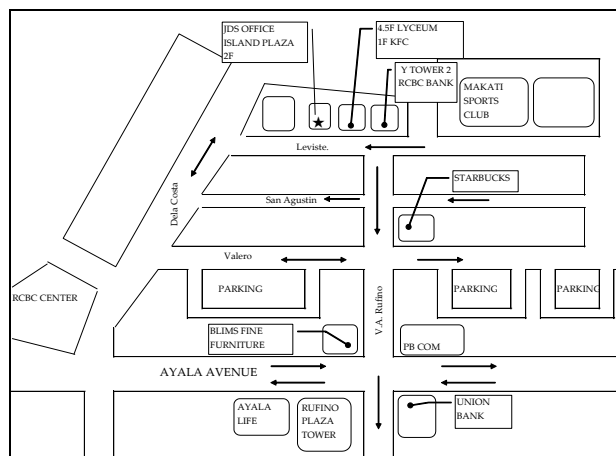
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From
the People of Japan



SCHOLARSHIP To JAPAN



Japanese Grant Aid for Human
Resource Development
Scholarship (JDS)

in the Philippines
2015

(For AY 2016-2017)

What is the JDS

The Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) was established by the Government of the Philippines with the assistance of the Government of Japan for JFY2002. The objective of JDS is to support human resources development of the Philippines, **targeting young officials**, who are expected to be leaders of the country, and to engage in formulating and implementing social and economic development policies after returned. Participants of the JDS Project shall contribute to an expanded and enhanced foundation for bilateral relations with Japan as persons having well-rounded knowledge of Japan.

Fields of Study

The framework of the JDS Project consists of “**Sub-Program**” and “**Component**”, which correspond to and deal with the selected target priority area and development issues of the Philippines. The participants are selected from “**Target Organizations**” whose mission is closely related to “sub-program” and “component”. Accepting Japanese university offers educational programs corresponded to the needs. The degree to be obtained is **master’s degree**. The medium of Instruction is **English**.

Eligible Applicants 1)~3), 5)~7) to be applied generally

- 1) A Filipino Citizen;
- 2) Between 22 and 39 years old as of April 1, 2016 (in principle);
- 3) Must be an employee of target organizations and not be a member of the military;
- 4) Currently employed in the Target Organization, has permanent status (in principle), has 2 years of work experience in duties particularly relevant to the selected Component, at the time of application;
- 5) Has bachelor’s degree relevant to the applying fields;
- 6) Has a performance rating of at least “Very Satisfactory” from July 2014 to June 2015;
- 7) Has not been awarded foreign scholarship for Master’s degree

* For the applicants for the “prioritized slot for Bangsamoro”, special qualification may be applied. Refer to the website for the details.

Benefits of JDS Participants

- (1) One round trip airfare between Philippines and Japan
- (2) Monthly living allowance in Japan
- (3) Tuition at Japanese accepting universities
- (4) Other designated allowances

Framework of JDS Project

Sub-Program	Component	Target Organizations	University	Graduate School	Study Period	Slot
1. Sustainable Economic Growth Aimed at Creating Employment Opportunities	1-1. Support for Financial Reform, Investment and SME Promotion Policy	National Economic and Development Authority, Office of the President, Department of Finance, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Tourism, Philippine Economic Zone Authority, Board of Investments, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Land Bank of the Philippines, Development Bank of the Philippines, People’s Credit and Finance Corporation, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority	International University of Japan	Graduate School of International Relations	2y	3
	1-2. Capacity development of government officials, in relation with the focus activities conducted to achieve sub program 1	Department of Agriculture, Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of the Interior and Local Government (inc.LGUs), Department of Health, Department of Social Welfare and Development, National Irrigation Administration, Commission on Higher Education, Civil Service Commission Commission on Audit, Office of the Ombudsman, National Water Resources Board, Local Water Utilities Administration	Kobe University	Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies	2y	2
			Meiji University	Graduate School of Governance Studies	2y	3
1-3. Enhancement of expertise of government officials in the areas of transportation infrastructure	Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Transportation and Communications, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Energy, Philippine Economic Zone Authority, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines, Bases Conversion Development Authority, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, Commission on Information and Communications Technology, Land Transportation Office, Light Rail Transit Authority	Nagoya University	Graduate School of Environmental Studies	2y	3	
2. Regional Development Administration in Mindanao / Support for Establishment of Bangsamoro Autonomous Government	2-1. Public Policy	For the Slot Prioritized for Bangsamoro Bangsamoro Transitional Commission, Bangsamoro Transition Authority, Bangsamoro Government, Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, LGUs in Bangsamoro areas, Target non-government organizations in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao but subject to endorsement by BTC	National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)	Graduate School of Policy Studies	1y	3 2 (Prioritized for Bangsamoro)
	2-2. Infrastructure Development / Industrial Development	For the Slot for Other Organizations Mindanao Development Authority, Department of the Interior and Local Government (inc.LGUs exclusively located in Mindanao (Region IX-XIII)), Other Regional Offices of National Government located in Mindanao	Hiroshima University	Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation	2y	3 2 (Prioritized for Bangsamoro) 1 (Others)
Maximum Number per year						20

Selection Process & Schedule after Selection

