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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship Programme (JDS)**

**- Call for applications for the Academic Year 2017**

The Government of Japan has invited nominations from eligible Government Officials in Sri Lanka for the above long-term Scholarship programme.

The Government of Japan has planned to provide 15 long-term scholarships to Sri Lanka for the academic year 2017 to pursue post graduate studies in Japanese universities. The identified fields of study and universities for JDS programme are given below.

Component - Field of Study	University
1. Public Policy and Public Finance	1. National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) 2. Hitotsubashi University
2. Economics including Development Economics	1. Hiroshima University
3. Business Management	1. Waseda University 2. International University of Japan (IUJ)
4. Environment Management/ Disaster Management and Climate Change	1. The University of Tokyo 2. University of Tsukuba

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You are kindly requested to submit nominations, from relevant agencies under the purview of your ministry to ERD, along with ERD Form 2 “Essential Information of the Nomination” on or before 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The qualifications and requirements are as follows.

### **Criteria of Eligibility**

1. To be a Citizen of Sri Lanka with the age of 40 or below as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017
2. To be a Bachelor’s Degree holder
3. Applicants to the University of Tokyo should have a Bachelor’s Degree in agriculture, science, or engineering.
4. Confirmed officials who have already completed their probation period
5. Should be a public-sector official, belonging to All-island or Non All-island (Departmental) Services, who served in governmental organizations, excluding semi-governmental organizations (e.g. ‘xxx Board’, ‘xxx Authority, etc.).
6. Those who apply to universities under Component 1, 2 and 3, should be a Staff Grade officer (Component 4 is open to both Staff Grade officers and Non Staff Grade officers.)
7. Officials of Central Bank of Sri Lanka is eligible to apply only to Hitotsubashi University
8. Officials of National Building Research Organization is eligible to apply only to Landslide Prevention Major under the University of Tokyo.
9. A strong will to work for the development of Sri Lanka after their return home
10. In good health both mentally and physically
11. English language ability which is sufficient to study at the graduate level
12. Not serving in Military
13. Never acquired a Master’s Degree, supported by other foreign assistances
14. Not expecting to apply to any other scholarship supported by other foreign assistances

The details of the programme and all relevant documents in this regard are available at <http://www.jds21.com/en/srilanka/> and ERD Form 2 can be downloaded from <http://www.erd.gov.lk/>

Accordingly, the Promotional Seminars have been organized to promote and encourage eligible government officials in all –island Services to apply Masters 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 promotional seminars are as follows.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue and Address / Contacts</b>	<b>Location</b>
22 August 2016	11:00	Management Development Training Centre Farm Road, Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Trincomalee
25 August 2016	10.00	Auditorium No. 02 District Secretariat, Matara	Matara
26 August 2016	14:00	Passenger Transport Service Authority Pallekele ( Opposite to Central Provincial Council Complex)	Pallekele
29 August 2016	10:00	Auditorium, District Secretariat, Jaffna	Jaffna

Your early action in this regard is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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Director General

