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### **The Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resources Development Scholarship (JDS) Academic Year 2010**

The Government of Japan has invited nominations from eligible Government Officials in Sri Lanka for the above Long term Scholarship Programme. The officer in-charge of foreign training of your Ministry has been briefed by the Operating Committee (OC) of JDS and all relevant documents handed over to them for your early action.

The Japanese Government will provide 15 long term scholarships per year to Sri Lanka to pursue Post Graduate Studies in Japanese Universities. The Public Policy & Public Finance, Public Administration, Regional Development & Poverty Alleviation, Macro Economics & Development Economics are the identified target areas to recruit candidates for the JDS program for the year 2010. One potential candidate can apply only for one of these target areas.

You are kindly requested to submit not less than 30 suitable nominations from relevant agencies coming under your Ministry to Japan International Cooperation Centre (JICE) which is assigned to manage the JDS Programme with a copy to ERD **on or before 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009.**

All potential candidates must:

1. Be a citizen of Sri Lanka and not more than 40 years by 01/04/2010 (born after 02/04 1970);
2. Be a graduate of a recognized university (Sri Lankan or Foreign University)
3. Have at least three (03) years experience in a managerial level position in the public sector by September 17, 2009 and have been confirmed in their jobs.
4. Both written and oral communication skills in English (Preferable requirement is IELTS academic module 5.5 as overall score. Candidates who have not sat for IELTS or not got the score of 5.5 so far are requested to sit for IELTS exam that will be arranged by JICE on 26/09/09)
5. Mentally & physically in good health (At the Second Selection, candidates will be requested to take a medical Check-up. The arrangement and cost will be covered by JICE).
6. Not have previously received Sri Lanka or Overseas Government Funded scholarship for a long term (32 weeks or greater) academic studies in a Foreign Country.
7. Not be serving any form of military service.

The ERD form 2 "Essential Information of the Nominee" must be completed and send along with the copy of the each nominations.



**A Sooriyagoda**

Director / Technical Assistance Division  
For Director General

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01. Chief Secretaries of all Provincial Councils- to liaise with the Ministry of Provincial Councils & Local Government to forward applications to JICE office, Colombo
02. Mr Waruna Sri Dhanapala, Actg. Director, NARC and Member of the JDS OC
03. Mr Masayuki Taga, Counselor, Embassy of Japan
04. Ms Yasuko Nishino, Senior Representative, JICA Sri Lanka Office
05. Ms Rei Asada, JDS Project Coordinator, JICE Sri Lanka Office

## **Operating Guidelines of the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resources Development (JDS)**

### **Objective**

The objective of the JDS is to support human resources development in developing countries by providing young government officials with opportunities to undergo master's degree programme at higher educational institutions in Japan.

### **Implementation Structure:**

1. Managing Organization -  
Department of External Resources of the Ministry of Finance & Planning is responsible for administrative matters of the JDS Programme.
  
2. Operating Committee -  
The committee is composed of the representatives from the following Organizations.
  - Department of External Resources (ERD)
  - National Administrative Reform Council (NARC)
  - Embassy of Japan
  - JICA Sri Lanka Office
  
3. Target areas of the JDS Programme (for the 1<sup>st</sup> Year)
  - Public Policy & Public Finance (4 placements)
  - Public Administration and e-government (4 placements)
  - Regional Development & Poverty Alleviation (3 placements)
  - Macro Economics & Development Economics (4 placements)
  
4. The target organizations (for the 1<sup>st</sup> Year)
  - Ministry of Finance & Planning
  - Ministry of Public Administration & Home Affairs Including District Secretariats
  - Ministry of Nation Building & Estate Infrastructure Development
  - Ministry of Local Government & Provincial Councils including 9 Provincial Councils

The potential candidate can apply any one of the above target areas.

### **Implementation of the JDS Programme**

Programme period is 4 years from 2010-2013.

15 placements allocated for the first batch (2010) and during the programme period it would be the 60 placements.

Closing date for the 1<sup>st</sup> batch will be the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Candidates those who are not sit for the IELTS test, Japan International Cooperation Centre (JICE) will arrange the test at the British Council.

## **Selection Procedure**

JICE is expected to have more than 30 applications for each target areas. English (IELTS) and math exam will be on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

### **1<sup>st</sup> selection - (October 01<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>)**

Applications will be screening by professors of accepting universities.  
45 applications will be selected.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> selection (October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>)**

Face to Face Technical interview in Colombo will be done by University Professors in Japan.

30 candidates will be selected and required them to take a health check up.  
(Cost will be provided by JICE)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> selection (November 05<sup>th</sup> and 06<sup>th</sup>)**

15 candidates will be selected by the Operating Committee in Colombo.

#### **Criteria for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Selection**

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| • Academic background and Learning Ability                                      | -     | 50 points    |
| • Capacity to achieve the Study in Japan  | -     | 30 Points    |
| • Possibility of Contributing to candidate's country<br>With acquired Knowledge | -     | 20 Points    |
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|   | Total | - 100 Points |

#### **Criteria for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Selection**

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| • Possibility of contributing to candidate's<br>Country with learned knowledge | -     | 40 Points    |
| • Ability to utilize one's outcome in the Long Term                            | -     | 30 Points    |
| • Capacity to achieve the study in Japan                                       | -     | 30 Points    |
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|  | Total | - 100 Points |

The following documents must be submitted with the application

- 1 original and 3 sets of photocopies of the applications (one copy to ERD)
- 3 original Diploma/ Degree Certificates
- 3 sets of academic transcripts
- 1 original sealed recommendation letter issued by the Current Employer
- 1 original and 2 copies of the work history
- IELTS Test results
- 6 photos (5x5 cm)
- Medical history and present health condition (Questionnaire)
- 1 notarized and 2 copies of the NIC

**Director**

Technical Assistance Division