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23rd September 2025

Attn: Officer In-charge of Foreign Trainings

Secretary to the President / Presidential Secretariat
Secretary to the Prime Minister / Prime Minister's Office
Secretary/ Office of the Cabinet of Ministers
Secretary General/ Sri Lanka Parliament
Heads/ All other Special Spending Units
Secretaries / All Ministries
Chairmen / All Independent Commissions
Chief Secretaries / All Provincial Councils

JICA Development Studies Programme (JICA – DSP) (Long Term Training) Legal and Judicial Human Resources Development JFY 2026

Approximately two years from August 2026

We are pleased to inform you that the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in Sri Lanka has invited nominations for the above long term programme on "Legal and Judicial Human Resources Development" for the Financial Year 2026.

- O2. This programme is designed to foster core human resources in developing countries who will lead legal and judicial reforms, thereby promoting the rule of law -a fundamental foundation of a just and equitable society and a key element of good governance. Accordingly, the objective is to help improve the legal and judicial systems, which leads to the socio-economic development and the respect for human rights.
- 03. We are of the view that this long-term academic programme presents a valuable opportunity for your Ministry/organization and the institutions under your purview. Participation in this programme could greatly benefit the professional development of your personnel and contribute positively to your organizational goals.
- 04. Therefore, we kindly request that you disseminate this information among prospective candidates within your Ministry/organization and all institutions under your purview, and nominate the most suitable candidates in alignment with the guidelines outlined in the General Information (GI) booklet for the programme. The details of the programme, including the GI booklet, are enclosed for your reference.
- 05. Applicants are strongly advised to thoroughly review the eligibility criteria and all relevant information provided in the attached documents prior to submitting their applications.

- 06. It has come to our attention that there has been a recent trend of candidates withdrawing their candidatures for various reasons after being selected for foreign training courses. While these opportunities are secured for the benefit of the country, such withdrawals not only tarnish the country's image but also result in the loss of valuable training slots allocated to us. Moreover, this practice is unfair to other deserving candidates who were not selected. In order to minimize such inconveniences, we kindly request both the candidates and the Ministry/organization to ensure that applications are submitted with a firm commitment. Once selected for the scholarship program, candidates are expected to honor their acceptance and not withdraw their candidature except under circumstances that are exceptionally unexpected and unavoidable.
- 07. We would highly appreciate, if necessary action can be taken to submit suitable nominations from your ministry for the above programs with the following documents;
- Nomination letter of the line ministry
- For each of the nominee; two sets of duly filled Application Form for "JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program" – New official Application Form can be downloaded from ERD public website (www.erd.gov.lk). Please note that hand written applications will not be accepted.
- Copy of the Nominee's English Score Sheet, if available (e.g. TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS)
- Field of Study and Research Plan
- Graduation certificate, Official academic transcripts or certified copy of the original transcripts written in English issued by Universities.
- Copy of the Passport or other official ID if do not possess a passport (P.S – should include Name, Date of Birth, Nationality & Sex)
- Duly filled ERD Form (Available at our website, www.erd.gov.lk)
- 08. Please note that only duly completed applications received by the Department of External Resources on or before 2:00 p.m. on 13th October 2025, accompanied by all relevant documents as stipulated above will be processed. The application deadline will be strictly enforced, and any applications received after the deadline or without the required documentation will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- 09. In light of the above, you are respectfully requested to disseminate this information to all agencies within the jurisdiction of your Ministry and to actively encourage all eligible officials to submit their applications for this prestigious scholarship programme. Furthermore, your kind assistance in facilitating the grant of official leave to officials selected for participation in the programme would be greatly appreciated.
- 10. We earnestly urge all qualified officials to seize this exceptional opportunity to advance their academic credentials and professional expertise.

11. Your timely attention and cooperation in this important matter will be sincerely appreciated.

Tnaranga Liyanage

Additional Director General

for Director General

Enclosure: GI booklet