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28<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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Attn: Officer In-charge of Foreign Trainings

**National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) – Japan**  
**One year Master's Degree Program of Public Policy (MP1)**  
**Two years Master's Degree Program (2026 – 2027) (MP2)**

We are pleased to inform you that the Government of Japan has invited nominations from eligible government officials in Sri Lanka for the above prestigious long-term Scholarships for Master's Programs in Public Policy (MP1: One-year, MP2: Two-year). Applications for admission for the 2026-2027 academic year will open in August 2025.

02. In line with this initiative, the Government of Japan has planned to award one scholarships to eligible public sector officials for the Master's Degree Program for the academic year 2026/ 2027. These scholarships aim to support the professional development of government officials by enabling them to pursue advanced studies at renowned universities in Japan.

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.

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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. The details of the program, including the course description and application guidelines, can be downloaded from the following official websites;

- <https://www.erd.gov.lk>
- <http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/admissions/index/>.

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
- Application Form and other required documents with an additional copy of each document
- Duly filled ERD Form (Available at our website, [www.erd.gov.lk](http://www.erd.gov.lk))

08. Please note that only duly completed applications for the Master's Degree program received by the Department of External Resources (ERD) before given deadlines in the schedule accompanied by the line ministry covering letter and all other relevant documents as stipulated above, will be processed. Please be advised that the application deadline will be strictly enforced, and any applications received after 3:00 p.m. on given deadlines in the schedule (attached), or without the required documentation, will not be accepted under any circumstances. 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.

  
Chandrika K. Senanayake  
Director (Actg.)  
for Director General

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**Application Deadlines by Program, 2026-2027**  
**For applicants residing in countries other than Japan**

(as of August 2025)

Apply directly to GRIPS			
Program		Application Deadline	
		Online Registration Form	Supporting Documents
Master's	MP1 MP2 MEP (for externally funded or self-financed applicants only)	November 21, 2025, 17:00 (JST)	November 28, 2025, 17:00 (JST)
	PF (Tax) PF (Customs)	February 13, 2026, 17:00 (JST)	February 20, 2026, 17:00 (JST)
	MSP (for externally funded or self-financed applicants only)	May 1, 2026, 17:00 (JST)	May 8, 2026, 17:00 (JST)
	MP1, MP2, MEP, PF(Tax), EPP (only for those who have been instructed by JICA to apply to GRIPS) *	May 1, 2026, 17:00 (JST)	May 8, 2026, 17:00 (JST)
Ph.D.	G-cube, PA, STI	November 21, 2025, 17:00 (JST)	November 28, 2025, 17:00 (JST)
	G-cube, PA, STI (only for those who have been instructed by JICA to apply to GRIPS) *	May 1, 2026, 17:00 (JST)	May 8, 2026, 17:00 (JST)

\*If you are a candidate for MP1/2, MEP, PF(Tax), G-cube, PA or STI, you must be instructed by JICA to apply to GRIPS. Please begin your process by contacting the department in your organization responsible for overseas study to confirm that employees from your organization are eligible to apply for the JICA Scholarship.  
 Note: please do not contact the JICA office in your area directly.  
 If you are a candidate for EPP, you must be instructed by JICA to apply to GRIPS. Please begin your process by contacting the person in charge of the Linkage Master's Program at your university in Indonesia for details.  
 Note: please do not contact the JICA office in your area directly.

Apply directly to GRIPS (Paper-based)		
Program		Application Deadline
Ph.D.	DM	March 6, 2026

Apply through a sponsoring organization			
Program		Contact Organization	Application Deadline
Master's	YLP	Japanese Embassy	Varies
	MEP (for scholarship-seeking applicants only)	IMF	Varies
	AIP	ASEAN Secretariat	Varies
	DMP	JICA or Japanese Embassy	Varies
	MSP (for scholarship-seeking applicants only)	JICA	Varies

