Distinguished JDS Returned Fellow



Mr. Md. Shafiqur Rahman
Ambassador of Bangladesh in Nepal
JDS 9th Batch Fellow to International University of Japan (IUJ)

"Studying in Japan has contributed significantly to strengthening and enhancing my interdisciplinary capabilities. While Japan, as part of Asia, views diplomacy from an Asia-Pacific perspective, researching how Japan perceives and engages with Asia broadened my own perspective and has also contributed to my career development."

Voice from JDS Returned Fellow



Ms. Nigar Islam
University of Tsukuba, Japan (2022-2024)
Degree: Master of Environmental Sciences
Thesis Title: Investigating Waste Management Education in Japanese and Bangladeshi Schools through Textbook Content Analysis
Workplace: Assistant Professor, Physics, Meherpur Government College

JDS changed the way I see life and helped me understand how deeply connected we are with people, society, and our environment. My JDS journey was much more than earning a Master's degree. It enriched me with knowledge, experiences, friendships, cultures, and a deeper understanding of life.

I had the privilege of pursuing my Master's at the University of Tsukuba, one of the leading universities of Japan. Living in Tsukuba, I loved exploring the modern city, surrounded by Mount Tsukuba and lush green paddy fields, on my favorite bicycle. Along with our thesis and courses, the SUSTEP (Sustainability Science, Technology, and Policy) Certificate Course gave me opportunities to visit different prefectures across Japan, as well as the Netherlands, Germany, and China, and gain hands-on experience in environmental protection and management. International seminars and JICA's cultural programs also allowed me to learn from scholars, meet people, and experience Japanese culture more closely.

During those two years, I experienced Japan not only as a student, but also as an explorer. Japanese traditions, food, communities, history, heritage, and extraordinary modernity. The most remarkable one was climbing Mount Fuji. I met wonderful people from different countries and cultures, and each experience added something new to the way I understand the world.

The kindness of the Japanese people and their strong sense of cleanliness made me more aware of my responsibilities towards Bangladesh and its environment. I returned home with much more than a degree — with knowledge, memories, new perspectives, and a strong desire to give back. Putting what I learned to work for my country is, for me, the most meaningful way to express my gratitude to Japan and Bangladesh for this life-changing opportunity.



What is JDS?

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) has been implemented in the People's Republic of Bangladesh since 2001, funded by the Government of Japan. The objective of JDS is to support human resources development of Bangladesh targeting young government officials (BCS Cadre Officials, BJS Officials, 1st Class Officials of Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division and Class-1 Officers of Bangladesh Bank) to study Master's Degree (2-year) in Japan. Participants of JDS are expected to contribute in formulating and implementing social and economic development policies of Bangladesh.

Benefits of JDS Participants

JDS covers cost for full tuition fees, monthly living expenses, air fare, other designated expenses as per JDS Rules and Guidelines. Support from JICE is also available such as finding accommodation, initial settlement of life in Japan, emergency situation etc.



Executing Agency

Economic Relations Division (ERD)

In cooperation with

[Bangladesh] Ministry of Public Administration / Ministry of Education / Ministry of Planning

[Japan] Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh / JICA Bangladesh Office

Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) provides management services for implementing the JDS Project.

JDS Bangladesh

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The Project for Human Resource Development (JDS) Bangladesh

Academic Year 2027-2028

Study in Japan Scholarship (Master's) for Future Leaders







Application Deadline
4:00pm on 30th Nov. 2026

* Application to be submitted to JICE (Japan International Cooperation Center) online.

From the People of Japan

Further Information & Application Documents at
https://jds-scholarship.org/

Eligible Applicants

(1) Below Forty (40) years old as of 1 April 2027. (Born on/after 2 April 1987)

(2) Completed sixteen (16) years of school education with Bachelor's Degree, with excellent academic performance

(3) At least two (2) years of work experience as confirmed members of Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) Cadres, Bangladesh Bank Class-1 Officials, Bangladesh Judicial Service (BJS) Officials and 1st Class Officials of Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division in Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs at time of application

(4) Has not been awarded any other scholarship for Master's degree in any foreign country

(5) Should be engaged in, or committed to pursuing, careers aligned with the objectives of JDS (Also refer to Application Guidelines)

Selection Process & Schedule (Subject to change)

1st Selection
December 2026
IELTS & Math Exam
December 2026 – January 2027
Screening of Application Documents by University

2nd Selection
March 2027
Medical Examination / Technical Interview by University

3rd Selection
March – April 2027
Comprehensive Interview by Operating Committee

Applying to University
March to April 2027

Japanese Lessons
July 2027

Pre-departure Orientation
July to August 2027

Departure to Japan
August 2027

Entrance to University
September to October 2027

Return to Bangladesh
By October 2029





Framework of JDS Bangladesh 2026

JDS Priority Area (Sub-Program)	JDS Development Issue (Component)	University	Graduate School	Degree to be Obtained	Slot
1.Administrative Capacity Development	1-1 Capacity Development of Public Administration of Central and Local Governments	Meiji University	Graduate School of Governance Studies	Master of Public Policy	2
		Yamaguchi University	Graduate School of Humanities and Economic Sciences	Masters of Economics (with certificate of completion of Public Administration Course)	2
		Kobe University	Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies	a. Master of Political Science b. Master of International Studies	2
		Waseda University	Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies	MA(Master of Arts) in International Relations	2
		International University of Japan	Graduate School of International Relations (PMPP)	a. Master of Arts in Public Management b. Master of Arts in Public Policy	4
	1-2 Capacity Development of Judiciary System and Policy	Keio University	Law School	Master of Laws (LL.M.)	2
		Kyushu University	Graduate School of Law	Master of Laws	2
	1-3 Capacity Development of Urban and Regional Development Planning and Policy	University of Tsukuba	Graduate School of Science and Technology	Master of Environmental Sciences	2
		Hiroshima University	Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering/ Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences/ Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society	(1) a. Master of Science b. Master of Engineering c. Master of Philosophy d. Master of International Cooperation Studies (2) a. Master of Philosophy b. Master of Economics c. Master of Business Administration d. Master of International Cooperation Studies (3)Master of Philosophy	2
		Tohoku University	Graduate School of Environmental Studies	a. Master of Disaster Science b. Master of Environmental Studies c. Master of Interdisciplinary Studies	2
	1-4 Capacity Development of Economic Planning and Policy, Public Finance, and Investment Management	Hiroshima University	Graduate School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences/ Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society	(1) a. Master of Philosophy b. Master of Economics c. Master of Business Administration d. Master of International Cooperation Studies (2)Master of Philosophy	2
		International University of Japan	Graduate School of International Relations (IDP)	a. Master of Arts in Economics b. Master of Arts in International Development	2
		Kobe University	Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies	a. Master of Economics b. Master of International Studies	2
		Waseda University	Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies	MA(Master of Arts) in International Relations	2
				Total	30