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বিষয়: Japan Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)-এর ০২ (দুই) বছর মেয়াদী মাস্টার্স প্রোগ্রাম (২৪তম ব্যাচ)-এ আবেদন প্রসঙ্গে

জাপানের বিভিন্ন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে মাস্টার্স প্রোগ্রামে অংশগ্রহণে আগ্রহী বিসিএস ও বিজেএস ক্যাডারভুক্ত কর্মকর্তা, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক এবং লেজিসলেটিভ ও সংসদ বিষয়ক বিভাগের প্রথম শ্রেণির কর্মকর্তাগণের মধ্য হতে উন্মুক্ত প্রতিযোগিতার মাধ্যমে প্রার্থী বাছাইয়ের নিমিত্ত **Japan Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)-এর ০২ (দুই) বছর মেয়াদী মাস্টার্স প্রোগ্রাম (২৪তম ব্যাচ)-এ** আবেদন আহ্বান করা হয়েছে।

০২। নিম্নবর্ণিত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন কর্মকর্তাগণ উক্ত শিক্ষাবৃত্তিতে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবেন:


- ক) যে সকল কর্মকর্তার বয়স ০১/০৪/২০২৫ খ্রি. তারিখে ৪০ বছরের কম;
- খ) যাদের চাকরি স্থায়ী হয়েছে এবং যাদের কমপক্ষে ০২ (দুই) বছরের কর্ম অভিজ্ঞতা রয়েছে;
- গ) আইইএলটিএস-এ ন্যূনতম স্কোর ৬.০০ থাকা আবশ্যিক;
- ঘ) শিক্ষা জীবনে কমপক্ষে ২টি প্রথম শ্রেণি/বিভাগ বা সমমানের রয়েছে এবং কোন তৃতীয় শ্রেণি নেই;
- ঙ) ইতঃপূর্বে যে সকল কর্মকর্তা প্রেষণে বা শিক্ষাছুটিতে বিদেশে মাস্টার্স ডিগ্রি সম্পন্ন করেছেন (জাপানের অন্য কোনো স্কলারশিপসহ) তাঁদের এ কোর্সে আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই;
- চ) নারী প্রার্থীগণকে বিশেষভাবে আবেদনে উৎসাহিত করা হচ্ছে;
- ছ) জাপান সরকার চূড়ান্তভাবে মনোনীত প্রার্থীদের বিমানভাড়া, টিউশন ফি, মাসিক ভাতা ইত্যাদি প্রদান করবে।

০৩। উক্ত প্রোগ্রামে অংশগ্রহণে আগ্রহী পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়ের যোগ্য কর্মকর্তাগণ মন্ত্রণালয়ের অনুমতি সাপেক্ষে আবেদন করতে পারবেন। আগ্রহী কর্মকর্তাগণকে ১৬ অক্টোবর ২০২৪ তারিখের মধ্যে নিয়োগ ও প্রশিক্ষণ শাখা বরাবর ই-মেইল (as.randt@mofa.gov.bd)-এ আবেদন করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

০৪। আবেদন ফরম ও ফরম পূরণের নির্দেশিকা এবং শিক্ষাবৃত্তি সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য সকল তথ্যাবলী নিম্নোক্ত ওয়েবসাইটে পাওয়া যাবে:

<http://jds-scholarship.org>

সংযুক্তি: বর্ণনা মোতাবেক।

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- ০২। পরিচালক (এফএও/এফএসও/সংস্থাপন), পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা।
- ০৩। সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব/সহকারী সচিব (আইসিটি), পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা (মন্ত্রণালয়ের ওয়েবসাইটে প্রকাশের অনুরোধসহ)।
- ০৪। অফিস কপি।

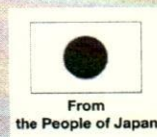
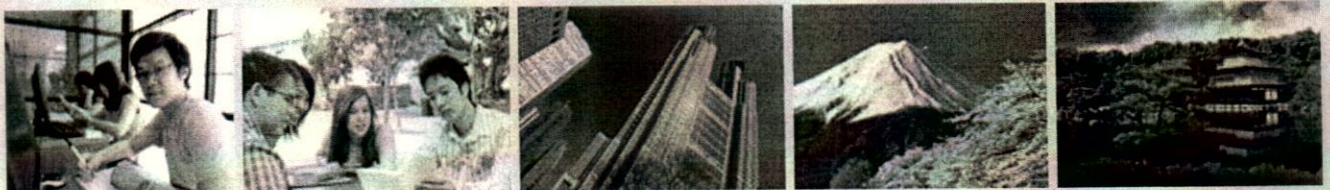




JDS Application Guidelines



The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship in Bangladesh 2024



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I. Application Guidelines

1. About JDS Scholarship

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) was launched by the Government of Bangladesh with the assistance of the Government of Japan in 2001.



JDS
Is funded by the Government of Japan through its ODA (Official Development Assistance) budget.



JDS
Targets young government officials and others who are expected to play a leadership role in the development of their countries.



JDS
Provides scholarships to Bangladesh government officers to study at two-year Master's degree courses (instructed in English) of Japanese universities.

Objectives of JDS

- **To support for Human Resource Development**
JDS's objective is to strengthen the government's administrative capacities in Bangladesh by providing the opportunity to obtain the Master's degree for young capable government administrators. These individuals are expected to engage in formulating and implementing social and economic development plans and to play a leadership role in the development of the country.
- **To Enhance Bilateral Relationships**
JDS fellows are expected to solidify foundations to further bilateral relations with Japan by utilizing their human network developed through academic and social activities while in Japan.

Beneficiaries of JDS

- **For the participants (JDS Fellows)**
JDS Fellows are going to study at the highest-level research institutions in Japan. Fellows will conduct research with world top level researchers and acquire expertise to use for policy making and institutional building for the development of their country. Fellows will also have opportunities to build human network in and out of Japan through the two-year study in Japan. After the program, fellows can contribute to the development and prosperity of Bangladesh with those expertise and human network they built in Japan.
- **For the organizations (The Fellows' workplace)**
The Fellows' workplace will gain highly-capable and motivated returnees (JDS Fellows) who can effectively contribute to the organizational missions
- **For the Country (The Fellows' country)**
The Fellows' country will improve institutional capability of the target organizations which leads to foster country's development

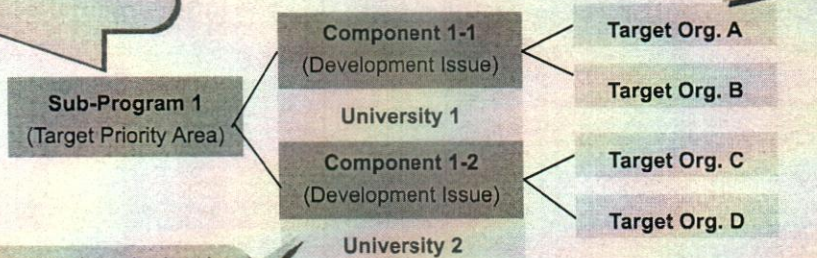


2. System of JDS Bangladesh

The framework of the JDS Project under the "New System" was made applicable to Bangladesh in 2009 and was revised in 2013, 2017 and 2021. The new approach gives its importance on "selection and concentration" on the target priority issues to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of the program. A single program (One phase) is designed to accept four batches of Fellows (Fellows in each fiscal year constitute one batch). This year's application is for the 4th batch in phase 4.

The new JDS Project consists of the sectors called "Sub-Program" and "Component", which correspond to and deal with the selected target priority areas and the relevant development issues, which were confirmed as indispensable to the economic and social development of the country.

The Fellows of the JDS Project are selected from the "Target Organizations" whose mission is closely related to the target priority areas (Sub-Program) and the relevant development issues (Component).



Accepting universities are also determined under each Component, which offers educational programs relevant to the needs of Bangladesh. The degree to be pursued is **master's degree (2 years course)**, and the medium of instruction is **English**.

For further details →

P14 Framework of JDS Bangladesh
P15-18 Information on each Component

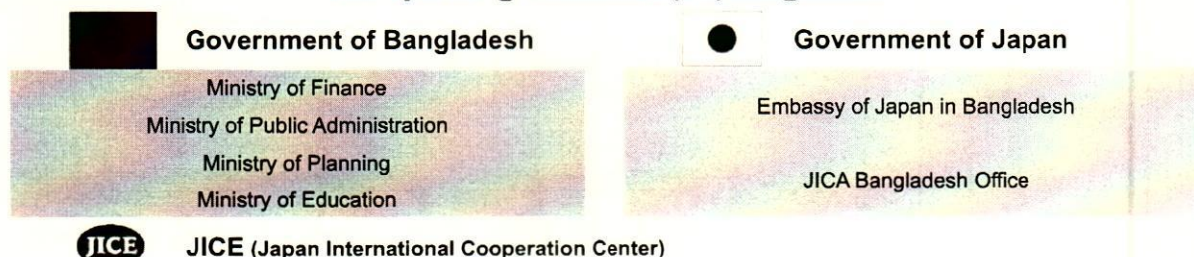
3. Applicant Eligibility

Nationality	Citizens of Bangladesh
Age	Below Forty (40) years as of April 1st, 2025 (Born on/after 2 April 1985)
Academic Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed sixteen (16) years of school education with at least Bachelor’s degree At least two (2) First Divisions/Class ※No Third Division/Class or equivalent to First Division Class
	Other requirements or desirability of academic background Some accepting universities have other requirements or desirable academic background. <u>Check P15-18 [Information of Each Sub-Program / Component] for more details.</u>
Work Experience	To be 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 with at least two (2) years of work experience at time of application
English Proficiency	Have a good command of both written and spoken English, Submitting the IELTS score is mandatory. IELTS 6.0 or higher is preferable. The IELTS score taken after 1 June 2023 is valid. <u>(JICE will arrange IELTS Test for those who don't have valid score. The score result can be used only for JDS selections but not for other purposes.)</u>
Health Condition	Mentally and physically in good health.
Ineligibility	<p>A person corresponds to the followings is not eligible to apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who are currently receiving (or scheduled to receive) another scholarship (including other scholarships of Japan) Those who have obtained a Master's or higher degrees overseas under the support of foreign scholarship Those who have completed a Master's or Doctoral degree under deputation or study leave after joining the Civil Service, Judicial Service, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division or, Bangladesh Bank <p>* Exception: Those who attended online or evening courses without taking paid leave are eligible to apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Military personnel and military civilian employees registered on the active list, and also personnel on temporary leave from the active list
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Female candidates are encouraged to apply

4. JDS Operating Committee (OC)

JDS Operating Committee (OC) is the decision-making committee of JDS Project. It consists of both members of the government of Bangladesh and Japan. The OC not only sets the framework and selection policies but also evaluates candidates in final selection.

JDS Operating Committee (OC) Bangladesh



JICE supports a smooth implementation of JDS project, which covers a wide range of services such as arrangements of recruitment and selection, and assistances for JDS Fellows studying in Japan

5. Selection Process

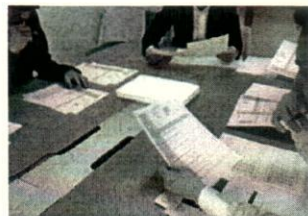
Schedule	Steps	Description
Sept – Oct 31, 2024	Application	Closing Date: 5:00 p.m. on Oct 31 (Thu), 2024 Further details → P6“Application Documents”
Nov, 2024	Academic aptitude test	IELTS and Math tests*: The test results will be reviewed by the universities in later selection stages. * Applicants for Keio University are exempted from the Math test * The result of the Math test is referred as a basic skill. Evaluations of each selection mostly depend on your research proposal and interviews.
Dec 1, – Dec 24, 2024	1 st Selection	Document Screening: Application Documents and research plan will be examined by the Japanese universities.
Mid-End of Jan, 2025	Health Checkup	The health checkup will be arranged at a hospital in Dhaka.
Mid-End of Jan, 2025	2 nd Selection	Technical Interview: Faculty members of the Japanese Universities will visit to Dhaka to conduct their interview exams.
Mid-End of Feb, 2025	3 rd Selection	Comprehensive Interview: The Operating Committee members will conduct the interview exams.
End of Feb, 2025	Approval by the OC	Successful candidates will be approved and notified
Mar – Apr, 2025	Admission Procedure	JICE will support admission procedures for each university
Jul, 2025	Japanese Language Training	Provided to successful candidates in Dhaka.
Jul, 2025	Orientations	Provided by JICA, EoJ and JICE
Aug, 2025	Departure for Japan	JICE will arrange air-ticket, visa, and also support after the arrival in Japan

<Important Notes>

- ✓ During the selection stage, only transportation costs from outside of Dhaka for attending the IELTS, the 2nd and the 3rd selection will be covered by JDS Project.
- ✓ Application Documents with false statements or plagiarism will be immediately disqualified
- ✓ A result of each selection will be announced to all candidates by Email
- ✓ In principle, reasons of the selection-results will not be disclosed. Do not directly inquire to accepting universities.
- ✓ Failure to participate each selection, interview and test will result in automatic disqualification from selection process.
- ✓ Each successful candidate will be requested to sign and submit “JDS Pledge” to comply with the conditions and rules as scholarship fellows under the JDS Project.



IELTS & Math test



1st Selection
Document Screening



2nd Selection
Technical Interview



3rd Selection
Comprehensive Interview

6. Selection Criteria

Selection process	Criteria	Intent and Purpose
1st Selection Document Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic records and background Possibility of future contribution by utilizing acquired knowledge Contents of Research Plan Relevance between Research Plan and Sub-Program / Component (Development issues set by JDS) Reference Letter (Annex in the Application Document) 	The Japanese universities evaluate applicants' basic knowledge, ability and academic background. Compatibility to the university course will be also examined.
2nd Selection Technical Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic background and learning ability Capacity for completing the study in Japan Possibility of contributing to the development of the country Compatibility to the university course 	The universities mainly evaluate <u>academic knowledge, candidates' idea about research plan</u> , etc. Communication and logical thinking skills are also checked through the interview.
3rd Selection Comprehensive Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity for completing the study in Japan Possibility of contributing to the development of the country <u>and strengthening bilateral relations with Japan</u>. Capacity to utilize outcomes of the study over the long term 	After the universities check the candidates' academic abilities, the Operating Committee evaluates <u>the candidates' capacity of future contribution to the development of the country and strengthening bilateral relations with Japan</u> such as purpose of study in Japan, career plan after the study, etc.

* The English (IELTS) and math test results will be reviewed by the universities in the selection stages

7. Award Benefits

The awards are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by JDS project. The following benefits generally apply:

- Full tuition fees
- Air fare
- Arrival allowance
- Accommodation allowance
- Monthly Scholarship
- Book allowance
- Travel and seminar attendance allowance
- Overseas travel insurance

Beside these allowances, JDS project offer various support for the life in Japan. Such as...

- **Support finding an accommodation.** JICE will consider your desirable budget and apartment style etc...and help you to find the perfect apartment.
- **Support registration of public service.** JICE will help you to start life in Japan (Opening bank account, residence registration etc.) with less troubles and stress. So that you can focus on your study.
- **JICE conduct monitoring once in 2-3 months to help your life in Japan.** You have access to JICE local office's help whenever you have troubles in your life.
- **JDS program offers various exciting networking events!** You have great opportunities to making connection with Japanese government officials and future country leaders from all over the world.
- **Japanese language course and orientations before and after arriving to Japan.** Those courses and orientations make you familiar with Japanese culture and lifestyle!

8. Important JDS Rules

JDS has specific rules in order to realize its project goals and to ensure favorable study environment for the Fellows.

Before departure

- JDS Fellows must submit a JDS pledge to the Operating Committee to commit themselves to follow JDS Rules.

During the stay in Japan

- It is recommended to bring their family members to Japan only after 3 months from the date of arrival in Japan and after the date of admission.
- The Fellows are prohibited from
 - Working (Including part time jobs) *JDS fellows stay in Japan with "Student" VISA.
 - Driving motor vehicles *JDS fellows are not allowed to drive in Japan for safety reason.
 - Applying for further studies such as a doctoral course in Japan
- The Fellows must complete the study within the predetermined period of study, and return to his/her country immediately after the study completion.

After returning to home country

- The Fellows must attend a report back meeting held by the Operating Committee.
- The Fellows are obliged to return and work in Bangladesh for at least 2 (two) years in the Target Organizations in compliance with the Act of Pledge required by the Economic Relations Division (ERD).

Further details will be explained in an orientation conducted after the selection.



II. How to Succeed in Application

1. Application Documents

1) Online Application

- All applicants are required to fill out online application form and upload sets of necessary documents to complete your application.
- Visit JDS website (<http://jds-scholarship.org/>) and find designated formats and use for online application.
- Application Guideline (AG), and other designated forms are available from JDS website.
- For further information on online application, please check the online application manual which is also downloadable from JDS website.

2) List of Application Documents

- All documents written in other language than English need official English translation. (Self-translation is not acceptable.)
- Submit "Reason Letter" in case where wrong information (e.g. wrong spelling of name, birthday, etc.) is contained in the ID and official documents due to administrative errors.

No	Application Documents	File Type	Remarks
1	Short Essay (Designated Form)	PDF (One file only)	· Must be filled out in English.
2	Research Plan (Designated Form)	PDF (One file only)	
3	Academic Certificate (Attested Copy)	PDF (Two files)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · SSC to Bachelor and (if any) Master or Equivalent · If not written in English, attach official English Translation · Please organize in chronological order (old to recent). · Please make it two PDF files (SSC to Higher Secondary and Bachelor and higher) to upload.
4	Academic Marksheet/ Transcript (Attested Copy)	PDF (Two files)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · SSC to Bachelor and (if any) Master or equivalent · If not written in English, attach official English translation · For Bachelor and Masters, copy of <u>all individual year</u> mark sheet / transcript should be submitted · Please organize in chronological order (old to recent). · Please make it two PDF files (SSC to Higher Secondary and Bachelor and higher) to upload.
5	Reference Letter (Designated Form)	PDF (One file only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Filled out by the current supervisor from your belonging org. · Written in English or accompanied with official English translation.
6	GO for job confirmation	PDF (One file only)	· GO for job confirmation to proof your employment.
7	Passport Copy	PDF (One file only)	· Photo and Address pages
8	Data of Photograph	JPG, JPEG, PNG, GIF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A photo (within the past 3 months) should be uploaded. · It must be taken against a plain background · 4cm × 3cm (height × width) aspect ratio
9	[If Any] IELTS certificate	PDF (One file only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Official certificate of IELTS 6.0 or higher · Must be valid until 31 May 2025 (taken on/after 1 June 2023)

- Upload a "Reason Letter" if there are flaws in the documents that you can not correct by yourself or if there are documents you can not submit.

3) Submission of Application

3)-1 Online Application (Flow)

1. Download the prescribed forms from JDS Website

Download password will be required - fill out a password request form on the website, then you will receive a password from JICE JDS Project Office by email.



2. Prepare the required documents

Make sure to start preparing the documents well in advance



3. Access the online application system

- Link to the Online Application Form is available on JDS Website
- Complete your application by filling out the necessary information and uploading the required documents

4. Receive an email

- **[Submission Succeeded]** You will receive a confirmation email.
- **[Submission Failed]** You will receive an error message - please contact JICE JDS Project Office immediately, and make sure to complete your application before the deadline.



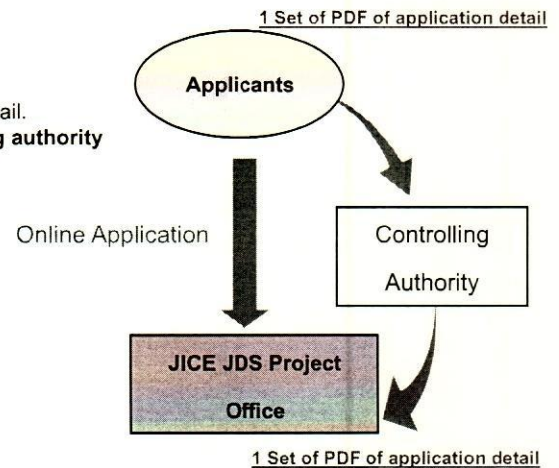
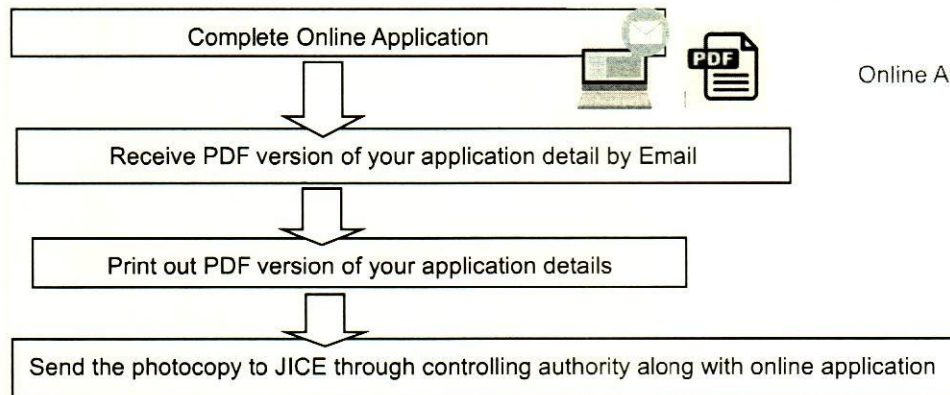
Important Notice

- If you could not access to online application form, contact JICE JDS Office immediately.
- Application lacking necessary documents will not be accepted.
- There might be access concentration on the closing day of the application. However, application submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Once you submit the application, it will not be able to change.
- Application will be disqualified in case false statements and/or plagiarism is found.

3)-2 Through the Controlling Authority

1 set of PDF of your application detail.

- After the online application, you will receive PDF version of your application by Email.
- Please print them out and submit that to JICE through the respective controlling authority



Deadline for Application Submission

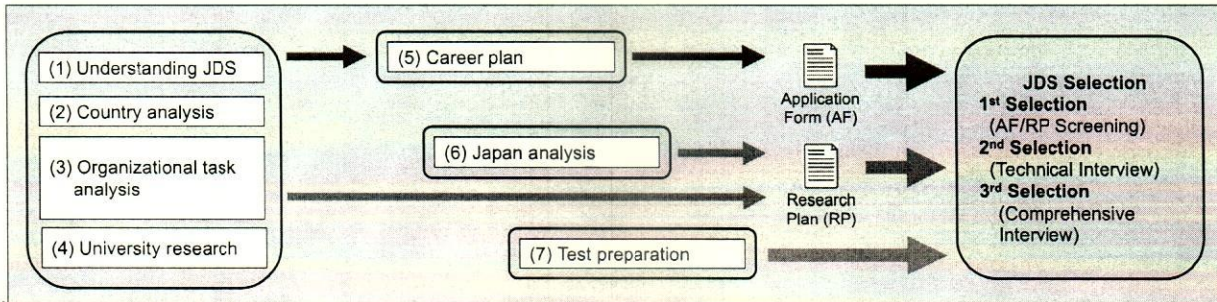
Deadline for Application: 5:00 p.m. on October 31 (Thu), 2024

JDS Office recommends completing the application 2-3 days earlier than the deadline because JDS Application page will be crowded on the day of the deadline.

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2. Tips on Application and Selection (Reference)

The better you prepare for the Application Documents, the more chances to pass the selection you have. Please spend more than 1 week to prepare the Application Documents, especially short essay and Research Plan. Here are some tips on the preparation of Application Form (AF) and Research Plan (RP).



About the selection and criteria

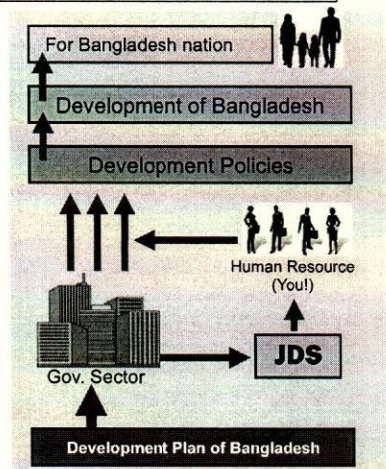
As shown in the chart above, you are advised to collect detailed information about JDS, Japan and the universities through literature survey and so on before applying to JDS. Also, it is important to know in advance about its selection and evaluation criteria (P5), and prepare your AF and, RP *with a view to winning the selection.*

(1) Understanding JDS

Objectives and framework

The objectives of JDS are written in P2. “Sub-Program and Component (SP/CP)” and “Targeted Organizations (TO)” are shown in P14. But, here, most importantly, you have to note the reasons why JDS is provided to the government sector, why SP/CP and TO are set in the JDS framework. The answers to those questions will be an important basis in making preparation for AF and RP.

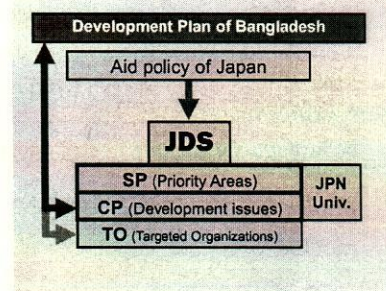
- JDS is designed to support the human resource development of Bangladesh
- Government sector can directly and widely contribute to the development
- SP/CP are set based on the development plan of Government of Bangladesh and Japan aid policy,
- TO (You and your workplace) are considered to be closely involved in the development.



(2) Country analysis

As mentioned in “(1) Understanding JDS” above, “SP/CP” is set based on the development plan of the Government of Bangladesh (Rectangular strategy, NSDP, etc.). First, read and understand a background of the SP/CP you wish to apply for (P14) to know what kind of development issues are assumed and what kind of research are expected under JDS. Then, obtain information on development issues of Bangladesh (8th 5-year Plan 2020 - 2025) to deepen your understanding on the status of the development. This analysis of present development status will be important not only for making a RP but also for later selection steps (interviews).

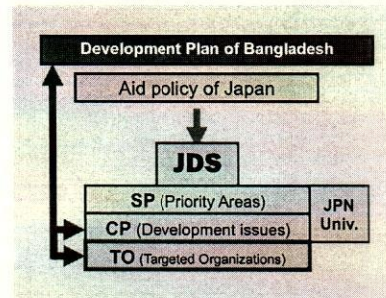
- Read and understand a background of the SP/CP you apply for (P15~)
- Check such materials as NSDP, issues of your organization, etc.



(3) Organization task analysis

As shown in “JDS framework (P14)”, TO is set under the each CP and considered to be closely related with the development issues (CP). Therefore, it is essential for you to know what kind of mission your organization has in the context of the development of Bangladesh. Also it is important to observe what kind of issues your organization is tackling with and what are lacking to solve the issues. Those observations will help you conduct further analysis.

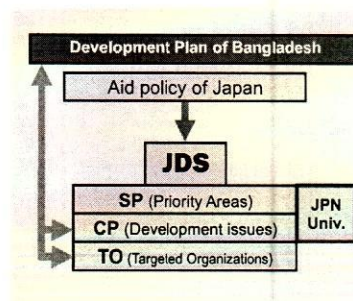
- Check missions and roles of your organization in the context of the development of your country.
- Also observe what is necessary in your organization to solve the development issues of your workplace. Those observations will help you find reasons to study in Japan.



(4) University research

As shown in "JDS framework (P14)", the relevant Japanese universities (courses) are designated under the each CP. Those universities are selected to offer you with sufficient knowledge in order to tackle development issues of your concern. As the universities wish to recruit students with necessary academic level and high motivation to learn, you need to demonstrate those points in the following way.

- One of the ways to show self-motivation is to demonstrate how much you know about the university you are applying for.
- Go to the university website to know their location, history, provided courses, the faculty members, etc.
- Find interesting professors, and check their research areas, current activities, their published academic papers, etc.



(5) Career plan

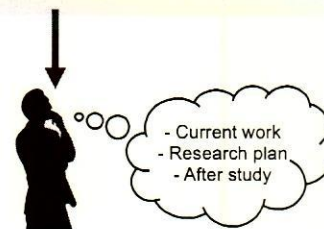
As you can see it in Application Form (AF), you will be required to fill in **your work experience, Research plan, Reason why you have chosen to apply to the Graduate School/Course/Program you selected, and future contribution.** Those questions are very coherent in the sense that each question asks [who you are / what you are doing now], [what you want to do in Japan] and [what you can / want to do after your study]. So, those questions ask how you relate your career and the study in the context of the development of your country. This is a clear tip to answer to those questions in AF.

Questions you answer on AF are NOT separate questions. They are very coherent.

About "Responsibilities of Your Work" in AF

Due to lack of understanding of the connections among questions on AF, some people do nothing but list up their daily work on "Responsibilities of Your Work" part in AF without being aware of those connections. As mentioned above, it is important to show your current (or previous) work in the context of the development issues in order to bridge your answers to the next questions (Research Plan and career plan after study).

"Responsibilities of Your Work" part is asking your current and previous works. But, based on your answers in this question, the interviewers (the university and OC) try to guess if you can use acquired knowledge in your work after you return from Japan.



About "Research Plan" in AF

The details about how to write Research Plan (RP) is explained in (P10). On the basis of the explanation above, keep in mind that the RP is considered as an extension of your work, which will lead to your career plan after you study in Japan.

About "Future Plan after study in Japan" in AF

You may have a problem in answering to this question about how you will contribute to the development after your study in Japan. Considering the objectives of JDS, this is a very important factor through the selection process. Every year, some applicants provide answers such as "I will share my knowledge", "I will teach at educational institutions" and so on. Those are, of course, important. But, if you are a JDS interviewer, would you be attracted by such answers?

- If you have finished the analysis in (2) ~ (4) above, you should be able to identify the needs of your country and organization as well as your tasks to fulfill such needs.
- It is important to layout your future career plan (after your study in Japan) in relation to the needs of your country and organization, which also will be a solid and good reasoning to study in Japan!

(6) Research on relevant issues in Japan

The JDS Fellows are to conduct a research on development issues of their home countries. And also, taking into account that they study in Japan, you are also recommended to know in advance, at least, about historical and empirical cases of Japan in your research field.

(7) Test preparation

As shown in "Selection Process (P4)", the results of English and Math tests will be reviewed by the universities in the 1st selection (AF and RP screening by the universities in Japan) and afterwards.

- It is strongly recommended to prepare for those tests, improving your ability by self-study. You can prepare both tests in advance!
- About IELTS test, get used to the test format using sample test and textbooks.
- About Math test, question and solution of the past years' test are available at JDS Website. Using the past test, check rules and formulas in school textbooks!

IELTS preparation
British Council Website
<http://www.britishcouncil.org.bd/en/exam/ielts>

Past math test and solution
JDS Website
<http://jds-scholarship.org/>

3. Guidelines for Writing a Research Plan

(1) Guideline for writing a research plan

In the application for JDS, the research plan for your Master's thesis should ;

- Address the current issues/problems of the socioeconomic development of your country and how to remedy these issues/problems.
- Present a detailed work plan on how and what you will do to achieve for the goal of your study.

The research plan, which is submitted for the application is not deemed to be final. It will be revised during the course work in the line with the Component. The purpose of the research plan is to help its readers (faculty members of graduate schools) evaluate the significance and potentiality of your research from the following aspects:

- 1) Does the research plan address the important policy questions of the applicant's country?
- 2) Does the research plan show that the applicant is strongly motivated and adequately prepared to implement the research successfully?
- 3) Who will benefit from the result of the research? Will the result of the research contribute to solving or clarifying policy questions which are important for applicant's country?

- 4) Does the research help the applicant to more effectively participate in the development process of your country after the completion of the course?
- 5) Is the applicant's academic background strong enough to implement the research plan?
- 6) Is the applicant's work experience sufficient to pursue the research? (Not necessary if other application material is good enough to show that the answers are positive.)
- 7) Does the research plan fit well with the program of the graduate school?
- 8) Are the applicant's research questions academically significant?

The importance of each point above, however, depends on the field of study and the graduate program you are applying for. Some graduate programs may require more specific information about the data and method of analysis. Therefore, it is essential to go through the "University Information" as well as the website of the university carefully before writing your research plan. Writing a research plan is the beginning of your research. It is highly recommended that you keep improving your research plan before departure to Japan after being selected as a JDS Fellow.

(2) Outline of the research plan (Example)

Title		Describe the nature of your proposed research clearly. Avoid making it too short or redundant.
Introduction	Background	Position your research theme here to <u>state a significance of your research in the research areas</u> . The literature review is not a part to merely describe preceding studies <u>but to sort out what researches have done, what have been found and what are unknown in your research field</u> . Also consider relevance with development issues and your organization. List the preceding studies in a reference section at the end of your research plan.
	Literature Review	
	Purpose and Questions	<u>Shape and clarify what you want to achieve by your research</u> . It is recommended to think about research purposes at a higher level not in your daily duties. <u>The research itself is not a purpose</u> . Your research is supposed to contribute to the development of your country and institutional development of your organization. As for the research questions, set your questions in relation with to the preceding studies above, development issues of your country and organization, also taking into consideration your research methodologies. <u>With solid research questions, the research methodologies will be clarified accordingly</u> .
Main Body	Methodology	This is the main part of your research plan. Develop your opinion and give more information. Explain what and how to study. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Detail your research procedure within the given timeframe. ▪ List sources and quality of evidence you will consult with and the analytical technique you will employ, and the timetable you will follow. ▪ Describe the intended methods of data gathering, the controls you will introduce, the statistical methods to be used, the type of literature or documentary analysis to be followed, etc.
Conclusion	Expected Results Significance	Tell the reader the important points to stress and address your future plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected learning/findings from your research • Describe your future plan on how to utilize your research outcome to solve the issues mentioned in the first part after return home. • Describe how your research outcome will contribute to the development of the country and the institutional development of your organization.
	Bibliography	Include all the resources which are used in the writing of the research plan.

For more information, go to the website on academic writing below.

University of Oxford: Guidelines to Writing a Research Proposal
http://www.geog.ox.ac.uk/graduate/apply/research_proposal.html

(3) Warnings about "Plagiarism"

"Plagiarism" is a **serious offense** in the academic field. **Plagiarism** means using other person's ideas and words without explicitly acknowledging the source of that information.

University students including JDS applicants and Fellows are members of the academic, and must not commit plagiarism in making a research plan and thesis. Otherwise, you may be disqualified from the selection, or even be discharged from the university, once the plagiarism is found in your research plan, or academic work at the university.



Such cases are deemed as plagiarism:

- Copying from books or articles written by other authors without permission
- Copying from an internet source without referring to the attribution text or information
- Misrepresentation of someone's work as one's original

To avoid plagiarism, you must cite sources and give credit whenever you use:

- Other person's idea, opinion, or theory
- Any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings – any pieces of information – that are not common knowledge
- Quotation of other person's spoken or written words, or
- **Paraphrase** of other person's spoken or written words



When you make your research plan, also pay attention to "Paraphrase".

Paraphrase is a re-expression of other person's ideas in your own words. There is accurate and inaccurate way of paraphrasing.

Here are some websites for more explanation on those matters. Applicants must prepare a research plan carefully to avoid plagiarism.

- Plagiarism and how to avoid it

University of Oxford, What is the Plagiarism?

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills/plagiarism>

- Paraphrase and examples

The Writing Center @ THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – MADISON, the *Writer's Handbook avoiding plagiarism*

http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/QPA_paraphrase.html

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A Passage Appears in a Source

Critical care nurses function in a hierarchy of roles. In this open heart surgery unit, the nurse manager hires and fires the nursing personnel. The nurse manager does not directly care for patients but follows the progress of unusual or long-term patients. On each shift a nurse assumes the role of resource nurse. This person oversees the hour-by-hour functioning of the unit as a whole, such as considering expected admissions and discharges of patients, ascertaining that beds are available for patients in the operating room, and covering sick

Critical care nurses have a hierarchy of roles. The nurse manager hires and fires nurses. S/he does not directly care for patients but does follow unusual or long term cases. On each shift a resource nurse attends to the functioning of the unit as whole, such as making sure beds are available in the operating room, and also for a patient

Word-for-Word Plagiarism

Patchwork Paraphrase

Chase (1990) describes how nurses in a critical care unit function in a hierarchy that places designated experts at the top and the least senior staff nurses at the bottom. The experts — the nurse manager, nurse clinician, and clinical nurse specialist — are not involved directly in patient care. The staff nurses, in contrast, are assigned to patients and provide all their nursing care.

Deemed as Plagiarism

- Citing references

It is important to cite sources you used in your research plan. Refer to the following useful site for further details.

About the citing references:

University of Reading, *Library – Citing References*

<http://libguides.reading.ac.uk/citing-references>

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 02-2222-40400 (ext. 4261/4973)
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 Islam Avenue,
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4. FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Program

Q1. Is JDS a full scholarship?

YES. All the costs to study in Japan will be fully covered by JDS. For further details, please refer to "Award Benefits" in this booklet.

Q2. Is this an online course?

NO. The JDS fellows will study in Japan. It's a good opportunity to meet and learn with different people from around the world.

Q3. Can I apply for any university/course in Japan?

NO. The component and university are determined according to the priority development issues of each JDS recipient country. You can select the component/university from the framework.

Q4. What is the Sub-Program (SP) / Component (CP)?

They are the fields of study determined according to the priority development issues of each JDS recipient country. JDS Fellows are expected to prepare the research plan in line with the stated issues. You are encouraged to study in advance the Sub-program/Component under which you apply for JDS.

Q5. Can I extend my stay after the completion of a program?

NO. Every JDS Fellow MUST return to their country by the designated date after graduation in compliance with the pledges required by the JDS Operating Committee. JDS Fellows have an obligation to return to the belonging organization and contribute to the socio-economic development of the country with acquired knowledge and skills.

Eligibility

Q6. I am working for a private company but I have work experience at a government office. Am I eligible?

NO. The requirements are "Currently employed in the Target Organizations as a full-time employee" Such as to be a confirmed member of Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) Cadre, Bangladesh Judicial Service (BJS), 1st Class Officials in Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division in Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs or Class-1 Officer of Bangladesh Bank with at least two (2) years of work experience at the time of application.

Q7. I have already received a scholarship from another country. Am I eligible to apply for JDS?

The following persons are NOT eligible to apply for JDS.

- Persons who are currently receiving or is scheduled to receive other scholarship
- Persons who had already obtained master's degree in other countries under any scholarship.
- (*) However, persons who are studying in master's course or obtained master's degree without foreign assistance in local/foreign university are eligible.
- Those who have completed Master's or Doctoral degree under deputation or study leave as to be 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 with at least two (2) years of work experience at time of application.

Application

Q8. Where can I get the Application Form?

Please access JDS web-site.

<https://jds-scholarship.org/>

The prescribed forms, Application Guidelines (AG) and university information can be downloaded from this website

Q9. I graduated from more than 2 universities. Which diploma/transcript should I submit?

If you write down both universities as Educational Background in the Application Form, please submit both of them.

Q10. Should I submit all the application documents by the deadline?

YES. But in case you cannot submit some of the documents due to unavoidable reasons, please inform JICE in advance and submit the letter of reason with your signature.

Q11. How should I count my age, the way of counting is different from Japanese way?

The age should be counted in Japanese way. It should be one year when you are exactly reached 12 months after you were born. (Ex.) If you were born on 1st February, 1987, you are 38 years old as of 1st April, 2025.

Selection

Q12. Do I need to take the English test?

YES. Basically, every applicant must take the English examination (IELTS). However, applicants who have valid IELTS score will be exempted from the English test. If you don't have a valid score, JICE will arrange the English exam.

Q13. Do I need to come to Dhaka for the interview?

YES.

Q14. How can I know the selection result?

After each selection, JICE JDS Project Office will notify the result to candidates who passed by Email.

Family Invitation

Q15. Can I bring my family with me to Japan?

JDS fellows are expected to focus on their studies during the program. On that basis, you may bring your family with you to Japan. However, due to the immigration policy of Japan, it is advised that family members plan their travel only after the JDS fellows have applied for their long-term visa in Japan. (Fellows can only apply for their family's visa after arrival in Japan.) Additionally, fellows will need to handle the family invitation arrangements on their own.

Unsuccessful Completion

Q16. What happens if I don't complete the program within the designated period?

It is the JDS fellows' obligation to complete the program within the designated period. Failure to complete the program would be a great loss for both Japan and Bangladesh, and may result in penalties in accordance with the regulations of the Government of Bangladesh or their belonging organization.

III. Sub-Program (SP) / Component (CP)

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SP. Administrative Capacity Development

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Development Planning and Policy

(4) Enhancement of Capacity for Economics Planning and Policy,_____ 18
and Public Finance & Investment Management



Notes in application

- ✓ In application, check if your workplace is assigned as a Target Organization in a component you want to apply for.
- ✓ Also, check obtainable degrees of the university you are applying for.



1. Framework of JDS Bangladesh

Sub-Program (JDS Priority Areas)	Component (JDS Development Issues)	Expected Theme of the Research/ Possible Fields of Study	Target Organizations	University	Slot
Administrative Capacity Development	1. Enhancement of Capacity for Public Administration both in Central & Field Level	<u>Possible Fields of Study:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance / Administration Local Governance / Local Autonomous Kaizen Information Security <u>Preferred Degree:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Policy Economics Political Sciences International Studies 	<u>BCS Cadre Officials</u> All Ministries, especially <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Public Administration Ministry of Planning Ministry of Finance Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives 	Meiji University Graduate School of Governance Studies	4
				Yamaguchi University Graduate School of Economics	4
				Kobe University Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies	2
	2. Development of Capacity for Judiciary System and Policy	<u>Possible Fields of Study:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judicial System Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Intellectual Property-related Laws International Law <u>Preferred Degree:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law 	<u>BCS Cadre Officials</u> All Ministries, especially <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs M. of Public Administration M. of Finance M. of Foreign Affairs M. of Home Affairs M. of Environment, Forest and Climate Change <u>BJS Officials</u> 1st Class Officials of Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division	Keio University Law School	2
	3. Enhancement of Capacity for Urban and regional Development Planning and Policy	<u>Possible Fields of Study:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Planning / Policy Regional Development Planning / Policy Agricultural, Rural Development Planning / Policy Local Governance / Local Autonomy Disaster Risk Reduction Management / Policy <u>Preferred Degree:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Planning / Policy Regional Development Planning / Policy Civil Engineering Traffic Engineering 	<u>BCS Cadre Officials</u> All Ministries, especially <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. of Public Administration M. of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives M. of Housing and Public Works M. of Fisheries and Livestock M. of Agriculture 	University of Tsukuba Graduate School of Science and Technology	4
				Hiroshima University (1) Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering (2) Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (3) Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society	4
	4. Enhancement of Capacity for Economics Planning and Policy, and Public Finance & Investment Management	<u>Possible Fields of Study:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macroeconomics / Microeconomics Environmental Economics Statistics Public Finance Management / Policy Public Investment Management / Policy Industrial Policy Investment Policy Financial Policy Financial Management <u>Preferred Degree:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economics (Microeconomics, Macroeconomics) Economic Policy Public Finance / Public Economy (Public Economics, Public Policy) Development Economics 	<u>BCS Cadre Officials</u> All Ministries, especially <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. of Public Administration M. of Planning M. of Finance M. of Environment and Forest M. of Industry Prime Minister's Office National Board Revenue <u>Class-1 Officials of Bangladesh Bank</u>	Hiroshima University (1) Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (2) Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society	3
				International University of Japan Graduate School of International Relations	3
				Rikkyo University Graduate School for Business	2
				Kobe University Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies	2
Maximum Number per year					30

2. Information of Each Sub-Program / Component

Sub-Program	Administrative Capacity Development
Component	1. Enhancement of Capacity for Public Administration both in Central & Field Level
Objective	Improving capacity with regard to the development of appropriate national and regional governance systems and improvement and operation of civil services.
Possible Fields of Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance / Administration • Local Governance / Local Autonomous • Kaizen • Information Security
Accepting University (Number of Scholars)	<p>Meiji University (4) Graduate School of Governance Studies Major in Governance Studies (1) Public Policy Program (2) International Development Policy Program (3) Community Planning and Management Program - Master of Public Policy</p> <p>Yamaguchi University (4) Graduate School of Economics Public Administration Program - Master of Economics (with certificate of completion of Public Administration Program)</p> <p>Kobe University (2) Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies Special Course for Development Policy - Master of Political Science - Master of International Studies</p>
Target Organizations	Please refer to P14
Background:	
<p>The government of Bangladesh has set the national goals of joining the ranks of upper-middle-income countries by 2030 and developed countries by 2041. Recognizing that improving good governance is essential to the sound and continuous progress of the nation, the Cabinet approved National Integrity Strategy in 2012 to improve governance comprehensively. It has identified in particular the needs to advance reforms to the civil service system and further improve the efficiency of the bureaucracy, as well as enhancing the abilities of central and local civil servants to support such initiatives, in order to formulate, implement, and monitor policies and strategies in each field and provide higher-quality public services. It also emphasizes the necessity of further promotion of decentralization and enhancement of the administrative capabilities of local governments.</p> <p>In the future, policy-level commitment will be important in order to advance these cooperative efforts and establish them firmly as systems. It is extremely important to develop human resources at the executive or policymaking level in this field, through the JDS program.</p>	

Sub-Program	Administrative Capacity Development
Component	2. Development of Capacity for Judiciary System and Policy
Objective	Improving capacity with regard to general legal skills and skills related to intellectual property rights and sea laws that will help attract private investment.
Possible Fields of Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judicial System • Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) • Intellectual Property-related Laws • International Law
Accepting University (Number of Scholars)	Keio University (2) Law School Global Legal Practice/Professional Degree Program - Master of Laws (LL.M.)
Target Organizations	Please refer to P14
Applicant Eligibility	<p>An applicant must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) The applicant has received a Bachelor's degree in law or jurisprudence or a Juris Doctor degree.</p> <p>(2) The applicant has a basic knowledge of jurisprudence as a part of social sciences such as politics, economics, etc. which is necessary for implementation of development policies.</p> <p><i>In case of (2), "Statement of Reason for Requesting Applicant Eligibility Certification" is required to be submitted. Please communicate with JICE JDS Bangladesh Office through email to obtain the prescribed form.</i></p> <p><i>(Email: jds.bangladesh1@jice.org; Email title to be "Request for Keio Form")</i></p>
Background:	
<p>The Bangladeshi government's 7th Five Year Plan identifies improving the efficiency of the administration of justice as one pressing issue in the field of governance. As of 2014, the nation's courts faced a cumulative backlog of more than 3 million outstanding cases, and it is crucial to make the legal and judicial systems more efficient and improve those systems themselves. The plan also identifies as priorities the stabilization of public safety to support the nation's stable development as well as security of life and property for citizens. Moreover, in the Bangladeshi government's "Digital Bangladesh" policy, it is recognized as priority to enhance the protection of intellectual property rights for the improvement of investment environment.</p> <p>Considering the need for the creation of legal frameworks for promoting expansion of Japanese companies into Bangladesh and implementation of development projects, it is important to train officials who can take initiative in policy-making in this field. Therefore, it is highly meaningful that JDS project covers this field.</p>	

Sub-Program	Administrative Capacity Development
Component	3. Enhancement of Capacity for Urban and Regional Development Planning and Policy
Objective	Building capacity of administrative officials and other staff involved in making and implementing policies associated with urban and regional development and building capacity of administrative officials/staffs of Executing Agencies involved in making and implementing development projects.
Possible Fields of Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Planning / Policy • Regional Development Planning / Policy • Agricultural, Rural Development Planning / Policy • Local Governance / Local Autonomy • Disaster Risk Reduction Management / Policy
Accepting University (Number of Scholars)	University of Tsukuba (4) Graduate School of Science and Technology Master's Program in Environmental Sciences (SUSTEP Program) - Master of Environmental Sciences
	Hiroshima University (4) (1) Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering (2) Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (3) Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society (1) Division of Advanced Science and Engineering, Transdisciplinary Science and Engineering Program - Master of Philosophy - Master of Engineering - Master of International Cooperation Studies (2) Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, International Economic Development Program - Master of Economics - Master of Business Administration - Master of International Cooperation Studies - Master of Philosophy (3) Research Area: Smart Mobility, Smart Energy, Smart Agriculture, Social Innovation Science - Master of Philosophy
Target Organizations	Please refer to P14
Background:	
<p>While Bangladesh's economic growth over the past decade and longer has been accompanied by rapid urbanization, the urban environment in the nation has worsened steadily due to the unplanned development and inadequate infrastructure in the core cities caused by lack of master plans and related laws and regulations. In addition, there is a tendency apparent for resources to be concentrated in urban areas, whereas poverty rates are relatively higher in rural areas. Therefore, there is a pressing need for measures to encourage development with harmony between urban and rural areas, such as integrated regional development plans.</p> <p>It is urgent to train executive civil servants with the perspectives, abilities, skills, and theoretical grounding to formulate integrated regional plans and policies; thus it is highly meaningful to include this field in the scope of the JDS program.</p>	

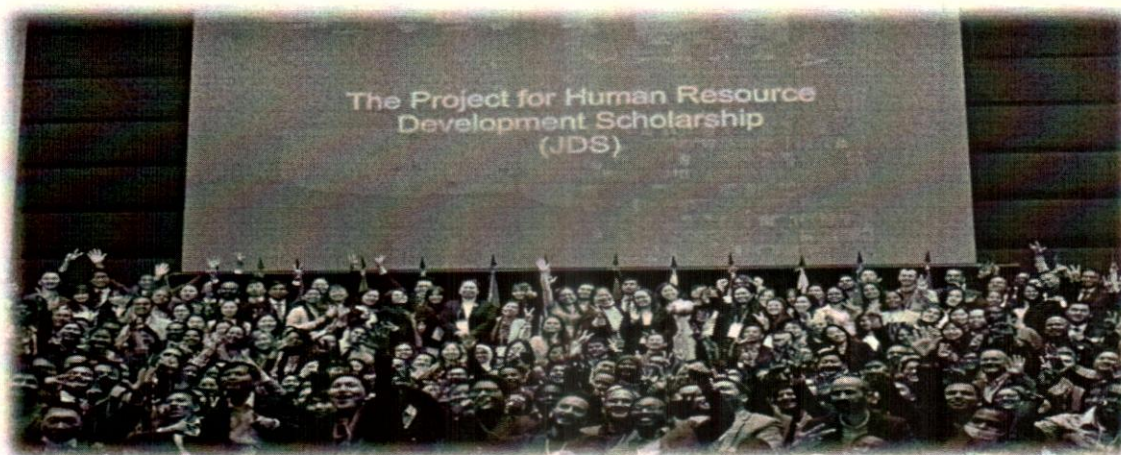
Sub-Program	Administrative Capacity Development
Component	4. Enhancement of Capacity for Economics Planning and Policy, and Public Finance & Investment Management
Objective	Capacity building of civil servants involved in making and implementing policies of Public Finance, Public Investments, Investment Promotion and Economy Growth.
Possible Fields of Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Macroeconomics / Microeconomics - Environmental Economics - Statistics - Public Finance Management / Policy - Public Investment Management / Policy - Industrial Policy - Investment Policy - Financial Policy - Financial Management
Accepting University (Number of Scholars)	<p>Hiroshima University (3) (1) Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (2) Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society (1) Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, International Economic Development Program - Master of Philosophy - Master of International Cooperation Studies - Master of Economics - Master of Business Administration (2) Research Area: Social Innovation Science - Master of Philosophy</p> <p>International University of Japan (3) Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR) International Development Program (IDP) (or Japan-Global Development Program (JGDP) (Concentration: Economy Policy or Development Policy)) - Master of Arts in International Development - Master of Arts in Economics</p> <p>Rikkyo University (2) Graduate School of Business Master of International Business Program Master of Public Management and Administration (MPMA) Course - Master of Public Management and Administration</p> <p>Kobe University (2) Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies Special Course for Development Policy - Master of Economics - Master of International Studies</p>
Target Organizations	Please refer to P14
Background:	
<p>(a) Economics Planning and Policy</p> <p>In the 7th Five Year Plan, the government of Bangladesh stipulates sustainable management of public finance and appropriate monetary policies as important reforms for attracting private investment. Since 2000, Bangladesh has been implementing a banking sector reform program aimed at improving prudential regulations, strengthening the oversight capacity of the Bangladesh Bank, and improving competition through greater participation by private banks. Moreover, in April 2012, it adopted the IMF Extended Fund Facility to carry out fiscal, monetary, and investment policy reforms. In addition to activities such as supporting lending to SMEs and the Foreign Direct Investment Promotion Project to implement training on methods of financing for SMEs, with the aim of improving the SME funding mediation functions of private banks and financial institutions, Japan is also providing two-step loans through Bangladesh Bank. In order for Bangladesh to become a middle-income country by 2021 and, furthermore, to achieve the Bangladeshi government's goal of being numbered among developed countries by 2041, a sound macroeconomic structure is indispensable. Such a structure is also essential for effective and efficient implementation of individual aid programs by Japan and ensuring an environment for attracting investment from Japanese private-sector businesses. It is highly meaningful for administrators, including the officials of the Ministry of Finance and the Bangladesh Bank, to acquire knowledge in each field through the JDS program.</p> <p>(b) Public Finance Administration/Public Investment Management</p> <p>The Bangladeshi government's 7th Five Year Plan identifies the following four strategies for public investment management and administration capacity development: (i) capacity building of civil servants, (ii) decentralization, (iii) public-private partnerships, and (iv) enhancement of planning and budgeting processes. With regard to (iii) public-private partnerships, the "Policy Strategy on Public-Private Partnership" was formulated in 2010. Two specialized organizations (the Public-Private Partnership Authority under the Prime Minister's Office; and the Public Private Partnership Unit under the Ministry of Finance) were established, and the procedures related to uncovering potential public-private partnerships projects and their formation, review, and approval has been clearly defined. As for (iv) enhancement of planning and budgeting processes, it is in the process of finalizing Public Financial Management Reform Strategy mainly by the Ministry of Finance. In order for the smooth implementation of initiatives mentioned above, it is important to develop human resources who possess the capability to design mid-and-long term policies and national plans; and skills to set up a system to realize these plans.</p>	

IV. Special Trainings and Events

JDS Program provides the following opportunities for JDS Fellows only in addition to research at university.

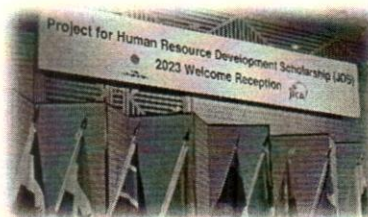
Government Leaders Networking Event

This special event aims to establish long-term cooperative relationships between JDS Fellows and Japanese government officials by providing opportunities of interaction and mutual learning. JDS Fellows participate in the event and expand their personal networks with Japanese government officials, who would become their counterparts in the future.



Japanese Language Training

All JDS Fellows participate in Japanese language training after their arrival in Japan. This training provides Fellows with the lessons on Japanese characters (*hiragana*, *katakana*, and *kanji*), greetings, and how to introduce themselves. In addition, they deepen their understandings of Japanese culture, lifestyle and manners, and learn the procedures necessary for staying in Japan such as government office, post office, and bank.



JDS Pre-return Program

JDS Pre-return Program is held half a year before returning home, inviting all JDS fellows from each university.

During this program, the Fellows have opportunities to attend a series of programs, including leadership program and a special lecture given by a prominent scholar. It also helps them build a network with JDS fellows from various countries.

V. Voice of JDS Graduates

Voice of JDS Fellows graduated from Master's course of Japanese Universities under JDS Scholarship Project!

More voice will be updated on JDS Bangladesh Facebook Page:

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Dear JDS interested folks, you will find that- Japan has good people, comparably comfortable weather (not so hot like ours nor so cold like temperate countries) and beautiful nature. Sometimes we set off to lab after 2/3 a.m. and it's quite safe to go home by bicycle alone. To peruse a Masters here, please be careful about choosing University/ professor since this is very important. If you could learn some Japanese, that will be great to lead everyday life here. All the best to new comers.



Ms. Momotaz Begum
20th Batch, Hiroshima University, Ministry of Agriculture



Mr. Rasel Sheikh Golam
20th Batch, Meiji University,
Ministry of Education

I decided to join the JDS program due to its world-class education, wide-ranging support, safest living environment, and fair selection process. The scholarship provides access to prestigious Japanese universities such as Meiji University, Yokohama National University, and Hiroshima University etc. The JDS also offers attractive financial support, allowing me to focus on my studies.

During my time in Japan, I gained invaluable insights into public policy formulation, research, TQM, Japan's successful development strategies and comparative education, and many more. The rigorous academic curriculum at Meiji University equipped me with advanced analytical and research skills. Beyond academics, living in Japan taught me the importance of discipline, politeness, efficiency, and resilience.

I plan to implement my research findings by preparing government college teachers for active learning through extensive training programs. I aim to drive meaningful changes in higher secondary education sector of Bangladesh. I recommend the Ministry of Education equip each college with dedicated classrooms for active learning and regularly monitor and supervise classroom activities.

I have decided to pursue an MA in Economics through the JDS program in Japan because of its extensive offerings across a wide range of subject areas, adequate financial support, and excellent networking opportunities. These factors together create an ideal environment for advancing my knowledge and career prospects in economics, leveraging Japan's academic excellence and cultural richness to enhance my educational journey. While studying economics in Japan, I have deepened my understanding of advanced economic theories, econometrics, and empirical research methods. The program has enhanced my networking skills and enriched my appreciation of Japanese culture and the history of Japan's economic development, contributing to both my academic and personal growth. The knowledge acquired from Japan is proving extremely beneficial in formulating policies, especially in the fields of economics, banking and sustainable finance at my current workplace. Formulating research based financing and economic policy, overseeing their implementation and impact analyses are crucial aspects of my current job which I acquired through my educational experience in Japan.



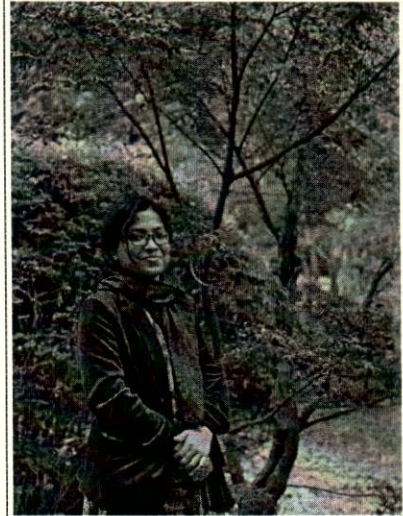
Mr. Hasan Md Kamrul
20th Batch, International University of Japan, Bangladesh Bank



Mr. Hasan Muhammad Munirul
18th batch, Keio University,
Ministry of Information

JDS Scholarship is a big twist of my academic, career and personal life. I studied LLM in Global Legal Practice at the Keio University, Tokyo, Japan. From the reception ceremony of my accepting University, I have experienced many things, very new and interesting, such as: the courtesy, generosity and politeness during the communication with people, when we met with. Japanese life standard is different from other countries. Basically Japanese people are very helpful and honest to the people. Japanese culture and people's characteristics are incredibly rich and best, than that of other countries. Every Japanese is sincere to their task and responsibilities. I have learnt and adopted these things practically from the Japanese lifestyle. Japan will definitely give you feeling, through which you could develop your country.

JDS Scholarship changes my attitude towards life. Definitely, it is a great opportunity to be a research fellow under this scholarship. I have chosen Yamaguchi University which is the third oldest national university in Japan, tracing its roots back to Yamaguchi Kodo, a private school established in 1815. It celebrated its 200th anniversary in 2015. The local area still holds the spirit of the Meiji Restoration, and the university challenges itself to stand up in the world. These values are reflected in the university motto: "Discover it. Nourish it. Realize it. A Place of Wisdom." The university administration works to adapt to the requirements of the times, constantly pursuing innovation as it works to develop human resources and provide education and research that will contribute to the local community as well as international society. The Professors are very helpful and knowledgeable. Life in Yamaguchi city is full of peace and tranquility which emphasizes all the wonderful gifts of God's creation and invites me to contemplation, introspection, and reverie. Here Nature speaks its own language. Natural sights, vast landscapes, distant horizons and sounds of nature trigger in me a feeling of joy and exhilaration that restores my soul to the peace of childhood. The Japanese people are really good in attitude and nature. They will try to help one at any cost. In every place, there is a good system. So, I found no time to be worried. I think it will be a good opportunity to know a country like Japan through study and Cultural integration. Ganbatte ne!



Ms. Nazmun Nahar
20th batch, Yamaguchi University
Ministry of Finance



Ms. Ghosh Surabhi
19th Batch, Kobe University
Bangladesh Bank

I favored JDS due to its transparent selection process. Universities are renowned for their curriculum and esteemed faculty members. Moreover, this scholarship not only offers financial assistance but also provides comprehensive support for various aspects of life abroad such as finding housing, opening a bank account, and city office registration. My knowledge has experienced a positive transformation. I've acquired valuable skills for conducting research, and the execution of research work has been exceptional. Additionally, I've gained insights from esteemed professors in various areas, including economics and statistics. I have been inspired by the behavior and attitudes of Japanese people towards pets and their disciplined way of life. I must also praise the country's efficient systems for garbage management, public bus service, railway service, and convenient shops. My research findings suggest that by enhancing government effectiveness, regulatory quality, and the rule of law, developing countries like Bangladesh can experience a positive impact on economic growth through increased Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows. Implementing these findings could contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and realizing Vision 2041, leading to a SMART Bangladesh.



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