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Attention: Ms. Shaila Sharmin Zaman, Project Director (JDS Project) and Joint Secretary
(Branch: Japan), Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Dhaka.

**Subject: Request to Circulate Recruitment Information of JDS Doctoral Program
(9th Batch) through Ministry of Public Administration (MOPA)**

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your continuous support to the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS).

As per the above subject and with reference to the 1st Operating Committee Meeting on JDS 2025, we kindly request the circulation of recruitment information for the JDS 9th Batch (Doctoral Degree Program) through the Ministry of Public Administration (MOPA).

In this regard, we would like to request your kind assistance with the following matters:

1. Kindly inform the Ministry of Public Administration (MOPA):

- From **06 December 2025 to 06 January 2026** (Saturday to Thursday, 09:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m.), JICE will be receiving applications for the 9th Batch (Doctoral Degree Program) under the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (**JDS**) through the **Online Application System** from prospective applicants.
- The online application link, application guidelines, necessary prescribed formats, and information about universities are available at <http://jds-scholarship.org/>
- The following persons are eligible to apply for the JDS 9th Batch (Doctoral Degree Program): Members of Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) Cadres, Bangladesh Bank Class-1 Officials, Bangladesh Judicial Service (BJS) Officials, and 1st Class Officials of the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division who meet the criteria outlined below:
 - Who completed a master's course in Japan.
 - Have returned to Bangladesh and worked at his/her organization/s for at least 2 years after completion of master's course in Japan.
 - Bangladesh nationals below 45 years of age as on April 1st, 2026.
 - Have a good command of both written and spoken English.



- Receive a recommendation from the supervisor of his/her current duty office. (Reference Letter should contain evaluation of applicant's performance at work and relevance of his/her research theme to his/her career.)
 - Have a recommendation from the expected academic adviser(s) of the applying university (Submission of a draft academic guidance outline or a supervisory plan is desirable.)
 - Have not obtained any Doctoral degree overseas under other foreign government scholarship programs or have not obtained Doctoral degree under deputation or study leave.
 - In principle, have published at least one peer-reviewed article/ paper or has a prospect for publication of a peer-reviewed article/ paper* in a related field of the research plan. * The following applicants are included under the requirement: Have published at least one peer-reviewed article/paper or have a prospect for publication (has a paper under peer-review) or have a concrete plan for publication in an academic journal in collaboration with his/her intended faculty supervisor.
- To obtain organizational permission for the application, either of the following two methods is available:
 - **Method 1:** Please prepare the permission letter in advance and upload it with other documents during the online application.
 - **Method 2:** Please submit the application forms received from JICE to the respective organization after applying. The organization will then forward the approved applications to the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE), JDS Project Office in Bangladesh, L-261, The Pan Pacific Sonargaon, 107 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.
2. Kindly request the Ministry of Public Administration (MOPA) to forward this information to all Ministries/Divisions and the Bangladesh Bank for dissemination among the eligible applicants.

Your generous understanding and kind cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,

Yamaguchi Kaoru (Ms.)

Country Director,

JICE JDS Project Office in Bangladesh