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Subject: Request for Circulation of Recruitment Information for the 10th Batch (PhD Program) under the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)

With reference to the above subject and the decisions taken at the 1st Operating Committee Meeting of JDS Bangladesh 2026, held on 30 September 2026 at the Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, to discuss and finalize matters relating to the recruitment of candidates for the 26th Batch of the Master's Program and the 10th Batch of the PhD Program under the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS), the undersigned is directed to request the Ministry of Public Administration (MoPA) to kindly circulate the recruitment information for the 10th Batch of the PhD Program among eligible officials.

2. The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) is a Government of Japan-funded scholarship programme aimed at developing human resources in key areas of socio-economic development through higher education in Japan. Under the programme, eligible government officials of Bangladesh are provided opportunities to pursue Master's and PhD studies at participating Japanese universities, thereby contributing to the development of professional expertise and institutional capacity in Bangladesh.

3. Under the JDS Programme for 2026, a total of 33 Fellows, comprising 30 Fellows for the Master's Program and 3 Fellows for the PhD Program, will be sent to Japan. The upcoming intake represents the 26th Batch of the Master's Program and the 10th Batch of the PhD Program.

4. The recruitment for the 10th Batch of the PhD Program will be conducted by JICE through the Online Application System. Applications will be accepted from 04 October 2026 to 30 November 2026.

5. The following categories of officials are eligible to apply for the 10th Batch of the PhD Program, subject to fulfillment of the prescribed eligibility requirements:

a. Members of the Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) Cadres;
b. Class-1 Officials of Bangladesh Bank;
c. Officials of the Bangladesh Judicial Service (BJS); and
d. 1st Class Officials of the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division.

Applicants must also meet the following eligibility requirements:

a. Have successfully completed a Master's Degree programme in Japan under the JDS or another relevant scholarship programme;
b. Have returned to Bangladesh after completion of the Master's Degree programme in Japan and have worked in their respective organization for at least two (2) years;
c. Be a Bangladeshi national and be 45 years of age or below as of 01 April 2027;
d. Have a good command of both written and spoken English;
e. Obtain a recommendation from the supervisor of the applicant's current duty office. The recommendation letter should include an evaluation of the applicant's work performance and the relevance of the proposed research theme to the applicant's career;
f. Obtain a recommendation from the expected academic adviser(s) of the applying university. Submission of a draft academic guidance outline or supervisory plan is desirable;
g. Have not obtained any PhD degree overseas under another foreign government scholarship programme;

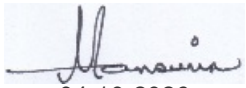
h. Have work responsibilities that are closely aligned with the objectives of the JDS; and
i. In principle, have published at least one peer-reviewed academic article, have a paper currently under peer review with prospects for publication, or have a concrete plan to publish an academic article in a relevant academic journal in collaboration with the intended faculty supervisor.

6. In view of the above, it would be appreciated if the Ministry of Public Administration could kindly circulate the recruitment information to all Ministries/Divisions and Bangladesh Bank for wider dissemination among prospective candidates through their respective official circulation systems and websites.

6. The online application link, application guidelines, prescribed formats, and information regarding the participating universities are available on the JDS Scholarship website: http://jds-scholarship.org/

6. Your kind cooperation and support in disseminating this information among eligible officials will be highly appreciated.

6. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support for the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS).



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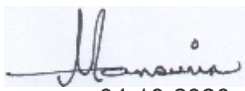

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