

## WHAT IS THE JDS?

The objective of JDS is to strengthen the government administrative capacities in the Lao P.D.R through providing opportunities of Master Degree, **targeting young government officials**, who are expected to be leaders of the country, and to engage in formulating and implementing social and economic development policies after returned.

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- (1) Citizen of Lao P.D.R. ;
- (2) Between the age of 22 and 39 as of April 1, 2018;
- (3) Must be a full - time employee in the target organizations, and has 2 years or more of work experience in duties particularly related to applying ' Sub - Program ' / ' Component ' , at the time of application ;
- (4) Has bachelor's degree;
- (5) Has a good command of both written and spoken English ( TOEFL score of 500 or higher is preferred ) ;
- (6) Has not been awarded any scholarship for Master's degree in a foreign country ;
- (7) Has not studied abroad for more than 1 year under any scholarship and returned to Laos during past 2 years; and
- (8) Military personnel registered on the active list or person on alternative military service cannot apply for JDS.

## FIELDS OF STUDY

The framework of the JDS project consists of "Sub - Program" and "Component", which correspond to and deal with the selected target priority area and development issues of Lao P.D.R.. The participants of project are selected from "Target Organizations" whose mission is closely related to "sub - program" and " component " .

Accepting Japanese university offers educational programs corresponded to the needs. The degree to be obtained is master's degree. The Medium of Instruction is English.

## BENEFITS OF JDS PARTICIPANTS

- (1) One round trip air fare between Vientiane and Japan
- (2) Monthly living allowance in Japan
- (3) Tuition at Japanese accepting universities
- (4) Other designated allowances

## VOICE FROM A RETURNED FELLOW



Somphet San

University :  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences,  
International Christian University(ICU).  
( September 2014 - June 2016 )

Degree :  
Master of Arts in Education

Title of Thesis :  
"Challenges Facing Ethnic Minority in  
Accessing Primary School in Rural Areas  
of Laos"

Work Place :  
Faculty of Education,  
Souphanouvong University.

I was very delighted to be selected by the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) in 2014 as the 15th batch of JDS Fellows to study in Japan. There are various generous academic supports for JDS fellows at my accepting University to prepare them with highly skills to excel in their areas of study; these comprise academic writing, private tutoring, and world leadership program and Japanese language.

JDS is a very competitive and fair program for Young Government Officials who need to advance their skills in highly prestigious universities in Japan.

A wide range of supports have been provided by JDS program throughout fellows' studies in Japan, including supporting its fellows attending or presenting at academic conference domestically and internationally.

In addition, the JICE Coordinator has been available at accepting University who is ready to help and consult with JDS fellows concerning their social and academic life.

As one of senior JDS fellows, I have made tremendous attainments in academic studies because of generous academic supports from Program.

Hence, I strongly do encourage young government officials who tend to engage in social and economic development to apply for this scholarship.



## EXECUTING AGENCY



Ministry of Education and Sports

In cooperation with Ministry of Planning and Investment  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Central Committee for Organization and Personnel  
Ministry of Home Affairs

&  
Embassy of Japan  
JICA Laos office

The Project for Human Resources Development Scholarship  
by Japanese Grant Aid ( JDS ) in Lao P.D.R. 2017  
for AY 2018 - 2019



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## FRAMEWORK OF JDS PROJECT

Sub - program (Target Priority Area)	Component (Development Issue)	Expected Theme of the Reserch / Possible Fields of Study	Target Organizations	University	Graduate School	Course	Degree	Slot
1. Improving Administrative Ability and Institution Building	1-1. Enhancement of Public Administration and Improvement of Legal System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Policy</li> <li>Good Governance</li> <li>Commercial Law and Civil Law for Economic Development</li> <li>Legal System for Promoting Trade and Investment</li> <li>Legal Policy and Legal Stability for Solving Economic Conflict</li> <li>Strategy of Human Resource Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prime Minister's Office</li> <li>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>Ministry of Home Affairs</li> <li>Ministry of Planning and Investment</li> <li>Central Committee for Organization and Personnel</li> <li>National Academy of Politics and Public Administration</li> <li>Ministry of Justice</li> <li>People's Supreme Court</li> <li>Office of the public Prosecutor</li> <li>Lao National Assembly</li> <li>Ministry of Public Security</li> </ul>	International University of Japan (IUJ)	GS of International Relations (GSIR)	Public Management and Policy Analysis Program	Master of Arts in Public Management	3
				Kobe University	GS of International Cooperation Studies	Special Course for Development Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master of Laws</li> <li>Master of International Studies</li> </ul>	2
	1-2. Enhancement of Public Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fiscal Policy</li> <li>Management of Public Revenue / Expenditures, Local Finance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Finance</li> <li>Ministry of Planning and Investment</li> <li>Bank of the Lao P.D.R.</li> </ul>	Yamaguchi University	GS of Economics	Public Administration Course (Certificate Course)	Master of Economics (with Certificate of Completion of Public Administration Course)	2
2. Building Strong Base for Sustained Economic Growth	2-1. Improvement of Economic Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transportation Planning and Road Management</li> <li>Urban Planning / Urban Transportation Planning</li> <li>Water Supply Management</li> <li>Energy / Electricity / Disaster Prevention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Planning and Investment</li> <li>Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment</li> <li>Ministry of Energy and Mines</li> <li>Ministry of Public Works and Transport</li> <li>Vientiane Capital</li> </ul>	Hiroshima University	GS of Engineering / GS for International Development and Cooperation (IDEC)	Global Education Program for Designing Sustainable Infrastructure Systems (GESIS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master of Engineering</li> <li>Master of Science</li> <li>Master of International Cooperation Studies</li> </ul>	3
	2-2. Economic Policy on Investment / Export Promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting Investment / Export</li> <li>Establishment of regulation on business environment</li> <li>SMEs Development</li> <li>Tourism Promotion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Planning and Investment</li> <li>Ministry of Finance</li> <li>Ministry of Industry and Commerce</li> <li>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism</li> </ul>	Ritsumeikan University	GS of International Relations	Global Cooperation Program (GCP)	Master of Arts in International Relations	2
3. Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development as well as Natural Environment Conservation	3-1. Agriculture and Rural Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvement of Basic Facilities and Living Environment in Rural Inhabitants</li> <li>Plant techniques</li> <li>Improvement of Livelihoods of Local Residents</li> <li>Development of local industry</li> <li>Foods Security</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry</li> <li>Ministry of Industry and Commerce</li> <li>Ministry of Science and Technology</li> </ul>	Kyushu University	GS of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences	The International Development Reserch Course	Master of Science	2
	3-2. Natural Environment Consenation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental impact assessment</li> <li>Effective usage of water resources</li> <li>Natural Protect Area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment</li> <li>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry</li> <li>Ministry of Energy and Mines</li> </ul>	University of Tsukuba	GS of Life and Environmental Sciences	Master's Program in Environmental Sciences (SUSTEP Program)	Master of Environmental Sciences	2
4. Improvement of Educational Policy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategy of Human Resource Development in Education Sector</li> <li>Quality of Education</li> <li>Regional Policy of Education</li> <li>Technology / Vocational Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Education and Sports</li> </ul>	Hiroshima University	GS for International Development and Cooperation (IDEC)	Division of Educational Development and Cultural and Regional Studies Educational Development Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master of Arts</li> <li>Master of Education</li> <li>Master of International Cooperation Studies</li> </ul>	2
5. Improvement of Health Policy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Care Finance</li> <li>Regional Health Care</li> <li>Human Resource In field of Health Care</li> <li>Improvement of Health Policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Health</li> </ul>	Nagasaki University	School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health	Development of Global Health (International Health Development Course, and Health Innovation Course)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master of Public Health</li> <li>Master of Science in Global Health and Medicine</li> </ul>	2
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>20</b>

**Application Period**  
**Aug. 1 to Oct. 20**

### EXPLANATORY MEETING

<b>Vientiane</b>	<b>Luang Prabang</b>
Date : Aug.23[Wed]	Date : Aug.29[Tue]
Time : 14:00~16:00	Time : 9:00~11:00
Venue : Ministry of Education and Sport	Venue : Department of Education and Sport
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Date : Sep.14[Thu]	Date : Sep.12[Tue]
Time : 14:00~16:00	Time : 9:00~11:00
Venue : Department of Education and Sport	Venue : Ministry of Education and Sport

\* Time and Venue will be announced on the Web site <http://jds-scholarship.org/>

### SELECTION PROCEDURE

**Dec, 2017**  
Screening of Application Documents by Japanese University Professors

**Nov, 4**  
English Proficiency (TOEFL) & Math Test

### HOW TO APPLY ?

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

**Jan, 2018**

Technical Interview by Japanese University Professors in Vientiane

**Feb, 2018**

Comprehensive Interview by Operating Committee Members

Study in Japan from Sep. 2018