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JDS Project in the Philippines (Component 1-1)

What is JDS?

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS) was established in the Philippines in 2002 founded on the strong and lasting bilateral relations between the Philippines and Japan. The objective of the JDS is to support human resources development in the Philippines, targeting prospective young leaders who are engaged in the formulation and implementation of social and economic development policies. The JDS Fellows are expected to contribute to solving priority development issues of the Philippines as well as strengthening international cooperation and bilateral relations between the Philippines and Japan. The JDS Project is designed to contribute to strengthening institutional capacity of the Philippine government organization through individual official's capacity development.

Field of Study

The framework of the JDS Project consists of priority fields of studies in line with the priority development issues of the Philippines, categorized as "Sub-Program" and "Component". The JDS Fellows are selected from **Target Organizations** relevant to the Sub-Programs. Accepting Japanese universities offer 2-year Master's Degree programs related to the Components of the Sub-Program. All the classes will be taught *in English*.

Eligible Applicants

◆ Nationality	Citizens of the Republic of the Philippines
◆ Age	Between 22 and 39 years old as of April 1, 2022 (Born on / after April 2 nd , 1982 and born on / before April 1 st , 2000)
◆ Occupation	Must be an employee of the Philippine Government and not a member of the military
◆ Working Experience	- Have permanent status - Have at least 2 years of work experience , particularly in work relevant to the selected Component, at the time of application
◆ Performance Rating	Have a performance rating of at least ' Very Satisfactory ' from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in the organization
◆ Academic Background	- Possess a Bachelor's Degree relevant to the target fields - Have not been awarded any other foreign scholarships for obtaining a master's degree - Relevant academic/research career or working experience can be considered as the alternative to meet the requirement.

Selection Process

Application guideline/documents and university information can be downloaded at the JDS website (<http://jds-scholarship.org/>).

Application Deadline: February 28th, 2022 (Mon.) to JICE JDS Project Office

[Mar, 2022] Academic Aptitude Test in Manila

Note: Fees for the tests will be covered by the Project

[1st Selection: Mid-Late March 2022] Screening of Application Documents by Japanese Universities

[2nd Selection: Early April 2022] Technical Interview by Japanese Professors and Medical Check-up

[3rd Selection: Early May 2022] Comprehensive Interview by JDS Operating Committee(O/C) members*

[After the selection process] Departure for Japan in August 2022, return to the Philippines in summer 2024

*O/C consists of National Economic and Development Authority (Implementing Organization), Civil Service Commission, Department of Foreign Affairs, Embassy of Japan in the Philippines and JICA Philippine Office.

Benefits of JDS Fellows

- One round trip airfare between the Philippines and Japan
- Monthly living allowance in Japan
- Full tuition fees of Japanese University
- Other designated allowances (field study, etc.)

For Further Information

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Sub-Program 1. Public Policy · Science and Technology for Sustainable Economic Growth

Component 1-1. Enhancement of Public Administration and Finance

◆ Direction of Study & Expected Capacity to be Developed

In the Philippines, the insufficient infrastructure development has long been regarded as a factor behind the impediments to economic development. The current administration, which was established in 2016, are planning to raise the infrastructure expenditure to more than 5% of GDP, to speed up the decision making process, to secure these resources by reforming the tax system, combining infrastructure development through proactive use of ODA and operation and maintenance by Public-Private Partnership (PPP). In addition, support for improving administrative and financial capacity is an urgent issue, regardless of central and regional areas, with issues such as future federal system and expansion of the autonomy right in the Bangsamoro region.

◆ Accepting University (Number of Fellows) & Features of the Program

International University of Japan, GS of International Relations (PMPP) (1 slot)

PMPP, a program newly established in 2010, is designed to meet the needs of good governance required to implement, administer and evaluate policies that effectively solve diverse public issues. The program, unlike that of any graduate school of public management and administration, emphasizes interdisciplinary concepts of social sciences -- management, economics, political science, law, and public administration -- with a mix of highly analytical and descriptive methodologies in order to solve various issues in the real world. Like IDP, PMPP is designed not only for students who wish to pursue careers in public institutions and international organizations, but also for those who wish to work in research institutes. Graduates of the PMPP receive a Master of Arts in Public Management.

The Public Management and Policy Analysis Program (PMPP) offers an excellent training program for governmental officials who would want to play a leadership role in the formulation, implementation, administration and evaluation of public policies. The program provides not only basic courses and seminars on general public administration and management issues, but also many practical and advanced courses as well as field training that will enhance students' capacities for the formation and implementation of more specific social and socioeconomic policies.

Meiji University, GS of Governance Studies (2 slots)

The goal of the Graduate School of Governance Studies, "Governance Research", is to develop students into skilled professionals with a high degree of specialist knowledge and abroad, international perspective, to leverage the benefits generated by public policy education and research programs to support policy creation by local communities and governments, and to develop students into professionals with a high degree of specialist knowledge and an international outlook. The course is aimed at people involved in local politics and administration as well as international cooperation-heads of local government, elected assembly members, public officials, NPO and NGO staff and even corporate employees-as well as universities graduates seeking to enter the civil service and who have an interest in these areas of public policy.

The English track offers courses totally in English for international students, including those on government scholarships or whose studies are otherwise funded by the government, as well as long-term government development aid trainees. Under the English track, three programs, namely "Public Policy Program", "International Development Policy Program" and "Community Planning and Management Program" are provided, so that students can selectively study most relevant subjects to their own research interests.

International Christian University, GS of Arts and Sciences (2 slots)

ICU's graduate school and faculty are devoted to cultivating professionals: superlative minds in their fields with deep insight into real policy issues. The graduate program provides a highly competitive, theoretical, empirical, policy-oriented international education, which contributes to solving real policy issues in developing countries and the world at large.

The Public Policy & Social Research Program enables students to learn not only from one area of Public Policy and Public Administration, but also from development studies, international relations public economics, sociology and anthropology, media and communication studies, and peace studies. This aims to develop a broad view and wide knowledge of students, and it leads to cultivate experts with capacity of problem-solving and plenty of knowledge which are essential to the professional officers in developing countries. The Program offers theoretical as well as methodological courses on qualitative and quantitative analysis, and field research methods, which are necessary for students' research. The Faculty is highly experienced in various international organizations and serves as a body of skilled educators. Primary advisors and other faculty members eagerly share the common agenda of JDS Fellows and support and guide JDS Fellows in order to aid in their education.

Hitotsubashi University, School of International and Public Study (1 slot)

The Master's program at the APPP targets young professionals in Asian governments, central banks and other policy-related organizations. The APPP has been and continues to be an important stepping-stone for such individuals to become fully-fledged fiscal or financial economists, economic planners, policy analysts, and policymakers in their governments as well as in international organizations.

The course distinguishes itself from other graduate programs offered in the public policy area with its strong focus on economic policy, with almost all of the required and elective courses structured around economics and its applications to policy. The program aims to equip its graduates with the knowledge and skills to analyze and develop policies against a sound knowledge of economic theory.

The Program is also especially attractive for the personalized attention it provides to the students. The class sizes are quite small – at most around 15, and each full-time faculty supervises 4 students per annual intake, and is able to give close guidance to their academic undertakings. The small size of the Program also allows students to build strong ties with their Fellow students, which can last a lifetime, and will be a valuable asset in his/her career.