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## JDS Project in the Philippines (Component 2-1)

### 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 in consideration of relevance 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	<b>Between 22 and 39 years old</b> as of April 1, 2019 (Born on / after April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 1979 and born on / before April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1997)
◆ Occupation	Must be an employee of the Philippine Government and not a member of the military
◆ Working Experience	- Have <b>permanent status</b> (in principle) - Have at least <b>2 years of work experience</b> , particularly in work relevant to the selected Component, at the time of application
◆ Performance Rating	Have a performance rating of at least ' <b>Very Satisfactory</b> ' from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 in the organization
◆ Academic Background	- Possess a <b>Bachelor's Degree</b> relevant to the target fields - Have not been awarded any other foreign scholarships for obtaining a master's degree - <b>16 years of formal education is required (in principle) except for CP1-2 Rikkyo University and CP1-3&amp;2-1 Yokohama National University</b> , however, 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: October 31, 2018** to JICE JDS Project Office

**[Late November to early December, 2018] Academic Aptitude Test** in Manila

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

**[1<sup>st</sup> Selection: Jan 2019] Screening of Application Documents** by Japanese Universities

**[2<sup>nd</sup> Selection: End of Feb 2019] Technical Interview** by Japanese Professors and Medical Check-up

**[3<sup>rd</sup> Selection: Beginning of March 2019] Comprehensive Interview** by JDS Operating Committee(O/C) members\*

**[After the selection process]** Departure for Japan in August 2019, return to the Philippines in summer 2021

\*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 2. Overcoming Vulnerability and Stabilizing Bases for Human Life and Production Activity

### Component 2-1. Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

#### ◆ Direction of Study & Expected Capacity to be Developed

The Philippines is an island country located in the Circum-Pan-Pacific orogenic belt and has topographical features similar to Japan. It is also known as one of the most vulnerable countries to natural disasters, and the impact of natural disasters not only on human injury but also on the economy is enormous, as seen in typhoon Yolanda in November 2013.

In the national long-term vision "AmBisyon Natin 2040" until 2040 announced by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Philippine Development Plan (PDP 2017-2022), disaster reduction is positioned as a sector-wide important issue. In 2010, "Philippine Disaster Reduction and Management Act" was enacted. Higher significance is recognized for strengthening the capacity of human resources who are expected to engage in formulating policy on disaster risk mitigation and disaster prevention in the country.

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

##### **Yokohama National University, GS of Urban Innovation (1 slot)**

The Graduate School of Urban Innovation was to train those creative, highly-specialized future professionals whose work will involve a variety of urban innovation projects (M.A. Program) and those future global leaders who, having trained to possess multiple viewpoints, will themselves be the underpinnings of global expansion of urban innovation research (Doctorate Program).

GSUI provides two departments for the Master's degree, one of which for JDS Fellows is the Department of Infrastructure and Urban Society. In the department, students will train to become 1) an expert with the ability to analyze and design development of and solutions to specific areas of the globe, paying attention to each area's engineering and social infrastructure or 2) a leader who is capable of making contributions in addressing urban problems and community development in emerging and developing countries in such organizations as central governments, local governments, international aid organizations, private corporations and NGOs. The Master's degree in either Engineering or Philosophy will be awarded. There are one course and one school inside this department.

##### **Nagoya University, GS of Environmental Studies (1 slot)**

Students receive comprehensive instructions in English covering various disciplines ranging from civil engineering, transport analysis and planning, water engineering, environmental system analysis and planning, environmental and resource economics to environmental policy studies. Through such instructions, they are able to acquire a deeper understanding of the issues, policies and the relevant technological know-how, and the capacity to design policies and institutions.

As part of the coursework, students have opportunities for practical and research internship at private companies, government bodies or international organizations in the Nagoya-Chubu Region, which has taken a progressive approach to environmental problems.

The unique international and interactive nature of the program, in which international and Japanese students learn together, allows students to enhance their understanding of issues and improve their international communication skills. Students from China, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thai, Mexico, Israel, Kenya, Malawi, Philippines and Myanmar are studying at NUGELP.

In addition to the master's degree, a special certificate will be awarded by NUGELP to students who complete the program. It certifies that the students have acquired comprehensive capacity and skills to take an active role as a future leader in the field of civil engineering and environmental studies for their home country and the global society.