

Sub-Program	1. Improving Administrative Ability and Institution Building
Component	1-2. Enhancement of Public Finance
Target Organizations:	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Planning and Investment Bank of the Lao P.D.R. <i>* Vientiane Capital and Provincial level department can apply</i>
Accepting University (Number of Scholars)	Yamaguchi University (2) Graduate School of Economics Public Administration Course (Certificate Course) - Master of Economics (with Certificate of Completion of Public Administration Course)
Expected Research Area	- Fiscal Policy - Financial Policy - Management of Public Revenue/Expenditures, Local Finance
Purpose of the Study (Background and Needs):	
<p>Although the Lao PDR's external public debt is dominated by highly concessional loans, the ratio of government debt to GDP remains at a noteworthy level, and cross-cutting issues that support the achievement of sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction include strengthening economic policy-making and implementation capacity, public finance management, and improving fiscal reform. However, there is a shortage of human resources to solve these problems.</p> <p>JDS Fellows are expected to contribute to improve the ability of the government agencies to manage the finance properly including national revenue and expenditure management, local finances, fiscal policies and budget control.</p>	