

Sub-Program	2. Balanced Development, Paying Attention to Environment
Component	2. Environment, Climate Change, and Infrastructure
Accepting University (Number of Scholars)	<p>University of Tsukuba (2) Graduate School of Science and Technology Master's Program in Environmental Sciences (SUSTEP Program) - Master in Environmental Sciences</p> <p>Tohoku University (2) Graduate School of Environmental Studies International Post-Graduate Program in Human Security "Human Security and Environment" - Master of Environmental Studies - Master of Interdisciplinary Studies</p>
Expected Research Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Innovation - Forest Conservation (including REDD+) - Water Resources - Environmental Impact Assessment - Disaster Risk Reduction - Waste Management - Urban Development - Transportation - Roads - Power sectors - Policies and systems related to the above sectors
Purpose of the Study (Background and Needs):	
<p>The Lao PDR's "the 9th National Socio-Economic Development" (2021-2025) identifies environmental protection and natural disaster risk reduction as prioritized issues, and states that Laos will work on sustainable use and management of natural resources, green growth and addressing climate change, and strengthening natural disaster prevention and control and reconstruction.</p>	