

Sub-Program/Component	4. Improvement of Educational Policy
Target Organizations:	Ministry of Education and Sports Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Who can apply: * Vientiane Capital and Provincial level department * National University of Laos, Souphanouvong University, Savannakhet University and Champasak University (MOES) * Teacher Training College, Technical and Vocational College at Central and Provincial level (MOES)
Accepting University (Number of Scholars)	Hiroshima University (2) Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences Division of Educational Sciences, International Education Development Program - Master of Philosophy - Master of Education - Master of International Cooperation Studies
Expected Research Area	- Strategy of Human Resource Development in Education Sector - Quality of Education - Regional Policy of Education - Technology/Vocational Education
Purpose of the Study (Background and Needs):	
<p>Although the accessibility, school attendance rate and completion rate for elementary education have been improving, there is a pressing need to develop officers capable of solving issues, such as improve the quality of elementary education centered on arithmetic, shortage of educational administrators in terms of quality and quantity, inefficient teacher allocation, insufficient educational budgets. In addition, with regard to higher education, the mismatch between the human resource needs of the private sector and the labour market has become a challenge, which requires strategic policy formulation and planning.</p> <p>JDS Fellows are expected to contribute to improve the ability of related government agencies regarding policy making and institution building in relation to planning, implementing, managing and evaluating human resource development strategies in the area of educational policies and engineering and vocational education.</p>	