WHAT IS THE “JDS”? 
The Objective of JDS is to strengthen the government administrative capacities in the Lao P.D.R. through providing opportunities of Master Degree, targeting young government officials, who are expected to be leaders of the country, and to engage in formulating and implementing social and economic development policies after returned.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS
(1) Citizen of Lao P.D.R.;
(2) Between the age of 22 and 39 as of April 1, 2020;
(3) Must be a full-time employee in the target organizations, and has 2 years or more of work experience in duties particularly related to applying ‘Sub-Program’/‘Component’, at the time of application;
(4) Has bachelor’s degree;
(5) Has a good command of both written and spoken English (TOEFL score of 500 or higher is preferred);
(6) Has not been awarded any scholarship for Master’s degree in a foreign country;
(7) Has not studied abroad for more than 1 year under any scholarship and returned to Laos during past 2 years; and
(8) Military personnel registered on the active list or person on alternative military service cannot apply for JDS.

*Vientiane Capital and Provincial level department can apply

FIELDS OF STUDY
The framework of the JDS program consists of “Sub-Program” and “Component”, which correspond to and deal with the selected target priority area and development issues of Lao P.D.R. The participants of the program are selected from “Target Organizations” whose mission is closely related to “sub-program” and “component”. Accepting Japanese university offers educational programs corresponded to the needs. The degree to be obtained is master’s degree. The Medium of Instruction is English.

BENEFITS OF JDS PARTICIPANTS
(1) One round trip airfare between Vientiane and Japan
(2) Monthly living allowance in Japan
(3) Tuition at Japanese accepting universities
(4) Other designated allowances

VOICE FROM A RETURNED FELLOW
It is my pleasure to share my academic life and living experience in Japan. JDS program allowed me to explore and challenge new environments, cultures, religions and languages from various students from different countries who studied in Kyushu University, Fukuoka.

Academic life, I understand deeply how important of “SDL: Self Directed Learning” which was encourage me to have a comprehensive reading, listening and writing. I spent most of times to do experiment for my research in the Laboratory and learnt the theories in the Library. Not often asked simple questions to my professor unless I cannot find the answers by myself. I could focus more on my research, be more patient, punctual and work hard since I knew SDL is one effective technique for me.

Living in Japan, I had the best opportunities to visited different beautiful sceneries in various cities such Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka and Hiroshima. Each city had their own signature to attracted tourists in particular modernized, cultural and memorable places. I was really happy to see those places and many festivals that performed in the shrines. Besides, I enjoyed skiing and snowboarding which I could not experience in Laos.

From myself development during two years, it is a bridge for me to receive JDS Scholarship for Ph.D. this year. JDS Scholarship is considered as one of the best Scholarships to provide the Master and Ph.D. Scholarship for Lao government officials. Please don’t miss this chance to obtain!

VOICE FROM A RETURNED FELLOW
Ms. Daoluang HONGLIKITH
University: Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences, Kyushu University (August 2016- September 2018)
Degree: Master of Science
Title of Thesis: “Evaluation of Effect of Water Quality Improvement by Underwater LED Irradiation Considering Influence of Optical Spectrum and Intensity. Case study: Regulating Reservoir No. 5 in Ito campus, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan.”
Work Place: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

EXECUTING AGENCY

Ministry of Education and Sports
In cooperation with Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Central Committee for Organization and Personnel, Ministry of Home Affairs & Embassy of Japan, JICA Laos Office


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### FRAMEWORK OF JDS PROJECT

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| 1. Improving Administrative Ability and Institution Building | 1.1. Enhancement of Public Administration and Improvement of Legal System | - Public Policy  
- Good Governance  
- Commercial Law and Civil Law for Economic Development  
- Legal System for Promoting Trade and Investment  
- Legal Policy and Legal Stability for Solving Economic Conflicts  
- Strategy of Human Resource Development | Prime Minister’s Office  
- Ministry of Public Security  
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
- Ministry of Home Affairs  
- Ministry of Planning and Investment  
- Central Committee for Organization and Personnel  
- National Academy of Politics and Public Administration  
- Ministry of Justice  
- People’s Supreme Court  
- The Office of the Supreme People’s Prosecutor  
- Lao National Assembly | International University of Japan (RIJ) | GS of International Relations (GSIIP) | Public Management and Policy Analysis Program | Master of Arts in Public Management | 3 |
|                   | 1.2. Enhancement of Public Finance | - Fiscal Policy  
- Management of Public Revenue/Expenditures, Local Finance  
- Promotion of National Development | Ministry of Finance  
- Ministry of Planning and Investment  
- Bank of the Lao P.D.R. | Yamaguchi University | GS of Economics | Public Administration Course (Certificate Course) | Master of Economics (with Certificate of Completion of Public Administration Course) | 2 |
| 2. Building a Strong Base for Sustained Economic Growth | 2.1. Improvement of Economic Infrastructure | - Transportation Planning and Road Management  
- Urban Planning  
- Urban Transportation Planning  
- Water Supply Management  
- Energy/ Electricity/ Disaster Prevention | Ministry of Planning and Investment  
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment  
- Ministry of Energy and Mines  
- Ministry of Public Works and Transport  
- Vientiane Capital | Hiroshima University | GS of Engineering / GS for International Development and Cooperation (IDEC) | Global Educational Program for Designing Sustainable Infrastructure Systems (GESIS) | Master of Engineering  
- Master of Science  
- Master of International Cooperation Studies | 3 |
|                   | 2.2. Economic Policy on Investment / Export Promotion | - Promoting Investment/ Export Establishment of regulation on business environment  
- SMEs Development  
- Tourism Promotion | Ministry of Planning and Investment  
- Ministry of Finance  
- Ministry of Industry and Commerce  
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
- Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism  
- Bank of the Lao P.D.R. | Ritsumeikan University | GS of International Relations | Global Cooperation Program(GCP) | Master of Arts in International Relations | 2 |
| 3. Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development as well as Natural Environment Conservation | 3.1. Agriculture and Rural Development | - Improvement of Basic Facilities and Living Environment in Rural Inhabitants  
- Plant techniques  
- Improvement of livelihoods of Local Residents  
- Development of local industry  
- Food Security | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
- Ministry of Industry and Commerce  
- Ministry of Science and Technology | Kyushu University | GS of Bioresource and Biomedical Sciences | International Graduate Program | Master of Science | 2 |
|                   | 3.2. Natural Environment Conservation | - Environmental impact assessment  
- Effective usage of water resources  
- Natural Protective Area | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment  
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
- Ministry of Energy and Mines | University of Tsukuba | GS of Life and Environmental Sciences | Master's Program in Environmental Sciences (SUSTEP Program) | Master of Environmental Sciences | 2 |
| 4. Improvement of Educational Policy | - Strategy of Human Resource Development in Education Sector  
- Quality of Education  
- Regional Policy of Education  
- Technology/Vocational Education | Ministry of Education and Sports | Hiroshima University | GS for International Development and Cooperation (IDEC) | Division of Educational Development and Cultural and Regional Studies  
Education Development Course | Master of Arts  
- Master of Education  
- Master of International Cooperation Studies | 2 |
| 5. Improvement of Health Policy | - Health Care Finance  
- Regional Health Care  
- Human Resource in the field of Health Care  
- Improvement of Health Policy | Ministry of Health | Nagasaki University | School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health | Department of Global Health  
- Tropical Medicine Course  
- International Health Development Course  
- Health Innovation Course | Master of Tropical Medicine  
- Master of Public Health  
- Master of Science in Global Health and Medicine | 2 |

*The duration of each course is 2 years (Only "Tropical Medicine Course" (Department of Global Health in Nagasaki University) is 1 year course.*

*Only Medical Doctor who has more than 2 years clinical experience can apply for Tropical Medicine Course*

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**Application Period for 2019**

**August 1 to October 18**

**How to Apply?**


**Selection Procedure**

- **Dec, 2019**
  - English Proficiency (TOEFL) & Math Test
- **Jan-Feb, 2020**
  - Technical Interview by Japanese University Professors in Vientiane
- **Mar, 2020**
  - Comprehensive Interview by Operating Committee Members

*Applicants for Nagasaki University will take TOEIC instead of TOEFL*