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, 2021;
(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

Ms. Bouasone SENGSOURIVONG
Master’s Program:
Kobe University, GS of International Cooperation Studies (2006-2008) / Master of Economics

Doctoral Program (PhD):
Hiroshima University, GS for International Development and Cooperation (2017-2020) / Doctor of Philosophy

Work Place:
Faculty of Economics and Business Management, National University of Laos (NUUL)

More than 5 years studying in Japan (both Master’s and PhD), I have obtained a lot of experience that I cannot find anywhere including various Japanese culture, fantastic food, kindness and humble of Japanese people. I have a chance to visit many prefectures from the Northern part to Southern parts of Japan through host family research by applied econometric technique. After graduation, I returned to my faculty and disseminate all academic knowledge and research skills to my students at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

As a lecturer at the National University of Laos, PhD qualification is essential to enhance academic knowledge and ensure quality of teaching and learning. JDS does not only offer the scholarship for Master’s degree program, but it also supports the Doctoral program as well. I am one of the two students who received a great opportunity to return to Japan for the PhD program under JDS support in 2017.

I strongly believe that the JDS program is a key component in supporting human resource development in Laos, it will be a significant progress to ensure the sustainability of economic development in this country.

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*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 of clinical experience can apply for ‘Tropical Medicine Course.*