

<b>Sub-program (Target Priority Area)</b>	1. Strengthening of Governance toward the Realization of a Sound Macroeconomy
<b>Component (CP) (Development Issues)</b>	<b>1-2-1 (A). Strengthening Governance (Public Policy)</b>
<b>Expected Research Areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Civil Servants' HR Policy</li> <li>- E-Governance</li> <li>- Rural Development</li> <li>- Regional Development</li> <li>- Population Policy / Urban Decentralization</li> <li>- Social Welfare Governance</li> <li>- Social Security Governance</li> <li>- Health Policy</li> <li>- Education Policy</li> </ul>
<b>Accepting University</b>	<p><b>Meiji University</b> (Acceptable number of seat: 2)  GS of Governance Studies  Major in Governance Studies (Public Policy, International Development Policy, Community Planning Policy)  - Master of Public Policy</p>
<b>Background and Needs</b>	<p>Mongolia ranks 180th out of 110 in the Corruption Perception Index ranking (as of 2021), almost unchanged from 111th the previous year. In order to improve this situation, the Mongolian government has been advocating efforts to improve the efficiency and transparency of government services through policies such as Vision 2050 and the New Recovery Policy. Specifically, it aims to address transparency and efficiency in public office as a major pillar, and since digitization is indispensable for improving government transparency, it is promoting e-government (E-Mongolia) initiatives in reference to Estonia.</p> <p>Along with ICT system and data linkage among ministries and agencies, there is also a need to improve the capacity of government officials and digital literacy to promote the use of E-Mongolia by the public.</p> <p>Regarding the civil service system, frequent reorganization of government organizations and low retention of civil servants have had a negative impact on administrative services. In Mongolia, when new ministers take office due to change of government, etc., there are often drastic changes not only in state secretaries and heads of department level, but also in personnel changes at heads of division level, which tends to undermine policy continuity. To address these issues, a Civil Service Law has been enacted (2019), which attempts to develop and retain personnel over the long term.</p> <p>The economy has been hit hard by the COVID-19 expansion and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and while there is a need to improve the investment environment, there is a more pressing need to develop human resources for administrative officials to implement public works projects properly and efficiently and to improve their functions as administrative organizations (including anti-corruption measures).</p> <p>In JDS, while focusing on the transparency of public administration, promotion of e-Mongolia policy (including improvement of the legal environment for e-government, standardization of administrative systems, and digital literacy of public officials), prevention of corruption and human resource development through cyber security and ICT utilization, which are the human resources to tackle the above issues, It is expected to contribute to human resource development in areas that contribute to the promotion of a market economy, such as investment and business environment development.</p>

<b>Direction of Study (Background of CP)</b>	<p>The Japanese government's "Country Development Cooperation Policy for Mongolia" (December 2017) stipulates "Strengthening governance for creating healthy macro economy" as one of the priority areas, and states that the government will support human resource development that contributes to improving the policy making and implementation capacity of administrative officials in the priority areas in the national strategy of the Mongolian government.</p> <p>Based on this development cooperation policy, JICA supports the human resource development of government officials necessary for the government to formulate and implement effective and efficient policies in a stable manner under the "Program for providing dynamic market economy" within the "Support for creating a vibrant economy" development agenda.</p> <p>Relevant JICA Project (Technical Cooperation Project)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Project for Strengthening the Government Capacity of Public Investment Plan</li><li>- Project for the New Tax Law Enforcement by Strengthening Capacity of Implementation of Mongolian Tax Administration</li><li>- Project for the Capacity Development of Tax Administration Utilizing Big Data</li><li>Project for Human Resources Development for Cyber Security Professionals</li></ul>
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