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## JDS Project in the Philippines (Component 1-2)

### What is JDS?

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS) was established in the Philippines in 2002 founded on the strong and lasting bilateral relations between the Philippines and Japan. The objective of the JDS is to support human resources development in the Philippines, targeting prospective young leaders who are engaged in the formulation and implementation of social and economic development policies. The JDS Fellows are expected to contribute to solving priority development issues of the Philippines as well as strengthening international cooperation and bilateral relations between the Philippines and Japan. The JDS Project is designed to contribute to strengthening institutional capacity of the Philippine government organization through individual official's capacity development.

### Field of Study

The framework of the JDS Project consists of priority fields of studies in line with the priority development issues of the Philippines, categorized as "Sub-Program" and "Component". The JDS Fellows are selected from **Target Organizations** relevant to the Sub-Programs. Accepting Japanese universities offer 2-year Master's Degree programs related to the Components of the Sub-Program. All the classes will be taught *in English*.

### Eligible Applicants

◆ <b>Nationality</b>	Citizens of the Republic of the Philippines
◆ <b>Age</b>	<b>Between 22 and 39 years old</b> as of April 1, 2022 (Born on / after April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 1982 and born on / before April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2000)
◆ <b>Occupation</b>	Must be an employee of the Philippine Government and not a member of the military
◆ <b>Working Experience</b>	- Have <b>permanent status</b> - Have at least <b>2 years of work experience</b> , particularly in work relevant to the selected Component, at the time of application
◆ <b>Performance Rating</b>	Have a performance rating of at least ' <b>Very Satisfactory</b> ' from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in the organization
◆ <b>Academic Background</b>	- Possess a <b>Bachelor's Degree</b> relevant to the target fields - Have not been awarded any other foreign scholarships for obtaining a master's degree - <b>Relevant academic/research career or working experience</b> can be considered as the alternative to meet the requirement.

### Selection Process

Application guideline/documents and university information can be downloaded at the JDS website (<http://jds-scholarship.org/>).

**Application Deadline: February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Mon.)** to JICE JDS Project Office

**[Mar, 2022] Academic Aptitude Test** in Manila

**Note: Fees for the tests will be covered by the Project**

**[1<sup>st</sup> Selection: Mid-Late March 2022] Screening of Application Documents** by Japanese Universities

**[2<sup>nd</sup> Selection: Early April 2022] Technical Interview** by Japanese Professors and Medical Check-up

**[3<sup>rd</sup> Selection: Early May 2022] Comprehensive Interview** by JDS Operating Committee(O/C) members\*

**[After the selection process]** Departure for Japan in August 2022, return to the Philippines in summer 2024

\*O/C consists of National Economic and Development Authority (Implementing Organization), Civil Service Commission, Department of Foreign Affairs, Embassy of Japan in the Philippines and JICA Philippine Office.

### Benefits of JDS Fellows

- One round trip airfare between the Philippines and Japan
- Monthly living allowance in Japan
- Full tuition fees of Japanese University
- Other designated allowances (field study, etc.)

### For Further Information

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## Sub-Program 1. Public Policy · Science and Technology for Sustainable Economic Growth

### Component 1-2. Enhancement of Industrial Promotion

#### ◆ Direction of Study & Expected Capacity to be Developed

Although the Philippines has continued its steady economic growth in recent years, looking at the industrial structure based on the working population, agriculture and development of the manufacturing industry are behind the service industry, which is a big concern in economic development. In the promotion of the manufacturing industry, there are many issues such as reviewing foreign investment restrictions to promote FDI, developing related human resources, promoting small and medium enterprises aiming at expansion of supporting industries, developing and implementing appropriate investment promotion policies including subsidy policy. It is one of the important fields to formulate policies and improve the implementation capacity.

#### ◆ Accepting University (Number of Fellows) & Features of the Program

##### **International University of Japan, GS of International Relations (IDP) (1 slot)**

The objective of the IDP is to educate future leaders in formulating and implementing economic as well as public policies geared towards economic development by providing them with rigorous academic training through an economics-centered curriculum. The program encompasses a wide range of economic and public policy issues in various contexts, such as monetary and fiscal policy, public finance, international trade and finance, health care management, environmental management, and sustainable development. IDP is designed not only for students who wish to pursue careers in public sectors and international agencies, but also for those who wish to work in research institutes, financial institutions, and other public enterprises. Graduates of the IDP receive a Master of Arts in Economics or a Master of Arts in International Development. Given the above arguments, IDP, in corporation with PMPP, trains public officials so that they can implement, administer, and evaluate policies that effectively solve economic and development issues.

Our master's program provides students with not only tools, concepts and theories in economics and related fields but also an opportunity to conduct some projects on a specific issue of fiscal reform and investment promotion in the Philippines. By working on the project work, students should be able to cultivate their abilities for planning and making policies, and are also expected to contribute to the socioeconomic advancement of their countries after they return home.

##### **Kobe University, GS of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS) (2 slots)**

Kobe GSICS offer a flexible curriculum in which students can acquire a wide range of skills and knowledge. In addition to our own courses, we also offer joint courses with other graduate schools specializing in economics, law, business administration, education, engineering, and urban studies. Accordingly, our academic programs are truly multidisciplinary.

One of our aims is to train graduate students who are interested in pursuing international careers. Academic activities at GSICS, therefore, encourage our students to acquire expertise and multidisciplinary knowledge. As one of these activities, GSICS often convenes international conferences and symposia and invites leading specialists from all over the world to deliver special lectures and seminars. We also encourage our students to participate in internships and placements in domestic and international organizations, and recognize the importance of these activities by awarding credits for them, as well as partially subsidizing students' travel costs. We welcome international students who wish to join our vibrant academic community.

In an effort to make our unique multidisciplinary academic environment available to international students, particularly JDS Fellows, GSICS has developed a Master's program in English, namely the Special Course for Development Policy, in which all courses are taught in English. While its curriculum is multidisciplinary in nature, this program also emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach and thus provides a series of interdisciplinary seminars encompassing economic development, political development, international law and international relations. GSICS expects the graduates of this program to become experts and professionals in their fields, and contribute to the development of their countries.

##### **Rikkyo University, GS of Business (1 slot)**

The Graduate School of Business (GSB) was established upon the foundations of the former Graduate Program in Business Administration of the Graduate School of Economics and the Graduate Degree Program in Applied Sociology of the Graduate School of Sociology. It conducts specialized interdisciplinary studies in the field of business administration based on the traditions of these two programs. The Graduate Program in Business Administration conducted business management-related education and research based on business administration and accounting, while the Graduate Program in Applied Sociology places its theoretical basis in industrial relations. Industrial relations was originally a field that focused on labor issues, but in recent years it has come to cover other aspects of corporate activities, including marketing and consumer behavior, the relationship between industry and the local community in terms of corporate social responsibility, and business strategies for responding to the rapidly changing values of industrial society. The GSB has incorporated these studies in industrial relations into business management studies to nurture a wide range of professionals, from researchers to highly-trained experts, who can approach the dynamically changing modern business environment from an international perspective.

There are two English-medium courses in the Master of International Business Program of the Graduate School of Business: Master of Public Management and Administration (MPMA) Course and Master of International Business (MIB) Course. JDS fellows will enroll in the MPMA Course.

The MPMA Course is designed particularly for mid-career public officers to nurture and develop their capacities to review, formulate, manage, and evaluate policies and programs effectively. The Course is strategically kept small to ensure intensive but congenial interactions amongst its students and faculty members. In addition, both MPMA and MIB students study together in the same classrooms through the cross-registration.

As a JDS student from the Philippines, you will have the opportunity to study with other young government officials from Asian countries too.