



Voice of JDS Fellows from Tajikistan

**Voice of JDS 6th Batch Fellow 2014-2016
(Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University)**

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Having analyzed various grants and scholarships for civil servants in Tajikistan, I came into conclusion that JDS is the only fully funded scholarship which allows not only obtain Master's and PhD Degree in one of the top universities of Japan and provides a strong education within the context of an ever-changing world, but also immerse in rich culture and gifts opportunity to find friends all over the world.

It is worth mentioning that even after graduation, JICE and JICA constantly involves alumni to various activities, which is a perfect platform to meet friends, share experience, memories and discuss daily work tasks. Thus these meetings have turned into a significant platform for networking and helps to generate new ideas and initiatives from young leaders to contribute in improvement of the socio-economic situation of Tajikistan. I truly believe that each of the alumni becomes an ambassador to his/her workplace to guide and recommend to new candidates to apply to this amazing program.

Graduation of the JDS program and returning to workplace with strong academic education allows to initiate our tasks with wider horizons of analytical and critical thinking. A JDS alumni distinguishes with high sense of responsibility, punctuality, motivation and decision making ability. Such qualities allow us to be appreciated among others and helps to be in priority and a valuable asset for the workplace.

As for me, JDS and studying in Japan was an amazing trip to remember, assisting in accomplishment of every goal that was previously set and planned, while at the same time leaving an extremely positive impact in every aspect of my life.

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STUDY IN JAPAN

I was super lucky to pursue my master's degree in international cooperation policy at the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, which is located at the top of the hill, where I enjoyed an amazing view of the sea, mountains and Beppu city as a whole.

Studying in Japan is difficult, but very interesting; all conditions are created so that you can study hard and acquire the knowledge and skills you need. The study is accompanied by periodic trips to the cities of Japan, which allows you to enjoy your study.

This entire wonderful environment helped me to complete my studies and successfully defend my thesis, which was about "Comparisons of universal health care of advanced and developing countries for the sake of Tajikistan health care prospective and its population longevity.

The knowledge and experience that I got helps my daily work to be efficient and productive after returning to my workplace.

LIFE IN JAPAN

In Japan I used to wake up early in the morning and witness an amazing miracle that takes place every day in Japan that is a spectacular sunrise over the sea as well as beautiful hills and mountains full of green forests.

The fresh and chilly morning breeze made my days cheerful. I often used to go to a public onsen (hot spring) which was three minutes away walk from my apartment and soak myself deep into its lovely warm and healing water, where I felt very relaxed and whole.

For my breakfast, occasionally I loved to eat "Onigiri" seaweed rice balls or "Makizushi" a type of sushi which are super tasty and healthy snacks.

For my family as well, it was the most beautiful and productive period of our life. Every time we remember with great joy the moments of our life in Japan.



JDS Alumni Activities



The purpose of creation of JDS Tajikistan Alumni Club is to unite alumni hands and minds in order to promote efficient bilateral cooperation between Tajikistan and Japan and improve the quality of life of Tajik people.

In order to achieve our goals, we have developed an action plan and have already carried out some activities, such as football matches, family picnics and collected donation for the Chorbokh's children orphanage. Now we are working on developing a project on tourism development and organization of eco campaigns.

Most importantly in 2023 JDS Tajikistan Alumni Club, members were much honored to communicate with the President of JICA Dr. TANAKA Akihiko and we received very important insights how to develop our activities.

