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07 September 2023

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 Secretary to the Prime Minister / Prime Minister's Office
 Secretary to the Cabinet / Cabinet Office
 Secretary General to the Parliament / The Parliament
 Secretaries / All Ministries
 Auditor General, National Audit Office
 Chairmen / All Independent Commissions

Attn: Officer In-charge of Foreign Trainings

Dear Sir / Madam,

Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship Programme (JDS)
- Call for Applications for the Academic Year 2024/2025

We are pleased to inform you that, the Government of Japan has invited nominations from eligible Government Officials in Sri Lanka for the above long-term Scholarship programme.

Accordingly, the Government of Japan has planned to provide 15 Scholarships for Master's Degree Programme and 02 Scholarships for Doctoral Course to Sri Lankan public sector officials for the academic year 2024/2025 to pursue studies in Japanese universities.

The identified fields of study and universities for the Master's Degree programme are given below.

Component - Field of Study		University/ Graduate School
1.1 Public Policy Studies		Meiji University
		International University of Japan
1.2 Economics	1.2.1. Macro Economics Studies	International Christian University Hiroshima University
	1.2.2. Public Finance and Investment Management	Nagoya University
	1.2.3. Industry Development Policy and Investment Promotion	International University of Japan
		The University of Tokyo University of Tsukuba
1.3 Urban and Regional Development		

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Please note that only the duly completed applications for the Master's Degree programme received by ERD before 4.00 p.m. on 26th October 2023 and PhD programme received by ERD before 4.00 p.m. on 01st December 2023, with the line ministry covering letter and other relevant documents as stipulated above, will be processed. The qualifications and requirements for these programme are as follows.

Criteria of Eligibility for Master's Degree Programme

1. To be a Citizen of Sri Lanka with the age of 40 or below as of 01st April 2024
2. To be a Bachelor's Degree holder
3. Confirmed officials or completed the probation period and eligible for confirmation.
4. Should be a "Executive/ Senior Executive", those who are mentioned in the Public Administration Circular No.06/2006, Annexure II, Page 2, IV Senior Level, and Page 5, 3.10 & 3.11
5. Officials those who belong to Board of Investment (BOI) can only apply to CP 1-2-3 "Industry Development Policy and Investment Promotion"
6. Officials those who belong to National Building Research Organization (NBRO), Central Environmental Authority (CEA), National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB), Waste Management Authority (WMA) can only apply to CP 1-3 "Urban and Regional Development"
7. Should be in good health both mentally and physically
8. English language ability which is sufficient to study at the graduate level
9. A person falls under any of the following items is not eligible to apply:
 - Military personnel registered on the active list or person on alternative military service
 - Those who are currently awarded or scheduled to receive another scholarship
 - Those who have obtained a master's or higher degree overseas under the support of foreign scholarship

Criteria of Eligibility for Doctoral Programme

1. To be a Citizen of Sri Lanka with the age of 45 or below as of 1st April 2024
2. Be a **JDS Returned Fellow (those completed Master's Degree of JDS), or those who completed Master's course in Japan**
3. **Have returned to and served for the country for a certain years set by his or her organization** after completion of Master's Degree.
4. Belong to the **Target Group of JDS and his/ her research theme is relevant to the Development Issues of Sri Lanka**
5. In principle, **enroll in the same graduate school of the university where he or she obtained a Master's Degree** in Japan. Due to some circumstances, enrollment to other graduate school of the university will also be acceptable.

The application guidelines/documents and Universities information can be downloaded at the following website <https://jds-scholarship.org/> and ERD Form can be downloaded from <http://www.erd.gov.lk/>

Accordingly, the **Online Promotional Seminars** have been organized to promote and encourage eligible government officials in all island Services to apply for Master's Degree under the JDS

programme. It is also expected to disseminate detailed information and application procedures on the JDS through these seminars.

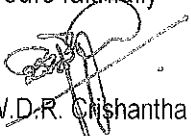
Details of the online promotional seminars are as follows, (Please contact JDS to join the programme jds.srilanka@jice.org)

Date	Time	Language
15 th September 2023	14.00 - 15.00	Sinhala Medium
22 nd September 2023	14.00 - 15.00	Sinhala Medium
06 th October 2023	14.00 - 15.00	Tamil Medium
17 th October 2023	14.00 - 15.00	English Medium

You are kindly requested to circulate this letter among the all agencies which are coming under the preview of your Ministry and encourage to apply all qualified officials for this scholarship programme. It is also requested to grant official leave once they are selected to the programme.

Your early action in this regard is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully


W.D.R. Cishantha
Director / Technical Assistance
for Director General