

**Invitation of Expression of Interest
Tender for the Management of High-level Conferences on Macroeconomic and
Financial Policy Issues**

The Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (OAP), established in 1997, acts as the IMF's window to Asia. OAP contributes to regional surveillance as well as bilateral surveillance on Japan, and the progress in regional cooperation and integration, including through APEC, ASEAN, ASEAN+3, EMEAP, among others. As part of capacity building for countries in the region, OAP organizes seminars and conferences, targeting mid-level and senior officials from countries in the region. A wide range of activities at OAP aim to facilitate the implementation of Fund policies in the region and dialogues among officials. A series of one-to-two day joint seminars with a university to be conducted annually starting in FY18¹ for three years, extendable for another two years, is an important part of the objectives.²

OAP is inviting graduate schools of Japanese universities to express their interest in managing this seminar series. Around 15-25 senior government officials are expected to participate in the seminar. The seminars should be conducted in English and cover current policy issues on financial sector and macroeconomics, including international and public finance. It is expected that the selected university will hold the first seminar by no later than March 2018.

Interested universities are encouraged to submit an expression of interest by December 5, 2016 through the online registration form available at the following site.

Online registration: <http://www.cvent.com/d/kvqcys>

OAP will send a package of proposal documents to the interested universities after December 5, 2016. The full application must be submitted by January 12, 2017. The final selection will be made by March 2017, followed by a notification to the selected university.

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¹ The IMF's fiscal year (FY) refers to period May 1 - April 30. Thus, FY18 refers to the period May 1, 2017-April 30, 2018.

² The high-level capacity building seminars have been conducted by OAP jointly with Hitotsubashi University. The existing contract will end in April 2017 (<https://www.imf.org/external/np/seminars/eng/2016/hit2016/>).