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Since its inception in 1993, the JISPA has targeted future economic leaders from key policymaking agencies as part of the International Monetary Fund's capacity building efforts. With the support of the Government of Japan and under the current administration of the IMF's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Tokyo, the JISPA has awarded graduate-level scholarships for study in Japan to nearly 420 officials from 15 developing economies in the Asia and the Pacific region.

Among JISPA graduating scholars, some have risen to senior positions in macroeconomic agencies, including in central banks and ministries of finance. Against this background, the JISPA has developed a solid reputation and established itself as a prestigious program among Asian officials in target countries. It is our intent to ensure the universities in Japan providing instruction under the JISPA continue to meet the needs of target countries in this era of rapid economic growth and development.

We are pleased about your interest in the JISPA. Let us encourage you to study carefully the material in this brochure and contact us directly if you have questions about the scholarship program.

Akira Ariyoshi
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Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
International Monetary Fund

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA) was first introduced in 1993. It is funded by the Government of Japan, administered by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and conducted at various graduate schools in Japan. Its objective is to contribute to institutional capacity building in economic policymaking to promote the sustainable growth of developing economies in Asia and the Pacific. By training future macroeconomic managers in these countries, the JISPA aims to enable them to better formulate sound economic and financial stability policies needed for sustainable growth and development.

The JISPA targets highly motivated government officials who may serve as future macroeconomic policy makers with the capacity and vision to contribute effectively to the economic development of their countries. Scholarship awards are made on the basis of the candidate's academic record and work background, mathematical and statistics skills, English language proficiency, and potential for contributing to the macroeconomic and financial management and economic development of their country. The assessment also includes qualities such as the candidate's commitment to public service, willingness to learn, and openness to new ideas.

Currently, the JISPA is open to qualified candidates from the following countries: **Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pacific Island Countries, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam.**

The scholarship covers tuition-related costs and most living expenses for the scholar only. Officials who receive the JISPA scholarship cannot accept other scholarships. Scholars are expected to devote full time to their studies while in Japan.

The program comprises two tracks: the partnership track, discussed in Part II of this brochure, and the open track, discussed in Part III. Because of the strong competition for scholarships, the JISPA is highly selective. In 2009-2010, a total of 40 new scholarships are available to candidates for the partnership track. There is no fixed limit on new scholarships for the open track, but they are generally a small number of scholarships.

II. THE PARTNERSHIP TRACK

The partnership track of the JISPA allows scholars to study a specially designed graduate level course concentrating on macroeconomics at an IMF partnership university. In 2009, the partnership universities that will be accepting scholars are:

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS): one year program

Hitotsubashi University: two year program

International University of Japan (IUJ): two year program

Yokohama National University (YNU): two year program

All subjects, including the thesis component, are taught entirely in English.

The universities offer subjects that cover essential elements that will allow scholars to enter the macroeconomics policy dialogue at an international level. They also offer various optional subjects that will allow scholars to pursue their particular interests, relevant to the topic of their master's thesis. This thesis component is considered one of the most challenging and rewarding aspects of the program.

Subjects are taught by dedicated professors, many of whom have experience working as professionals in the IMF, World Bank, or other international institutions.

The application deadline for the partnership track is December 10, 2008. After an initial screening of applications, select candidates will be contacted by the IMF to arrange an interview, which is typically done in-country with representatives from the partnership universities. A math and/or English examination may also be administered at this time. Final selection will be made on the basis of the in-country interview, math and English competencies, the application form, and any other supplementary information.



Mr. Le Minh Hung
Vietnam
Graduate School of Policy
Science (GSPS) of Saitama
University (Predecessor of
GRIPS) 1996-1997
Director General of the
International Department
State Bank of Vietnam

"With the support of JISPA, I attended the GSPS/GRIPS program and was equipped with highly comprehensive knowledge and tools for policy making decisions and leadership, and with interdisciplinary approaches to understand, analyze and solve policy issues. I was also exposed to Japan's friendly people, its rich culture and extensive policy experience as well as a close international network of promising classmates. Since returning home, I have found that what I have gained from my studies at GSPS/GRIPS have contributed naturally to my performance at work. This experience is an unlimited resource that is always there to be exploited, for the benefit of my country."

PARTNERSHIP UNIVERSITIES

NATIONAL GRADUATE INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES (GRIPS)

GRIPS is a first-rate, government-sponsored graduate school and research institute. It was established as a separate entity out of the Graduate School of Policy Science of Saitama University the first graduate school for policy studies in Japan. It aims to be a center of excellence for the advancement of policy research and dissemination. Several policy study project centers and a policy information center have been established. GRIPS exchanges information, ideas, and even personnel with other graduate schools, government institutes, and private research institutes throughout Japan. It is also establishing an international network of academics and government officials around the world in the field of policy studies. The majority of students studying at GRIPS are international students. Most are from the Asia-Pacific region, with rest from Africa, Latin America, Europe, and Middle East.

The Transition Economy Program

For JISPA scholars, GRIPS offers the twelve-month Transition Economy Program, which leads to a Master of Public Policy. It is specifically designed to meet the needs of government officials from Asian countries who are faced with the enormous challenge of making the transformation to more market-oriented systems of economic management.

The program aims to enhance the capacity of governments to formulate and implement financial and economic policies in a manner that leads to quality growth.

The Faculty

The faculty at GRIPS is committed to training highly qualified professionals whose work in policy development and analysis will strengthen public policy making and enhance the effectiveness of development programs.

Faculty at GRIPS include academics and bureaucrats, as well as those with experience at the World Bank, IMF, Japan Bank for International Cooperation, and Japan International Cooperation Agency. Currently, there are 70 full-time faculty members, including many outstanding non-Japanese scholars.

The Curriculum

Subjects deal with the macroeconomic and structural reform aspects, including policies aimed at establishing sound fundamentals, such as a balanced budget and current account, low inflation, a stable currency, a liberalized trade and financial sector, and a vast private sector. Attention is also given to a broader range of development issues such as the roles of government, institution building, and environment and development.

Required Courses

Scholars of the Transition Economy Program must take the following eight courses and Independent Study (Policy Proposal Paper): macroeconomics I, II; microeconomics I, II; structural reform and privatization; development economics; international economics; and demand management (fiscal and monetary policies). In the Independent Study,



Mr. Mirzaev Mubin
Uzbekistan
GRIPS 2001-2002
Deputy Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance

"Thanks to this program, I obtained a good knowledge in macroeconomics and microeconomics, which contributed to my career and current work. After studying in Japan, I went back to the Central Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan as Deputy Director of the Monetary Policy Department, then was promoted to Director in the same department. On May 14, 2008, I was appointed Deputy Minister of Finance. I am very happy to have studied under the Japan-IMF Scholarship Program and want to thank all GRIPS professors and IMF staff who provided me with all the knowledge and experience."

scholars are required to write a policy proposal paper, under the supervision of an academic advisor.

Quantitative Courses

Scholars must take at least three of the following six courses: statistics, introduction to quantitative methods, introduction to applied econometrics, mathematics for economic analysis, applied economic analytical tools for policy making, and operations research.

Other Recommended and Elective Courses

These courses cover a range of topics, including modernization of the financial sector, monetary economics, government and market, and the environment and sustainable development.

Please see page 12 for a complete course listing.

The program is demanding and requires a high level of commitment from the scholars. In order to accommodate this intensive level of education within one year, GRIPS operates on the following four-term system: Fall Term (16 weeks, October–January), Winter Term (8 weeks, February–March), Spring Term (16 weeks, April–July), and Summer Term (8 weeks, August–September).

Qualifications

Candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a recognized/accredited university and must satisfy the English language requirements with a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (CBT 213) or IELTS 6.0. A strong undergraduate background and/or evidence of experience with public policy issues in economic management is also required.



Facilities

In 2005, GRIPS moved to a new, spacious, state-of-the-art campus in Roppongi, which is one of the trendiest cultural and international districts in the heart of Tokyo. At GRIPS, students have access to many invaluable resources. The GRIPS library maintains an excellent collection of books, journals, databases, and reference materials, which supports the research and teaching programs. Additionally, a free laptop loan service with wireless internet access is offered to all students for the full academic year. On-campus facilities further include a fitness center, auditorium, and conference rooms.

GRIPS also arranges accommodations for students. Typical student housing comprises a studio apartment in the Tokyo International Exchange Center, located along the scenic Tokyo Bay.

Further information on the program can be found on the GRIPS website at <http://www.grips.ac.jp>.





HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1875, Hitotsubashi University is a leading university in economics and business in Japan. Today, it has four departments, seven graduate schools, and two research institutes, covering the fields of business, economics, law, and social sciences. It has an enrollment of approximately 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students, and a faculty and staff of over 600.

Asian Public Policy Program, School of International and Public Policy

For JISPA scholars, Hitotsubashi University offers a two-year Asian Public Policy Program in the School of International and Public Policy. This program, which leads to a Master's degree in public policy, provides the analytical skills and policy formulation capabilities required for good macroeconomic policy management, public finance, fiscal operations, and other public policy fields. The program attracts Asian officials who are working in fiscal, monetary, and other public policy areas, and who aspire to work as policy analysts and policy makers in the future.

The Faculty

The Asian Public Policy Program faculty includes teaching staff with experience at the IMF, World Bank, Bank of Japan, and Japan's Ministry of Finance. Academics with outstanding reputations from the Graduate School of Economics of Hitotsubashi University (located at the main Kunitachi campus) and special lecturers invited from other universities such as Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, Duke University, National University of Singapore and from prominent businesses, international organizations and the government are also included in the faculty.

The Curriculum

The curriculum focuses on economic policy design and analysis. It is conducted entirely in English, with the school year running from October through July. The curriculum consists of core theory courses, fiscal and regulatory policy, monetary and financial policy, workshops on current topics, and weekly seminars, as well as special intensive courses. In addition, a master's thesis is required to successfully complete the degree.

First Year: Students are required to take all core courses in order to master basic theoretical approaches and skills for quantitative analysis. They also take some elective courses, including special intensive ones. By the end of the second semester, students need to decide their thesis topic in consultation with their academic advisor. They are expected to work on their thesis, including data collection, during the summer recess.

Second Year: Students focus on working on their thesis while taking some elective courses as advised by their academic advisor. They are expected to complete the preliminary draft of their thesis in April, and required to submit the final version by the end of May. Final examination and oral defense are held late June to early July.

Throughout the two years in the program, students are required to participate in a seminar held by their academic advisor as well as to take an English Thesis Writing course.

Course Descriptions

Required Courses: Theoretical Foundations

Core theory courses provide a solid foundation in microeconomic and macroeconomic theory and public sector economics as a framework for policy analysis. Courses on

quantitative techniques of economic analysis and financial programming for macroeconomic policy formulation are also required, with the latter offered as a two-week intensive course.

Elective Courses: Fiscal and Regulatory Policy

These courses cover major issues in fiscal and regulatory policy, such as taxation, public investment, fiscal decentralization, the social security system, and regulation of public enterprises and industries. They focus on both the analytical and practical side of issues, including discussion of best practices and case studies on policies adopted by Asian economies.

Elective Courses: Monetary and Financial Policy

These courses comprise monetary and financial policy analyses focusing on analytical and practical aspects of policy making. They cover topics related to international finance, as well as the lessons learned from monetary policy during the bubble period in Japan and from the Asian financial crises in the late 1990s.

Courses on Current Issues:

These courses include Workshops on Current Topics and Special Intensive Courses on issues on Public Policy. They are designed to provide students with a good understanding of the current situation, prospects, and research of the current topics of general interest in the field of public policy. The current topics include financial sector development, public expenditure management, social security issues, global imbalances, and project planning and implementation in developing countries. Scholars both at home and abroad, policymakers of government and international organizations, and other practitioners in public policy are invited as lecturers.

Japanese Language Course

Hitotsubashi University offers a week-long intensive Japanese language course a few times a year for JISPA scholars.

Seminars

Students are required to belong to a seminar group led by their academic advisor. They pursue an academic topic of their interest, which provides a basis for their thesis, under the guidance of the academic advisor. Weekly seminars are one of the core activities for students in the program.

Please see page 12 for a complete course listing.

Qualifications

Candidates with a minimum of two years' full-time working experience in economic policy areas of government and a BA or BS degree from an officially accredited university are eligible for admission. Preference will be given to those with a first degree in economics or management.

Hitotsubashi University candidates are additionally required to complete and pass the admissions process for the School of International and Public Policy. A separate application form must be filled out and submitted to the university with the required documents. The university must receive this application no later than April 27, 2009. Only then will the scholarship be finalized.

Facilities

The Asian Public Policy Program is located on an inner-city campus in Tokyo. Adjacent to the Imperial Palace grounds, where the university originated 130 years ago, the campus is part of a new 23-story building, complete with high-tech communication, library, conference, fitness, and other facilities.

Hitotsubashi University will arrange appropriate housing.

Further information on the program can be found on the Hitotsubashi University website at <http://www.hit-u.ac.jp/IPP/APPP/>.



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HIT 2001-2003
Former Deputy Director of
the Financial Policy and
Coordination Department
Ministry of Finance
(Currently seconded as Visiting
Research Fellow, Institute of
Developing Economies under
JETRO, Japan)

"The program provided not only a generous financial support but also other opportunities and experiences including study tours, seminars and other social events. I have particularly benefited from the world-class, rigorous academic program of Hitotsubashi University. The program also enabled us to acquire modern theory and actual policy making skills so that we could achieve in a short time our intellectual and career goals. Because of that, I believe, many former fellows have progressed in their respective institutions after the completion of the program."

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JAPAN (IUJ)

The IUJ was founded in 1982 with extensive support from Japanese industrial, financial, and educational communities, and from the local community of Minami-Uonuma-shi in Niigata prefecture. The IUJ consists of two graduate schools: the Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR) and the Graduate School of International Management (GSIM). There are three master programs in the GSIR: the International Development Program, International Relations Program, and International Peace Studies Program. The student body of IUJ comprises about 300 students representing about 50 countries in the world.



Ms. Aigul Berdigulova
Kyrgyz Republic
IUJ 2002-2004
Head of the Balance of
Payments and External Debt
Division
Financial Statistics and Survey
Department
National Bank of the Kyrgyz
Republic

"The JISPA provided me with a splendid opportunity to widen my academic as well as personal horizons. Studying at the IUJ as a JISPA scholar, I have acquired invaluable assets, -the knowledge and skills- that served as a trigger in my career development. Moreover the IUJ's international environment has enriched my personal experience, endowing me with a worldwide network of friends and connections."

International Development Program

For JISPA scholars, the IUJ offers the two-year International Development Program. The curriculum of the program is centered on economics and leads to a Master's degree in International Development. It intends to provide students with rigorous training in the principles of economics and their applications in policy analyses. The program's objective is to improve students' ability in identifying important policy issues related to economic development and to develop their analytical skills for formulating effective and consistent economic policies. The program particularly attracts students who wish to examine public policy issues of their own countries in comparison with those of other countries.

The Faculty

Faculty of the International Development Program consist of core full time and visiting faculty members. All core full time

faculty members have obtained their PhD in economics or related fields from prestigious universities such as Cornell University, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, University of Essex, and University of Western Ontario.

Faculty members promote the exchange of ideas and discussions between students in an objective, supportive, and effective environment. They are not only effective teachers but also productive and excellent scholars. Faculty members have been involved in various policy related research projects financed by organizations such as the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia, and United Nations University. Their research results have been published in internationally refereed academic journals. Students of course are given the opportunity to learn from and/or be involved in these projects themselves.

The Curriculum

The curriculum of the International Development Program encompasses a wide range of public policy issues, including monetary and fiscal policy, international finance trade, public finance, health care management, environmental management and sustainable development, poverty and income disparity, and urban and regional development. The two-year curriculum consists of required courses, applied disciplinary courses, regional courses, elective courses, and advanced seminars for thesis writing.

First year:

In the first year, students mainly take required core courses, which consist of macroeconomics, microeconomics, applied econometrics, statistics and mathematics for economics, development economics, and research methodology. In the spring term of the first year, students can also take some applied courses related with their research topics. In addition, students begin preparing for their master's thesis towards the end of their first year. Students' thesis supervisors will be decided in the winter term, and the first advanced seminar for thesis writing will start in the spring term.

Second year:

In the second year, students take applied courses that are closely related to their thesis topics and research interests. These courses include monetary economics and policy, public finance, international finance, international trade, health economics and management, computable general equilibrium models, quantitative analysis of economic policies, government structure and economic development, and inequality and poverty. Students may also take courses in politics and regional studies offered by other programs in the GSIR or courses in management offered by the MBA program in the GSIM.

The second year is also when most work is done on the master's thesis. Writing a thesis gives students an opportunity to apply the tools, methods, concepts, and theories they have learned in their studies at the International Development Program. It is also an effective way for students to develop independent capacity for economic analysis.

Japanese language program

The IUJ has a very effective Japanese language program that offers courses from introductory to advanced levels.

Please see page 13 for a complete course listing.



Qualifications

Candidates with a strong desire to study and contribute to the economic development of their countries are encouraged to apply. A strong undergraduate background, evidence of experience with public policy issues in development, and high English proficiency are required.

Facilities

There are three computer labs on campus. In the dormitories, students can also access a highly efficient campus-wide Local Area Network (LAN), which is linked to the internet 24 hours a day. The IUJ's Matsushita Library and Information Center has a large collection of books, journals, and databases in the area of business, economics, finance, and politics. It serves as a gateway for students to access a wide range of important information from throughout the world. Sporting facilities include tennis courts and a gymnasium. Students also have easy access to ski slopes in the winter and hiking trails in summer.

Housing consists of on-campus dormitories.

Further information on the program can be found on the IUJ website at <http://gsir.iuj.ac.jp>.

The latest brochure of the GSIR is also available upon request through the internet.



YOKOHAMA NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (YNU)

Yokohama National University was established in 1949, under the National School Establishment Law, by amalgamation of the Kanagawa Normal School, the Kanagawa Youth Normal School, the Yokohama College of Economics and the Yokohama Institute of Technology. Today, the university has an enrollment of over 10,000 students.

The campus is located in a suburban area of Yokohama, the second largest city in Japan. Yokohama is also famous for its

internationality. It was developed as the first international port city in Japan and still has many historical sights, such as Chinatown.

It takes only 40 minutes to go to the center of Tokyo from our campus. Scholars can enjoy the calm countryside environment and exciting city life at the same time.

Transition Economy Program

For JISPA scholars, YNU offers the two-year Transition Economy Program. This



program is designed to offer policy makers the knowledge and techniques to manage transforming a non-capitalistic society into a market economy successfully. A specific feature of the program is a focus on the capitalistic corporation system as well as economic theories. Private companies are principal players in a market economy and understanding how capitalistic corporation systems work is indispensable for policy makers to manage an economy efficiently.

The program is practice-oriented. In addition to studying basic theories and market rules, scholars will be exposed to risk management techniques, evaluation methods, data management, and econometrics. Each scholar will also be lent a PC and is expected to use it effectively to understand the theories they learn in the classroom.

The Faculty

Students are taught by our diverse body of distinguished faculty members, each of whom has a strong background in his or her specialty. Guidance in the writing of the Masters thesis is provided not only by the designated advising professor, but also by other faculty members who are appropriate for the particular subject. In addition, some faculty members have notable work experience in banking or other fields, which strengthens the “real world” applicability of the teaching and guidance that is offered.

The Curriculum

The two-year curriculum of the program consists of the following semesters:

The first semester (October to February) focuses on basic knowledge and techniques, such as Mathematics, Statistics, Economics, Computer Literacy, English and Japanese.

The second semester (April to July) deals with the basic theories about Economics, Business and Law.

The third semester (October to February) includes the application of fields that help business development in an economy. Individual study supervised by faculty members will begin during this semester.

Scholars will concentrate on their thesis in the fourth semester. They are required to write a high quality thesis for graduation and an MBA degree.

To promote an understanding of Japanese culture and its economic systems, we also take scholars on field trips within Japan.

Please see page 13 for the course listing.

Qualifications

Applicants must be currently working at a financial institution of their government such as the Ministry of Finance or Central Bank. A university diploma or bachelors degree is also required for application but the major field of study may vary.

Facilities

The scholars can enjoy free access to computers and fast internet connection. The university also offers various services through the International Student Center, University Library, Health Service Center and Information Processing Center in order to support students’ transition to life in Japan.

Further information on the program can be found on the YNU website at http://www.ynu.ac.jp/index_e.html



Mr. Thai Saphear
Cambodia
YNU 2001-2003
Head of Governor's Office
National Bank of Cambodia

“JISPA attracted me by offering cross-border experiences and new knowledge of our changing world. Learning both the theoretical and practical aspects is a crucial component to success. To be successful, we have to apply not only our knowledge but also build up confidence, honesty, discipline and patience in the community as well. Achieving this goal is a combination of informed leadership decisions and given opportunities.”

COURSE LISTING

GRIPS

Master's of Public Policy
Transition Economy Program

Macroeconomics I, II
Microeconomics I, II
Structural Reform and Privatization
Development Economics
International Economics
Demand Management: Fiscal and Monetary Policies
Independent Study (Policy Proposal Paper)
Statistics
Introduction to Quantitative Methods
Introduction to Applied Econometrics
Mathematics for Economic Analysis
Application of Economic Analytical Tools for Policy Making
Operations Research
Modernization of Financial Sector
Monetary Economics (Money and Banking)
Government and Market
Public Economics
International Finance
Local Public Finance
Public Expenditure Management
Public Policy and Finance: Japanese Experiences and International Comparison
Labor Economics
Economics of Law
Environmental Economics
Japanese Financial System
Economic Development of Japan
Economic Modeling for Development Economics
Japanese Development Cooperation
Development Assistance by International Organizations
Foreign Direct Investment
Public Investment
Development Project Analysis
Environment and Sustainable Development
Institutional Structure and Processes in the Government
Policy Design and Implementation in Developing Countries
Science and Technology Policy
Small and Medium Enterprise and Technology
International Economic Law (Globalization and Regionalism)
Accounting and Financial Management I, II
Academic English Writing
Japanese Language I, II

HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY

Master's of Public Policy
Asian Public Policy Program

REQUIRED COURSES:

Economics of the Public Sector (core)
Microeconomics for Public Policy (core)
Macroeconomics: Theory and Policy (core)
Fundamentals of Econometric Methods (core, one year course)
Financial Programming for Macroeconomic Policy Formulation (required, two-week intensive course)

ELECTIVE COURSES:

Fiscal Policy
Economic Analysis of Tax Systems
Tax Policy I: Policy and Systems
Tax Policy II: International Taxation
Tax Policy in Asian Countries
Fiscal Decentralization and Local Government Finance
Field Research on Tax Administration
Public Sector Policy
Economic Analysis of Public Investments
Economic Analysis of Regulation and Public Enterprise
Economic Analysis of Social Policy
Economic Analysis of Social Security Systems
Monetary and Financial Policy
International Economy and Finance: Policy and Institutions
Financial Sector Reform and Development
Monetary and Fiscal Policy in Japan
Asian Economic Development

Workshop on Current Topics (required)

Intensive Courses: (required)

Issues on Public Policy I
Issues on Public Policy II
Issues on Public Policy III
Issues on Public Policy IV
Issues on Public Policy V
Issues on Public Policy VI
Issues on Public Policy VII

Seminar Work (required, first and second year for Master's thesis)

English Thesis Writing I (required, first year students)
English Thesis Writing II (required, second year students)



Ms. Hazel Marie Sarmiento
Philippines
HIT 2001-2003
Budget and Management
Specialist
Department of Budget and Management
(Currently on leave to study a PhD program in Public Policy at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, United States)

"My experience as a JISPA scholar has provided me with the analytical tools and the experience that I needed to pursue a successful career in public policy. I had the opportunity to apply the skills and technical knowledge I learned in financial programming and macroeconomics after the program as I continued with my work as budget and management specialist at the Department of Budget and Management. The experience has given me the opportunity to explore policymaking at its best. It has been an honor for me to be part of this program and hope that I may inspire others in undertaking policy work and in pursuing a career in government."

IUJ

Master's of International Development
International Development Program

Computing and Mathematics for Economics
Statistics for Business and Economics
Microeconomics
Macroeconomics
Applied Econometrics
Research Methodology
Development Economics
International Trade and Commercial Policy
International Finance
Development Planning
Development Finance
Health Economics and Management
Public Sector Economics
Public Finance
Industrial Organization and Public Policy
Monetary Economics and Policy
Project Finance
Cost Benefit Analysis
Project Cycle Management
Computable General Equilibrium Modeling
Quantitative Methods for Decision-Making
Quantitative Analysis of Economic Policies
Environmental Economics
Agricultural Economics
Governance Structure and Economic Development
Japanese Banking and Financial Systems

**Select courses offered by the Graduate School of
International Relations (GSIR)**

Political Economy of Energy and the Environment
Japanese Public Finance and Administration

**Select courses offered by the Graduate School of
International Management (GSIM)**

Corporate Finance
Investment
International Business Management

Basic and Advanced Japanese
Advanced English

Online syllabus is available at <http://gsir.iuj.ac.jp>.

YNU

Master's of Business Administration
Transition Economy Program

Data Analysis and Econometrics
Mathematics for Optimal Planning
Information Management
Economics of Competitive Market
Accounting in Market Economy
National Economy
Fiscal Policy
Practical Econometrics
Management Policy
Legal Foundations of Market Economy
Financial Management
Companies in Market Economy
Industrial Policy
International Business
Budget Management
Individual Study
Introduction to Japanese Society
English
Japanese
Field Trip

Courses offered by other programs of YNU
may be taken with instructors' consents.



Mr. Kassymkhan Kapparov
Kazakhstan
YNU 2005-2007
Chief of the Division of
Competitiveness Indicators
Statistics
Agency on Statistics of the
Republic of Kazakhstan

"Studying management theory at YNU provided both an advanced theoretical curriculum and practical field-trips. The design of the Program allowed me to gain a deeper immersion into the richness of Japanese culture and at the same time benefit from a widely diversified international network.

Completing the JISPA program had a significant impact on my career. The knowledge I gained is being highly regarded by the Government of Kazakhstan and it helps me set higher goals in my personal development. I'm eager to take more responsibilities and make a bigger contribution to the economic development of my country in the future."

SKILL-REFRESHING COURSES

The JISPA offers special Skill-Refreshing Courses (SRC) to newly accepted scholars under the partnership track. The SRC aims to refresh English and mathematics/computational skills, in preparation for the master's programs in economics at the partnership universities.¹ It is typically held from mid-July to mid-September, prior to commencing studies at the partnership universities.² In the past four years, the SRC has been conducted at the International University of Japan in Niigata prefecture.³

The SRC comprises a six-week course in academic English (reading, writing, listening, and oral communication skills) and a two-week course in mathematics/computational courses for economics (including statistical software).



Incoming scholars with a TOEFL score below 600 (CBT 250 and IBT 100) or IETLS score below 7.0 will be requested to participate in the English component of the SRC. All of these scholars will also be expected to participate in the mathematics/computational skills component of the SRC. Incoming scholars who do not require the English component but do require the math component will be requested to participate in the latter only. The basis for this determination will be the math test score received at the time of selection and the partnership universities' requirements in this area.

¹The annual offering of the SRC is subject to budgetary resource availability.

²Scholars accepted into GRIPS and YNU will be entitled to participate in a two-week supplemental program of courses from mid- to end-September 2009.

³The institution that will conduct the SRC in the 2009-2010 academic year will be formally announced to incoming scholars at the time of their admission into the scholarship program.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Scholarships provide for tuition fees; a monthly stipend (including the housing allowance and medical/accident insurance); one round-trip economy class air-ticket; and a lump-sum allowance to cover visa application costs, testing fees (such as TOEFL), and book-shipping costs. The scholarship covers expenses incurred by the scholar only.

The scholarship covers one year. For the two-year master's programs, the scholarship can be renewed for the second year based on academic performance and the university's recommendation, together with nomination by a scholar's sponsoring agency.

Travel and Visas

Travel to Japan will be economy class by the most direct flight(s) available. The IMF will provide scholars with pre-paid tickets and a travel allowance. Assistance in applying for visas will be provided by the universities.

Accommodations

Accommodations in Japan will be arranged for scholars by the university. The location of housing depends on the university's choice and local availability. University arranged housing is only for one-person occupancy. No provision will be made for married scholars wishing to live together.

Scholar's Family

No additional aid or arrangements are given for a scholar's family. Scholars are generally advised not to bring family members or other dependants to Japan owing to the high cost and other complications. If, however, a scholar must bring a family member to Japan, he or she is required to get prior approval from the university (subject

to its guidelines) as well as from the IMF Scholarship Programs Officer. In any event, scholars should be aware that they are responsible for all additional expenditures as well as all required procedures associated with bringing a family member. These would include travel, insurance, and medical costs, as well as considerably higher housing costs.

Health Requirements

Scholars are expected to be in excellent physical, mental, and emotional health during their studies in Japan. Scholars must notify the IMF Scholarship Programs Officer and the university immediately if there are any health issues, including pregnancy.

Arrangements will be made to provide medical insurance covering most medical expenses of the scholar. This insurance, however, does not cover pre-existing conditions.

All students are requested to undergo a thorough medical examination at an approved hospital or clinic in their countries prior to their arrival in Japan. Evidence of the medical examination must be submitted to the university. The cost of this medical examination is expected to be covered by the pre-arrival allowance.

Other Requirements

Scholars who receive the JISPA scholarship cannot accept other scholarships.

Once accepted into the program, scholars are expected to attend all classes, maintain a solid academic standing, and conduct themselves appropriately in accordance with the university's internal guidelines and Japanese laws and regulations. Any violation of these conditions may be grounds for dismissal from the university and/or revocation of the scholarship.



Mr. Nugroho Joko Prastowo
Indonesia
IUJ 2005-2007
Economist of the Economic
Research Bureau
Directorate of Economic
Research and Monetary Policy
Bank Indonesia

"It was a great opportunity to study at the IUJ under the JISPA which provided me with complete support. This program introduced me to an international environment and gave me a lot of benefits both academically and non-academically. This knowledge is really useful for my current job and supports my future career as a researcher in Bank Indonesia."

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE PARTNERSHIP TRACK

See the table below for important dates.

Please note that these dates are indicative, and subject to change.

Applicant's Process	Date
Application deadline	December 10, 2008
Interviews and testing of select applicants	March 1–March 31, 2009
Notification of results of application	April 13–April 17, 2009
Deadline to accept scholarship	April 24, 2009
Reserve or stand-by applicants are called, if necessary	April 25, 2009-
Visa application process	May–August 2009
Arrival in Japan for SRC participants	July 15–17, 2009 (tentative)
Skill-refreshing courses	Mid-July to mid September 2009
<i>Two week optional course for GRIPS and YNU scholars</i>	<i>Mid- to end-September 2009</i>
Arrival in Japan ¹	GRIPS: October 1–2, 2009 Hitotsubashi: September 2–5 2009 IUJ: September 8–12, 2009 YNU: September 28–30, 2009
Program registration period	GRIPS: October 3–6, 2009 Hitotsubashi: September 1–7, 2009 IUJ: September 29–October 6, 2009 YNU: October 1–5, 2009
Courses begin	GRIPS: October 7, 2009 Hitotsubashi: September 11, 2009 IUJ: September 29, 2009 YNU: October 1, 2009

¹For those scholars not participating in the SRC. Hitotsubashi University candidates are requested to submit the additional application form requested by the university no later than April 27, 2009.



Mr. Sun Lujun
China
GRIPS 2002-2003
Deputy Director-General of the
Capital Account Management
Department
State Administration of Foreign
Exchange

"I graduated from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies of Japan with a master's degree in Public Policy. There, I upgraded my theoretical knowledge and improved my understanding of economic development in transition economies. I participated in China's exchange regime reform by undertaking research and setting-up policies. I have published more than 100 essays in national journals."

SAMPLE MATH TEST

(FOR PARTNERSHIP TRACK ONLY)

SAMPLE MATH TEST (FOR PARTNERSHIP TRACK ONLY)

A. Scope of Math Test

- (1) Arithmetic Operations;
- (2) Solving equations;
- (3) Basic operations of exponential and logarithmic functions;
- (4) Basic Differentiation;
- (5) Maximization.

B. Sample Math Test

Please note the following:

- You will have only 30 minutes to complete the test;
- No calculators are allowed;
- Please show all your work, including calculations and other notations in the margin of this paper.

Part I. Calculate the following (one point each):

1. $\left(\frac{3L^{0.5}}{L^{-1.5}}\right)^3 =$

2. $3\log(2x) + 2(\log 1)\log(3x) - 2\log 4x =$

3. The determinant of $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} =$

Part II. Solve the following equations (two points each):

4. $\frac{2}{x} = \frac{x}{2x} + 1$

5. $x(x - 6) = 0$

Part III. Find for each of the following (two points each):

6. $y = x^2 e^{2x}$

7. $y = \ln\left(\frac{x}{3x+5}\right)$

Part IV. Please answer the following questions (three points each):

8. The demand and supply functions for a good are given as:

$$\text{Demand function: } P_d = 180 - 3Q_d$$

$$\text{Supply function: } P_s = 100 + 5Q_s$$

Please calculate the equilibrium price and quantity.

9. The profit function of a firm is: $\pi = -6Q^2 + 24Q - 80$
Please find the output Q that maximizes the profit π .



III. THE OPEN TRACK

The open track of the JISPA provides support to scholars who wish to study graduate-level macroeconomics or a related field at either the master's or PhD level at any leading university in Japan. It is geared towards highly motivated officials who are able to identify a course of study in Japan suitable to their professional pursuits in the public sector and supportive of their future work as an economic policy maker. They typically cover all or most of tuition cost and related expenses and provide a monthly stipend for the scholar. The scholarship covers expenses incurred by the scholar only.

For a master's degree, a scholarship can be awarded for up to two consecutive one-year periods and for a PhD degree for up to three consecutive one-year periods, depending on a university's requirements under a specific course of study. Annual renewal of the scholarship is subject to approval by the IMF, based on the scholar's progress, university's assessment, and sponsoring agency's consent.

To be eligible for the open track, applicants must first apply directly to the university of their choice and be accepted in a graduate-level program in an appropriate discipline. The IMF maintains no information on the application processes at Japanese universities. The IMF can also consider providing support to those

eligible scholars who have already commenced their studies in Japan.

To apply for the open track scholarship, applicants must complete the application form included in this brochure. In addition, they should submit a copy of the letter of acceptance into a graduate-level program from a Japanese university (see Part IV for complete application guidelines). There is no application deadline for the open track. Award of the scholarship will depend on the suitability of the chosen university and course of study, as well as a combination of the applicants' educational background, work experience, and potential for future promotion in one of the key government agencies for economic policy making. Under the open track, the IMF will notify selection results within two months of an applicant's complete submission of requested application material.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Scholar's Family

No additional aid or arrangements are given for a scholar's family. Scholars are generally advised not to bring family members or other dependants to Japan owing to the high cost and other complications. If, however, a scholar must bring a family member to Japan, he or she is required to get prior approval from the university (subject to its guidelines) as well as from the IMF Scholarship Programs Officer. In any event, scholars should be aware that they are responsible for all additional expenditures as well as all required procedures associated with bringing a family member. These would include travel, insurance, and medical costs, as well as considerably higher housing costs.

Health Requirements

Scholars are expected to be in excellent physical, mental, and emotional health during their studies in Japan. Scholars must notify the IMF Scholarship Programs Officer and the university immediately if there are any health issues, including pregnancy.

Other Requirements

Scholars who receive the JISPA scholarship cannot accept other scholarships.

Once accepted into the program, scholars are expected to attend all classes, maintain a solid academic standing, and conduct themselves appropriately in accordance with the university's internal guidelines and Japanese laws and regulations. Any violation of these conditions may be grounds for dismissal from the university and/or revocation of the scholarship.

For further information on program requirements under the open track, please contact:

Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia
IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
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Tel. +81 3 3597-6708
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Mr. Yon Arsal
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Open Track 2004-2007
Doctoral Program, Graduate
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Cooperation Studies, Kobe
University
Section Head of Tax Audit
Technique
Directorate of Tax Audit and
Collection
Head Office of Directorate
General of Taxes, Ministry of
Finance

"Thanks to the open-track system under the Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia, I was given the opportunity to study for a PhD in economics at Kobe University. This helped me broaden my knowledge and deepen my expertise in policy issues which enabled me to actively participate in designing and implementing policies in Indonesia, in particular in improving taxpayer compliance and reducing the tax gap. In this sense, this program was not only a great benefit to me personally, but also to my institution and my country."

IV. APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR PARTNERSHIP AND OPEN TRACK

Application deadline

Partnership track: December 10, 2008 for the 2009-10 academic year.

Open track: There is no application deadline. Applications are accepted and reviewed year-round.

Eligibility requirements

Under current program guidelines, candidates must be a national of one of the following countries:

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pacific Island Countries, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam.

Candidates should also currently work for or have a formal offer of employment from one of the following or related agencies: central bank, ministry of economy, ministry of finance, ministry of planning/development, ministry of trade/commerce, tax administration, or national statistics bureau. The program will also consider officials working in other areas of government that have a significant impact on the formulation or implementation of macroeconomic policy. In addition, it is open to persons who intend to work in relevant government agencies but have not yet taken up their formal positions. This might include students who are finishing their university studies. However, these candidates must be nominated by a senior government official from agency where they plan to work upon completion of their studies in Japan.

Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree or an equivalent with at least 16 years of formal education. Names of schools and attending dates beginning from primary school must be listed in the application. In some cases, 15 years of formal education may be accepted if there is an official explanation (a country's particular educational system or other exceptional circumstances).

Applicants must have an English language proficiency, which needs to be demonstrated as equivalent to or more than an official TOEFL score of 550, CBT213, or iBT79-80. If TOEFL scores are not available, then an overall IELTS score of at least 6.0 can be substituted.

Application procedures

For both the partnership and open track, eligible candidates should submit the following:

1. Completed application form (preferably typed). The applicant for the partnership track is requested to apply through the online application system which is available on the IMF's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific website at <http://www.imf.org/external/oap/schol.htm>
2. Official transcripts and official copies of diplomas or degree certificates from all undergraduate and graduate schools. An official copy means a certified copy of the original document with an official seal obtained from the administration office of the university attended. Copies attested by organizations/persons not having notarized/legal bearing will not be accepted.



Ms. Jitrayu Sakulmeerit
Thailand
GRIPS 2005-2006
Senior Analyst of the Prudential
Policy Department
Bank of Thailand

"Studying at GRIPS under the JISPA was a truly precious experience. The program offered a unique opportunity to broaden my understanding and knowledge of developing and implementing public policies, which are invaluable for my career at the Bank of Thailand. The network of friends was of great value and it provided me with an eye-opening cultural experience which was unforgettable and impacted my life tremendously."



3. Two reference letters: References should be from applicants' supervisor at work and/or an academic advisor or professor.

4. TOEFL/IELTS certificate (if available): The TOEFL/IELTS test score must be from an examination taken after December 10, 2006. If a score is unavailable, the applicant will be requested to sit for a TOEFL/IELTS examination prior to receiving a final decision on the scholarship award.

For the open track only, eligible candidates should also submit the following:

5. Admission letter or enrollment certificate of the University of Choice (open track applicants only): Applicants for partnership track are not requested.

All submitted application material must be presented in English or be accompanied by an official English translation. The mate-

rial will be considered under the control of the IMF and provided to the relevant school(s) and the Government of Japan as it sees appropriate. None of the material will be returned to applicants.

Application material should be sent by mail to the IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (see address below).

For further information on the application procedure, please contact:

Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia
IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
21st Floor Fukoku-Seimei Building
2-2-2 Uchisaiwai-cho
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0011
Japan
Tel. +81 3 3597-6708
Fax +81 3 3597-6705
Email: jisais@imf.org
Website : <http://www.imf.org/external/oap/schol.htm>



V. CONTACT ADDRESSES

IMF Resident Representatives or local offices/contacts are also available to provide information:

Bangladesh

IMF Resident Representative
Mr. Jonathan Dunn
Room 4, 4th floor
Motijheel C.A.
Dhaka, Bangladesh
c/o Bangladesh Bank, Main Bldg
Tel.: 880-2-712-0679
Fax: 880-2-956-6213

Cambodia

IMF Resident Representative
Mr. John Nelmes
National Bank of Cambodia Building
22-24 Preah Norodom Blvd.
Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia
Tel.: 855 23 218 600
Fax: 855 23 218 601

China

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China World Tower II, Rm. 3612
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Fax: 86 10 6505 8580

India

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Sardar Patel Marg
New Delhi 110021 India
Tel.: 91-11-2302-3646
Fax: 91-11-2302-3636

Indonesia

IMF Senior Resident Representative
Mr. Milan Zavadzil
c/o Bank Indonesia
Tipikal Building, 1st floor
Jl. M.H. Thamrin 2
Jakarta Pusat Indonesia
Tel.: 62 21 231 1884
Fax: 62 21 231 1939

Kazakhstan

Office Manager
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21 Koktem-3 (Building of the National
Bank of Kazakhstan)
2nd entrance, 4th floor, room 424/1
050040 Almaty, Kazakhstan
Tel.: 7 727 270 46 31
Fax: 7 727 270 48 92

Kyrgyz Republic

IMF Resident Representative
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National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic
101 Umetaliev St.
Bishkek 720040, Kyrgyz Republic
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Lao P.D.R.

IMF Senior Regional Resident
Representative
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ANZ - Vientiane Commercial Bank Building
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Mongolia

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Ulaanbaatar 210644, Mongolia
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Myanmar

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Ministry of Finance and Revenue
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Nepal

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Central Office
Baluwatar, Kathmandu, Nepal
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Fax. 977-1-441-1673

Pacific Island Countries

IMF Project Coordinator
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Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Center
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Fax. 679-3304-045

Philippines

IMF Resident Representative
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Rm. 407. 5-Storey Building
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
A. Mabini Street
Manila, Philippines
Tel.: 63 2 536 0785
Fax: 63 2 536 0038



Tajikistan

IMF Resident Representative
Mr. Luc Moers
National Bank of the Republic of Tajikistan
107A Rudaki Avenue
Dushanbe 7334025 Tajikistan
Tel.: 992 44 600 3234
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Central Bank of Turkmenistan
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Vietnam

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Fax: 84 4 825 1885



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PARTNERSHIP TRACK SCHOLARSHIP ONLY

The applicant for the partnership track is requested to apply through our online application system which is available on the IMF's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific website at: <http://www.imf.org/external/oap/schol.htm>.

Only those who have technical difficulties in accessing the internet should use the application form (pp. 25-27) attached to this brochure (preferably typed).

Please read the brochure, including the General Information and Application Guidelines sections, before filling out the application form.

Please also note the following:

- Any change in the status of the applicant or information provided in the submitted application material must be communicated immediately to the IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.
- Any false or misleading statements or inaccuracies in the submitted application material may be the grounds for denial of admission into the university, revocation of the scholarship, and/or dismissal from the university.
- Incomplete application forms or applications missing required documents will not be processed. Please note that submitted documents will not be returned, and application materials are not held over to the following year, in the event an applicant seeks to reapply for a scholarship.

The application form together with supporting requested materials listed in the checklist (see page 30) must be received by December 10, 2008:

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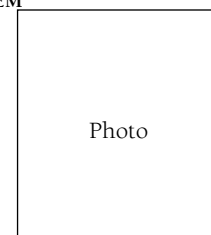
PARTNERSHIP TRACK

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 10, 2008

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT YOUR ANSWERS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BY EACH ITEM

NAME: _____

Please attach a recent photo of yourself:



1. PERSONAL DATA

NAME (as in passport):

Surname: _____

Given name: _____

Middle name(s): _____

Nationality (as in passport): _____

Birth Date: _____

Age: _____

Gender (male/female): _____

(MM/DD/YYYY)

(as of October 1, 2009)

WORK ADDRESS

Country: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Department: _____

Division: _____

Title: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

Postcode: _____

Country: _____

Email: _____

Tel. (work, general): _____

Tel. (work, direct): _____

Fax: _____

2. EDUCATION

Please state in chronological order, starting with the most recent.

School or University: _____

(Month/Year)

City / Country: _____

From: _____

Field of Study: _____

To: _____

Degree or Qualification: _____

Language of Instruction: _____

School or University: _____

(Month/Year)

City / Country: _____

From: _____

Field of Study: _____

To: _____

Degree or Qualification: _____

Language of Instruction: _____

School or University: _____

(Month/Year)

City / Country: _____

From: _____

Field of Study: _____

To: _____

Degree or Qualification: _____

Language of Instruction: _____

Total number of years of formal education (starting from primary school): _____ years.

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NAME: _____

List five subjects taken in Economics, Statistics, Mathematics or other subjects relevant to the program. Please also indicate whether the course was taken at the undergraduate or graduate level.

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | |

Previous scholarship awards or training courses

Have you ever received a scholarship, or attended a training course provided by the International Monetary Fund or any other relevant international institutes? If yes, please state below:

Scholarship or training course: <i>(name of scholarship/courses and provider)</i>	From: To:
Scholarship or training course: <i>(name of scholarship/courses and provider)</i>	From: To:
Scholarship or training course: <i>(name of scholarship/courses and provider)</i>	From: To:

3. PRESENT POSITION

Employer: _____
 Department: _____
 Division: _____ From: _____
 Position: _____ To: Present _____

Summarize your present duties and responsibilities, or those you will have when you take up your position.

4. PREVIOUS POSITIONS

(please state in chronological order, starting with the most recent)

Employer: _____	Division/Department: _____	
Position: _____	From: _____	To: _____
Employer: _____	Division/Department: _____	
Position: _____	From: _____	To: _____
Employer: _____	Division/Department: _____	
Position: _____	From: _____	To: _____

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

(membership of committees, authorship of publications, participation in special projects, attendance at international conferences, etc.)

Membership/Publication/Project/Conference: _____	Date: _____
Membership/Publication/Project/Conference: _____	Date: _____
Membership/Publication/Project/Conference: _____	Date: _____

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NAME: _____

5. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (Required)

English Testing

TOEFL Test: _____ Score: _____ Date of test: _____

IELTS Test: _____ Score: _____ Date of test: _____

Describe how/when you use English.

6. RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR THESIS OR POLICY PAPER

On a separate sheet of paper, please submit a proposal for your thesis or policy paper. It should describe carefully the project you wish to undertake. The subject should be grounded solidly on important policy issues and challenges facing your country and should help you contribute more effectively to macroeconomic stability, economic growth, and/or overall development. Please note how your research might contribute more effectively to these objectives. The proposal must be typewritten and should be *no more than 500 words*. Please attach it to this application form. Also, note that you cannot substitute your proposal by listing courses you intend to take.

7. PARTNERSHIP UNIVERSITY PREFERENCE

Please check one university for each choice:

First Choice: GRIPS Hitotsubashi IUJ YNU

Second Choice: GRIPS Hitotsubashi IUJ YNU

8. APPLICATION FOR OTHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

This information is simply gathered for statistical purposes only, and will not affect the selection process.

Have you applied for, or will you apply for, any other scholarship or financial aid programs for 2009-2010?

YES / NO (circle one)

If yes, please provide the information below:

Scholarship Program Information

Name of Scholarship Program: _____

Scholarship or Financial Aid Provider: _____

Country: _____

University or Institution: _____

Country: _____

Field of Study and Degree: _____

Dates of Notification/Attendance: _____

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DEADLINE: DECEMBER 10, 2008

SPONSOR'S NOMINATION AND CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned (name of sponsor) _____
Surname _____ Given name _____

acting on behalf of (name of agency) _____
hereby:

1. nominate (name of applicant) _____
Surname _____ Given name _____

for graduate studies under the Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia;

2. certify that the information supplied by the applicant is correct to the best of my knowledge;

3. certify that the applicant, if accepted, will receive a leave of absence for the duration of his/her studies in Japan under the JISPA and upon return will be employed:

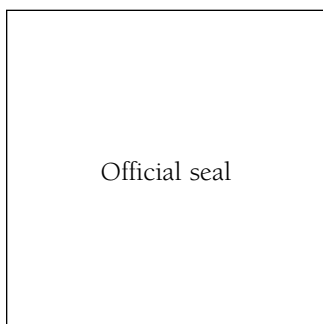
as (title of position) _____
in (name of agency) _____

4. certify that the applicant, if accepted, will not be assigned duties that will conflict with devoting full time and attention to his/her studies;

5. certify that my agency will assist in the applicant's repatriation if any personal difficulties or circumstances arise during his/her studies that make repatriation desirable or necessary;

6. certify that the candidate, if accepted, will undergo a comprehensive medical examination immediately before arriving in Japan, to ensure that he/she is in good health, free from any contagious disease, and free from any medical condition that would impair his/her studies;

7. guarantee, in addition, that the IMF will be reimbursed promptly by my agency for all expenses incurred as a result of any of the conditions mentioned in 5 and 6 above, as well as for any medical expenses not covered by medical insurance.



Sponsor's Signature _____ Date _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Name, _____ , _____
Surname _____ Given name _____

Title _____

City and Country _____

Tel. _____ Fax _____

JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA 2009–2010
PARTNERSHIP TRACK
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NAME: _____

DECLARATION

1. I certify that the information I have written on the application form and the documents I have submitted to be true and accurate.
2. I understand and agree that any false or misleading information will justify a denial of admission, into the university, revocation of the scholarship, and/or dismissal from the university.
3. I certify that I have carefully read the General Information and Application Guidelines sections of the brochure and I understand all requirements and restrictions for the scholarship.
4. I authorize the IMF to collect from and release to the universities and the Government of Japan my personal information (including application information and academic records) for the purpose of selection and monitoring under the scholarship program.

Date: _____ Signature: _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA 2009–2010

PARTNERSHIP TRACK

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 10, 2008

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Please read and check the boxes, and make sure all necessary documents (1 to 11) are provided as requested. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Please submit five sets of application documents (one original set and four sets of photocopies) in the order below. Each set of application material should be bound by a clip (staples should not be used). **Please also send the five sets in one package to:**

Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia
IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
21 Floor Fukoku-Seimei Building
2-2-2 Uchisaiwai-cho
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0011
Japan

- 1. **One original copy of the application form (pp. 25–27):** The application form must be completed by the applicant.
- 2. **One original nomination letter (p. 28):** The letter must be completed, signed, and dated by the sponsor with an official seal of the sponsoring agency.
- 3. **One original letter of declaration (p. 29):** The letter must be completed, signed, and dated by the applicant.
- 4. **Two letters of reference:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 20–21).
- 5. **Research proposal for thesis or policy paper:** As described in the section 6 of the application form (p. 27).
- 6. **Official copies of diploma or degree certificates:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 20–21).
- 7. **Official transcripts:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 20–21).
- 8. **Official English translations:** Translations are required if supporting documents are not presented in English. Each translation must be clipped to the original document written in the native language.
- 9. **TOEFL Score Record or IELTS Test Report:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 20–21).
- 10. **Passport copy:** If available, please attach a copy of your valid national passport.
- 11. **Check List (p. 30):** The check list must be completed by the applicant.

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OPEN TRACK SCHOLARSHIP ONLY

APPLICATION

Please read the brochure, including the General Information and Application Guidelines sections, before filling out the application form. The open track scholarship has no specific deadline for submitting an application (applications are considered year-round). For those who apply to the open track, the IMF will notify selection results within two months of an applicant's complete submission of requested application material.

Please also note the following:

- Any change in the status of the applicant or information provided in the submitted application material must be communicated immediately to the IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.
- Any false or misleading statements or inaccuracies in the submitted application material may be the grounds for denial of admission into the university, revocation of the scholarship, and/or dismissal from the university.
- Incomplete application forms or applications missing required documents will not be processed. Please note that submitted documents will not be returned, and application materials are not held over to the following year, in the event an applicant seeks to reapply for a scholarship.

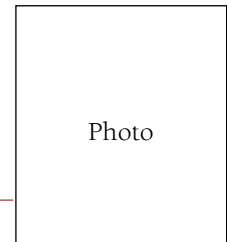
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APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____

Please attach a recent photo of yourself:



1. PERSONAL DATA

NAME (as in passport)

Surname: _____

Given name: _____

Middle name(s): _____

Nationality (as in passport): _____

Birth Date: _____

(MM/DD/YYYY)

Age: _____

Gender (male/female): _____

WORK ADDRESS

Country: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Department: _____

Division: _____

Title: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

Postcode: _____

Country: _____

Email: _____

Tel. (work, general): _____

Tel. (work, direct): _____

Tel. (home): _____

Fax: _____

2. EDUCATION

Please state in chronological order, starting with the most recent.

School or University: _____

(Month/Year)

City / Country: _____

From: _____

Field of Study: _____

To: _____

Degree or Qualification: _____

Language of Instruction: _____

School or University: _____

(Month/Year)

City / Country: _____

From: _____

Field of Study: _____

To: _____

Degree or Qualification: _____

Language of Instruction: _____

School or University: _____

(Month/Year)

City / Country: _____

From: _____

Field of Study: _____

To: _____

Degree or Qualification: _____

Language of Instruction: _____

Total number of years of formal education (starting from primary school): _____ years.

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NAME: _____

List five subjects taken in Economics, Statistics, Mathematics, or other subjects relevant to the program. Please also indicate whether the course was taken at the undergraduate or graduate level. For applicants for a PhD program scholarship, please indicate graduate level courses only.

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|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | |

Previous scholarship awards or training courses:

Have you ever received a scholarship or attended a training course provided by the International Monetary Fund and any other relevant international institutes? If yes, please list below:

Scholarship or training course: <i>(name of scholarship/courses and provider)</i>	From: To:
Scholarship or training course: <i>(name of scholarship/courses and provider)</i>	From: To:
Scholarship or training course: <i>(name of scholarship/courses and provider)</i>	From: To:

3. PRESENT POSITION

Employer:	
Department:	
Division:	From:
Position:	To: Present

Summarize your present duties and responsibilities, or those you will have when you take up your position.

4. PREVIOUS POSITIONS

(please state in chronological order, starting with the most recent)

Employer:	Division/Department:	
Position:	From:	To:
Employer:	Division/Department:	
Position:	From:	To:

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

(membership of committees, authorship publications, participation in special projects, attendance at international conferences, etc.)

Membership/Publication/Project/Conference:	Date:
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5. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

English Testing

TOEFL Test: _____ Score: _____ Date of test: _____

IELTS Test: _____ Score: _____ Date of test: _____

Describe how /when you use English.

6. RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR THESIS

On a separate sheet of paper, please submit a proposal for your thesis. It should describe carefully the project you wish to undertake. The subject should be grounded solidly in important macroeconomic policy issues and challenges. Please note how your research might contribute more effectively to stability, growth, and/or development of your country. The proposal must be typewritten and should be *no more than 500 words*. Please attach it to this application form. Also, note that you cannot substitute your proposal by listing courses you intend to take.

7. OPEN TRACK UNIVERSITY

University :

University Address: _____

Program you have been accepted to or are studying at: _____

Degree you will be awarded: _____ Expected date of graduation: _____

Academic Supervisor Name: _____

Contact Address: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

8. APPLICATION FOR OTHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

This information is simply gathered for statistical purposes only, and will not affect the selection process.

Have you applied for, or will you apply for, any other scholarship or financial aid programs in support of your graduate studies? YES / NO (circle one)

If yes, please provide the information below:

Name of Scholarship Program: _____

Scholarship or Financial Aid Provider: _____ Country: _____

University or Institution: _____ Country: _____

Field of Study and Degree: _____

Dates of Notification/Attendance: _____

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SPONSOR'S NOMINATION AND CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned (name of sponsor) _____
Surname Given name

acting on behalf of (name of agency) _____
hereby:

1. nominate (name of applicant) _____
Surname Given name

for graduate studies under the Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia;

2. certify that the information supplied by the applicant is correct to the best of my knowledge;

3. certify that the applicant, if accepted, will receive leave of absence (up to two years for a master's program and three years for a PhD program) for the duration of his/her studies in Japan and upon return will be employed:

as (title of position) _____

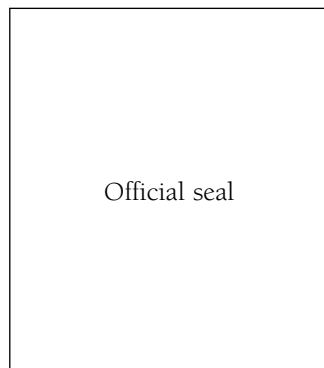
in (name of agency) _____

4. certify that the applicant, if accepted, will not be assigned duties that will conflict with devoting full time and attention to his/her studies;

5. certify that my agency will assist in the applicant's repatriation if any personal difficulties or circumstances arise during his/her studies that make repatriation desirable or necessary;

6. certify that the candidate, if accepted, will undergo a comprehensive medical examination immediately before arriving in Japan, to ensure that he/she is in good health, free from any contagious disease, and free from any medical condition that would impair his/her studies;

7. guarantee, in addition, that the IMF will be reimbursed promptly by my agency for all expenses incurred as a result of any of the conditions mentioned in 5 and 6 above, as well as for any medical expenses not covered by medical insurance.



Sponsor's Signature _____ Date _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Name _____ Fax _____

Surname _____ Given name _____

Title _____

City and Country _____

Tel. _____ Fax _____

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NAME: _____

DECLARATION

1. I certify that the information I have written on the application form and the documents I have submitted to be true and accurate.
2. I understand and agree that any false or misleading information may be the grounds for denial of admission, revocation of the scholarship, and/or dismissal from the university.
3. I certify that I have carefully read the General Information and Application Guidelines sections of the brochure and I understand all requirements and restrictions for the scholarship.
4. I authorize the IMF to collect and release to the Japanese university of my choice and the Government of Japan my personal information (including application information and academic records) for the purpose of selection and monitoring under the scholarship program.

Date: _____ Signature: _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Please read and check the boxes, and make sure all necessary documents (1 to 12) are provided as requested. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Please prepare three sets of application documents (one original set and two sets of photocopies) in the order below. Each set of application materials should be bound by clip (staples should not be used) **Please send the three sets in one package to:**

Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia
IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
21 Floor Fukoku-Seimei Building
2-2-2 Uchisaiwai-cho
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0011
Japan

- 1. **One original copy of the application form (pp. 32–34):** The application form must be completed by the applicant.
- 2. **One original nomination letter (p. 35):** The letter must be completed, signed, and dated by the sponsor with an official seal of the sponsoring agency.
- 3. **One original letter of declaration (p. 36):** The letter must be completed, signed, and dated by the applicant.
- 4. **Research proposal for thesis:** As described in the section 6 of the application form page 34.
- 5. **Official copies of diploma or degree certificates:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 18–19).
- 6. **Official transcripts:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 20–21).
- 7. **Two letters of reference:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 20–21).
- 8. **University’s acceptance letter:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 20–21).
- 9. **Official English translations:** Translations are required if supporting documents are not presented in English. Each translation should be clipped to the original documents written in the native language.
- 10. **TOEFL Score Record or IELTS Test Report:** As described in the Application Guidelines section (pp. 20–21).
- 11. **Passport copy:** If available, please attach a copy of your valid national passport.
- 12. **Check List (p. 37):** The check list must be completed by the applicant.

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