

Scholarship to Japan

JDS Program in Lao P.D.R. (Sub-Program 1-3)

What is JDS?

The **Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)** was established by the Government of Lao P.D.R. with the assistance of the Government of Japan for FY2000-2001. The objective of JDS is to support human resources development of Lao P.D.R., targeting young government officials, who are expected to be leaders of the country, and to engage in formulating and implementing social and economic development policies after returned. Participants of the JDS Program shall contribute to an expanded and enhanced foundation for bilateral relations with Japan as persons having well-rounded knowledge of Japan.

Field of Study

The framework of the JDS program consists of “**Sub-Program**” and “**Component**”, which correspond to and deal with the selected target priority area and development issues of Lao P.D.R.. The participants of the program are selected from “**Target Organizations**” whose mission is closely related to “sub-program” and “component”. Accepting Japanese university offers educational programs corresponded to the needs. The degree to be obtained is **master’s degree (2 to 2.5 years course)**. The Medium of Instruction is **English**.

Sub-Program (Target Priority Area):	
	Improving Administrative Ability and Institution Building
Component (Development Issues):	
	Improvement of Road and Transportation/Urban Environment Development
Target Organizations:	
	Ministry of Public Works and Transport (Managing Organization) Ministry of Planning and Investment Water Resources and Environment Administration Ministry of Energy and Mines
Accepting University (Number of Scholars) & Degree to be Obtained:	
	Ritsumeikan University (2) , Graduate School of Science and Engineering -International Program in Advanced Industrial Technology (Environmental and Urban Engineering Course or Advanced Technology Fusion Programs Course/Disaster Mitigation for Urban Cultural Heritage) -Master of Engineering
Background:	
	<p>Laos suffers from a severe lack of infrastructure that is essential for improving the people’s access to market, education and health care as well as their living environment. This is almost due to the geographical conditions such as a land form extending from south to north or high ratio of mountainous areas. The Sixth National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSEDP) calls for developing infrastructures that will support Laos in maintaining a modern state and encouraging people to participate in development activities and to interact with other people from inside and outside Laos or markets. The Sixth NSEDP also demands developing urban infrastructures that covers sewage treatment and environmental sanitation among other aspects. Infrastructure development is important not only because it gives the Lao people benefits directly, but also because it contributes to economic development through activation of the private sector by developing physical distribution systems and attracting enterprises from both home and abroad. The capital Vientiane, where more than 10% of the total population resides, is still in need of infrastructures that correspond to the functions of a capital. There is a need for capacity building, especially expertise acquisition in development transport networks and urban environment, and the enhancing abilities to maintain and manage them properly with profitability of the project.</p> <p>JDS Fellows are expected to acquire the knowledge useful for policymaking and institution building in relation to social infrastructure development that takes account of environmental conservation and disaster reduction.</p>

Eligible Applicants

Nationality	Citizens of Lao P.D.R.
Age	Between the age of 22 and 39 as of April 1, 2011
Academic Background	Has a bachelor's degree (preferably in science and technology) from universities authorized by the Government of Lao P.D.R. or other countries. Basic Mathematics skill is required.
Working Experience	Must be a full-time employee in the target organizations . Required 2 years or more of work experience in duties particularly related to developing transport networks and/or improving the urban environment.
English Proficiency	Have a good command of both written and spoken English. TOEFL score of 500 or higher is preferred.
Ineligibility	Following persons cannot apply for JDS. a. Those who are currently awarded or scheduled to receive another scholarship. b. Those who have already taken a master's degree in a foreign country under any kind of scholarship. c. Those who studied abroad for more than 1 year under any scholarship and returned to Laos during past 2 years d. Military personnel registered on the active list or person on alternative military service.

Selection Process

Application guideline/documents and university information can be downloaded at JDS website.

Application Deadline: September 10, 2010

Applications should be submitted to the department in charge of JDS program at each Target Organization

【Upon Application: Oct 2010】 English Proficiency (TOEFL) and Math Test

【1st Selection: Oct-Nov 2010】 **Screening of Application Documents** by Japanese University

【2nd Selection: Dec 2010】 **Technical Interview** by Japanese Professors & Medical Check-up

【3rd Selection: Jan 2011】 **Comprehensive Interview** by JDS Operating Committee Members*

*O/C consists of Ministry of Education, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Central Committee for Organization and Personnel, Public Administration and Civil Service Authority, Embassy of Japan in Lao P.D.R. and JICA Laos Office

Benefits of JDS Participants

- One round trip airfare between Vientiane and Narita or Kansai Airports
- Monthly living allowance in Japan
- Tuition at Japanese University
- Other designated allowances

For Further Information

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