

# Scholarship to Japan

## JDS Program in Lao P.D.R. (Sub-Program 2)

### 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**.

<b>Sub-Program (Target Priority Area):</b>	
	<b>Institution Building and Human Resource Development for Enhancing the Private Sector</b>
<b>Target Organizations:</b>	
	<b>Ministry of Planning and Investment</b> (Managing Organization) <b>Ministry of Industry and Commerce</b> <b>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b> <b>Ministry of Finance</b>
<b>Accepting University (Number of Scholars) &amp; Degree to be Obtained:</b>	
	<b>Hiroshima University (4)</b> -Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation (Development Policy Course) -Master of Arts, Master of Science or Master of International Cooperation Studies
<b>Background:</b>	
	<p>The Lao government has been promoting economic development by utilizing foreign capital importation, but its related laws are still underdeveloped and its investment procedures are unclear and complicated. In addition, there are various problems for developing investment environment that is attractive for foreign investors, because preferential systems and dispute settlement means in special economic zone are still underdeveloped. There are also many issues in terms of trade, such as the underdevelopment of trade related information management including statistics, and extremely complicated customs and trade procedures. In order to promote trade and investment, the development corresponding each industry is crucial, but there is still lack of administrative efforts such as making effective development policies for industries which have potentialities, quality control or introduction of international standards for expanding exports. There is a need for capacity building, especially in the area of PIP management.</p> <p>JDS Fellows are expected to acquire the knowledge useful for policymaking and institution building in relation to the establishment and management of industrial parks, export processing zones, and special economic zones.</p>

## Eligible Applicants

<b>Nationality</b>	Citizens of Lao P.D.R.
<b>Age</b>	Between the age of <b>22 and 39</b> as of April 1, 2011
<b>Academic Background</b>	<b>Has a bachelor's degree</b> from universities authorized by the Government of Lao P.D.R. or other countries.
<b>Working Experience</b>	Must be a <b>full-time employee in the target organizations</b> . Required 2 years or more of work experience in the field of promoting investment, trade or SME development (preferably with basic knowledge of economics)
<b>English Proficiency</b>	Have a good command of both written and spoken English. TOEFL score of 500 or higher is preferred.
<b>Ineligibility</b>	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

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

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

**【3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### JICE JDS Project Office in Lao P.D.R.

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JDS website : <http://jice.org/e/jds/application/index.htm>



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