

<b>Sub-Program</b>	1. Improving Administrative Ability and Institution Building
<b>Component</b>	1-1. Capacity Development in Administrative and Financial Institutions 1-1-1. Capacity Development in Management of Public Finance
<b>Accepting University</b> (Number of Scholars)	<b>International University of Japan (5)</b> Graduate School of International Relations International Development Program -Master of Arts in Economics, or -Master of Arts in International Development
<b>Target Organizations:</b>	<b>Ministry of Finance</b> (Managing Organization) <b>Ministry of Planning and Investment,</b> <b>National Academy of Politics and Public Administration,</b> <b>Bank of Lao P.D.R.</b>
<b>Purpose of the Study:</b>	
<p>Under the public finance management system in Laos, public expenditure for development plans is managed by Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) and current expenditure is managed by Ministry of Finance. MPI is implementing and supervising the public investment program (PIP) and has authority and responsibility for drafting the project's account budget (development budget). However, they do not have sufficient planning abilities, or assessing/monitoring system for appropriate implementation of PIP. On the other hand, Ministry of Finance has embarked on Public Expenditure Management Strengthening Program (PEMSP) funded mainly by the World Bank, and has begun improving for this program. Although a new budget law was enacted and a new accounting system was introduced, they regard capacity building for staffs as an important issue.</p> <p>JDS Fellows are expected to acquire the knowledge useful for policymaking and institution building in relation to administrative and financial management, particularly with regard to the management of public spending and current expenditures for development plan.</p>	