

Sub-Program	1 . Improving Administrative Ability and Institution Building
Component	1-1. Capacity Development in Administrative and Financial Institutions 1-1-2. Capacity Development in Administrative Institutions
Accepting University (Number of Scholars)	Meiji University (2) Graduate School of Governance Studies Major in Governance Studies (1) Public Policy Program (2) International Development Policy Program (3) Community Planning and Management Program -Master of Public Policy
Target Organizations:	Public Administration and Civil Service Authority (Managing Organization) Ministry of Planning and Investment, Central Committee for Organization and Personnel National Academy of Politics and Public Administration
Purpose of the Study:	
<p>Although the Lao government has continuously made efforts to carry out administrative reforms since the establishment of a constitution in 1991, it has tried and failed to yield results since the decentralization was left unfinished. However, there is an unclear distinction between the central government's authority and responsibility and those of local ones. As for local administrations, the role of local governments is becoming more and more important in terms of the social and economic development of Laos. The Lao government has carried out local administrative reforms such as the construction of Municipalities, organizational reform of the provinces, a change in administrative service fees at the village level, a revision of the Local Administrative Law, construction of Kum Ban ("Village Groups") and clarification of their role, and research on the establishment of local assemblies. In accelerating administrative reforms based on the reality of Laos, it is important to develop the administrative capacity of organizations in charge of the respective issues mentioned above. There is a need for capacity building, especially in such areas PIP management, administrative reform, and public policy.</p> <p>The JDS Fellows are expected to acquire knowledge useful for policymaking and institution building particularly in relation to local autonomy, local finance, public management, policy evaluation, and intergovernmental relations.</p>	