

Sub-Program	Institutional Building for a Transition to a Market Economy and Economic Development
Accepting University (Number of Scholars)	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies - Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy
Target Organizations:	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Economic Development and Trade National Bank of Tajikistan

Purpose of Study:	
<p>Tajikistan has been promoting a number of policies under its National Development Strategy (NDS) and Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS). For the effective and efficient implementation of these policies, the country has been working on institutional building for a transition to a market economy and economic development. However, institutional frameworks which were developed in the former Soviet era still remain as disincentive. In this regard, it is critical to strengthen the capabilities of government institutions in line with the market economy in the long-term, and in the other words, to train government officials who would strengthen the foundation of the country.</p> <p>Policy efforts for the transition to market economy in particular have been rapidly accelerating. In 2008, the Government has hammered out aggressive policies one after another, such as the establishment of free trade zones and the modernization of the cotton cultivation and purchase system. Having said that, because the governmental organizations are short of policy makers who understand the principles of market economy, it is critical to nurture policy makers in the area of the market economy in order to promote smooth implementation of the above policies and to develop a series of new economic policies.</p> <p>The Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Program is designed to develop human resources that can contribute to strengthen the functions of the government. The JDS fellows are required to study development issues in the context of the market economy which were identified by the government (e.g. development of the financial system, the budget system, taxation and other financial & monetary policies, external debt management, the international accounting standard systems, national treasury, state expenditure management, macroeconomic policies, economic forecast, development of securities market, trade, intellectual property and patent) and to play an active role to contribute to strengthening of the functions of governmental organizations by returning the outcomes of study in Japan to the government.</p> <p>The stabilization of Tajikistan's public finance and macro economy by smooth and appropriate implementation of the financial and macroeconomic policies would greatly serve to reinforce not only the development of Tajikistan but also the other Central Asian countries and the world. Therefore, it is important to provide overseas study programs, such as the program to strengthen the ability to plan macroeconomic policies, which shall contribute to institutional building for the transition to market economy and economic development.</p>	