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Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship Programme (JDS)

- **Call for Applications for the Academic Year 2026/2027**

This refers to the letter No **TA/JDS/L/2025/26** dated **2nd September 2025** sent by the Director General of the Department of External Resources on the Master's Degree Programme for the academic year 2026/2027 and letter is attached herewith.

02. The Government of Japan has invited nominations from eligible Government officials from Sri Lanka for the above programme and the selected field of study and the corresponding universities are outlined in the Annexure I.

03. You are kindly requested to disseminate this information to all relevant officers in your Departments, Divisions and Institutes.

04. Your early response in this regard is highly appreciated.

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Secretary to the Cabinet / Cabinet Office
Secretary General to the Parliament / Sri Lanka Parliament
Heads/ All other Spending Units
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Chairmen / All Independent Commissions
Dear Sir / Madam,

Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship Programme (JDS)
- Call for Applications for the Academic Year 2026/2027

We are pleased to inform you that the Government of Japan has invited nominations from eligible government officials in Sri Lanka for the above prestigious long-term Scholarship Programme.

In line with this initiative, the Government of Japan has planned to award 15 scholarships to eligible public sector officials for the Master's Degree Programme for the academic year 2026/ 2027. These scholarships aim to support the professional development of government officials by enabling them to pursue advanced studies at renowned universities in Japan.

The selected fields of study and the corresponding universities for the Master's Degree Programme are outlined in the Annexure I to this letter. These fields have been carefully identified to align with the strategic priorities and developmental goals of our government, ensuring that the beneficiaries contribute effectively to national progress upon completion of their studies.

The qualifications and eligibility requirements for the Master's Degree programme are as follows:

1. To be a Citizen of Sri Lanka with the age of 40 or below as of 01st April 2026
2. To be a Bachelor's Degree holder
3. Confirmed officials or completed the probation period and eligible for confirmation.
4. Should be "Executive/ Senior Executive", those who are mentioned in the Public Administration Circular No.06/2006, Annexure II, Page 2, IV Senior Level, and Page 5, 3.10 & 3.11
5. Officials those who belong to Board of Investment (BOI) can only apply for CP 1-2-3 "Industry Development Policy and Investment Promotion"

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6. Officials those who belong to National Building Research Organization (NBRO), Central Environmental Authority (CEA), National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB), Waste Management Authority (WMA), Urban Development Authority (UDA) can only apply for CP 1-3 "Urban and Regional Development"
7. Should be in good health both mentally and physically
8. English language ability which is sufficient to study at the graduate level
9. Officers fall under any of the following categories are **not eligible** to apply:
    a. Military personnel registered on the active list or person on alternative military service
    b. Those who are currently awarded or scheduled to receive another scholarship
    c. Those who have obtained a master's or higher degree overseas under the support of foreign scholarship

Please note that only duly completed applications for the Master's Degree programme received by the Department of External Resources (ERD) before 2:00 p.m. on 28th October 2025, accompanied by the line ministry covering letter and all other relevant documents as stipulated above, will be processed. Please be advised that the application deadline will be strictly enforced, and any applications received after 2:00 p.m. on 28th October 2025, or without the required documentation, will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Application guidelines, required documents, and detailed information about the universities can be downloaded from the official JDS Scholarship website at: http://jds-scholarship.org/ and the ERD application form is available for download at, http://www.erd.gov.lk.

To promote and encourage eligible government officials across the island to apply for the Master's Degree under the JDS programme, a series of online promotional seminars have been organized. These seminars will provide comprehensive information on the programme, application procedures, and answer any queries prospective applicants may have.

Details of the online promotional seminars are available on the JDS and ERD websites. Interested officials are kindly requested to contact JDS and register for the seminars via the following link: https://jds-scholarship.org/country/srilanka/index.html

You are respectfully requested to disseminate this information to all agencies within the jurisdiction of your Ministry and to actively encourage all eligible officials to submit their applications for this prestigious scholarship programme. Furthermore, your kind assistance in facilitating the grant of official leave to officials selected for participation in the programme would be greatly appreciated.

We earnestly urge all qualified officials to seize this exceptional opportunity to advance their academic credentials and professional expertise.

Your timely attention and cooperation in this important matter will be sincerely appreciated.

Tharanga Liyanage
Additional Director General
for Director General

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1. Chief Secretaries, All Provincial Councils
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Annexure 1

Identified Fields of Study and Universities

Component - Field of Study		University/ Graduate School
Public Policy Studies	Public Policy Studies	International University of Japan
		Meiji University
		University of Tsukuba
	International Relations and International Development	Nagoya University
Economics	Macroeconomics Studies	Kobe University
		Hiroshima University
	Public Finance and Investment Management	Nagoya University
	Industry Development Policy and Investment Promotion	International University of Japan