

Famous JDS Returned Fellow



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Secretary,
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Mr. Suleman Khan with the JDS Alumni Association.

Voice from a JDS Returned Fellow



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Thesis Title: Strengthening the Fiscal Capacity of the Urban Local Government of Bangladesh: An Assessment of Municipal Finance
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The JDS journey of my life was a wonderful experience which had given me a new dimension of thinking about civil service and way of living. The master's program was not simply an academic study but created a great opportunity to get involved in Japanese society and culture. As I was a student of Meiji University which is located in the heart of the Tokyo city, I enjoyed the modern vibrations of the metropolitan life. The technology based modern and advanced rail network in this wonderful city made my life comfortable and enjoyable. Apart from this the academic curriculum of Public Policy in Meiji University focused on explicitly broad spectrum issues, practices and prospects of different sectors of government in the contemporary period. The study program was articulated by different workshops, seminars, providing world renowned academicians and guest lecturers from worldwide reputed organizations, arranging study tours, sharing experiences with multinational civil servants that encompassed about how to make public policy and implement that policy effectively. This learning procedure has enriched my knowledge, enhanced the capability of taking right and quick decisions and engaged me in effectively consensus building. Besides, during staying in Japan, JICE arranged several programs and workshops like home staying program with Japanese family. Through this dynamic program introduced me about the daily lives of Japanese families which was a golden opportunity to learn about Japanese society and culture. The acquired knowledge which I gathered from Japan helps me secure a good command on service delivery as well as different and broad outlook on monitoring and evaluation. In general, the hard working, clean, compassionate Japanese society has encouraged me to become a better citizen and service giver with all my potentialities.

What is JDS

Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) has been implemented in the People's Republic of Bangladesh since 2001, funded by the Government of Japan. The objective of JDS is to support human resources development of Bangladesh targeting young government officials (BCS Cadre Officials, BJS Officials, 1st Class Officials of Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division and Class-1 Officers of Bangladesh Bank) to study Master's Degree (2-year) in Japan. Participants of JDS are expected to contribute in formulating and implementing social and economic development policies of Bangladesh.

Benefits of JDS Participants

JDS covers cost for full tuition fees, monthly living expenses, air fare, other designated expenses as per JDS Rules and Guidelines. Support from JICE is also available such as finding accommodation, initial settlement of life in Japan, emergency situation etc.



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Economic Relations Division (ERD)



In cooperation with
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Ministry of Education
Ministry of Planning



[Japan]

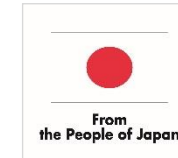
Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh
JICA Bangladesh Office

Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)

is the implementing agent of JDS Project

SCHOLARSHIP TO JAPAN

Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship
(JDS)
(Academic Year 2024 – 2025)



Study Master's in Japan

Application Deadline

5:00pm 15th November 2023

Application to be submitted to

Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)
both Soft copies and Hard copies required

JICE JDS Project Office in Bangladesh, L-261, The Pan Pacific Sonargaon, 107, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh
TEL: 880-2-222240400, 880-2-55028008 ext. 4261, 4973 FAX: 880-2-55027945, EMAIL: jds.bangladesh1@jice.org, jds.bangladesh@jice.org,
Office Hours: Sunday to Thursday 9:00 to 12:30, 13:30 to 17:00

Application Documents Available at
<http://jds-scholarship.org/>



Eligible Applicants

- (1) Below Forty (40) years old as of 1 April 2024
- (2) Completed sixteen (16) years of school education with Bachelor's Degree. At least two (2) First Division/Class or equivalent with no Third Division/Class
- (3) At least two (2) years of work experience as confirmed members of Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) Cadres, Bangladesh Bank Class-1 Officials, Bangladesh Judicial Service (BJS) Officials and 1st Class Officials of Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division at the time of application
- (4) Has not been awarded any other scholarship for Master's degree in any foreign country

Selection Process & Schedule (Subject to change)

1st Selection	2nd December 2023 IELTS & Math Exam December-January 2024 Screening of Application Documents by University
2nd Selection	Mid to Late January 2024 • Medical Examination • Technical Interview by University
3rd Selection	End of February 2024 Comprehensive Interview by Operating Committee
Applying to University	March to April 2024
Japanese Lessons	May to July 2024
Pre-departure Orientation	July to August 2024
Departure to Japan	August 2024
Entrance to University	September to October 2024
Return to Bangladesh	By October 2026

Framework for JDS Master's Program

Sub-Program (JDS Priority Areas)	Component (JDS Development Issues)	Target Organizations	University	Degree to be obtained	Slot			
Administrative Capacity Development	1. Enhancement of Capacity for Public Administration both in Central & Field Level	<u>BCS Cadre Officials</u> All Ministries, especially • M. of Public Administration • M. of Planning • M. of Finance • M. of Foreign Affairs • M. of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives	Meiji University Graduate School of Governance Studies	Master of Public Policy	4			
			Yamaguchi University Graduate School of Economics	Master of Economics (with certificate of completion of Public Administration Course)	4			
			Kobe University Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies	- Master of Political Science - Master of International Studies	2			
	2. Development of Capacity for Judiciary System and Policy	<u>BCS Cadre Officials</u> All Ministries, especially • M. of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs • M. of Public Administration • M. of Finance • M. of Foreign Affairs • M. of Home Affairs • M. of Environment, Forest and Climate Change <u>BJS Officials</u> 1st Class Officials of Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division	Keio University Law School	Master of Laws (LL.M.)	2			
						University of Tsukuba Graduate School of Science and Technology	Master of Environmental Sciences	4
	4. Enhancement of Capacity for Economics Planning and Policy, and Public Finance & Investment Management	<u>BCS Cadre Officials</u> All Ministries, especially • M. of Public Administration • M. of Planning • M. of Finance • M. of Environment and Forest • M. of Industry • Prime Minister's Office • National Board Revenue <u>Class-1 Officers of Bangladesh Bank</u>	Hiroshima University (1) Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (2) Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society	(1) - Master of Philosophy - Master of International Cooperation Studies - Master of Economics - Master of Business Administration (2) - Master of Philosophy	3			
						International University of Japan Graduate School of International Relations	- Master of Arts in International Development - Master of Arts in Economics	3
				Kobe University Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies	- Master of Economics - Master of International Studies	2		
				Maximum Number per year				30

