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Japanese Government has offered “Young Leaders’ Program (YLP) 2024” Scholarship to pursue studies in Public Administration/Public Policy at National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Salient feature of the course are depicted below:

Duration of the program	Eligibility	Expenses
01 (one) year from October 2024 to September 2025	- be under the age of 40 as of 01 October, 2024; - have at least 03 (three) years working experience in Public Administration (preferably 5 years or more); - a minimum TOEFL-iBT score of 79, IELTS or equivalent academic score of 6.0; - medically adequate to pursue study in Japan	-tuition fees; -allowances 242,000 yen per month; -accommodation (Grantees may reside at accommodations provided by GRIPS), spouse and children are allowed to live with the grantees; -round-trip economy class air tickets.

02. Interested Foreign Service Officers are requested to submit their expression of interest to aspando@mofa.gov.bd by 28 August 2023. Details of the program and application guidelines will be available in the scholarship section of the Ministry’s website

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2024
YOUNG LEADERS' PROGRAM (YLP) STUDENT (SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT)

I OUTLINE

1. Objectives

The Young Leaders' Program (YLP) aims to contribute to cultivate future national leaders in Asian and other countries, moreover, to contribute to establish friendly relationships among various countries and to improve policy planning activities by forming a network among national leaders thorough deepening their understanding of Japan. The YLP is one of the Japanese Government (MEXT*) Scholarship Programs.

*MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

2. Eligible Countries and Participants

Participants are selected from the countries listed below. They should be young public administrators and government officials who are expected to play active roles in the future as national leaders in their home countries.

Eligible Countries:

P. R. China, Rep. of Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Viet Nam, Laos, Cambodia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey

(28 Countries)

3. Host University

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)

4. Number of Students

Approximately 20 students

5. Recruitment and Selection

(1) Method of Recruitment

Recruitment will be conducted through the recommending authorities of each eligible country. Please ask the Japanese Embassy for further information.

(2) Screening Procedure

① First screening by the recommending authorities

② Second screening by GRIPS

③ Final screening by the YLP committee organized by MEXT

6. Curriculum (Please refer to "Curriculum Guidelines".)

(1) Basic Concepts

The curriculum is designed to train and cultivate national leaders in their respective fields of government, who are seeking to take advantage of Japan's experiences of interaction with both Western and Asian countries and also to establish a human network through various activities, such as special lectures, colloquium, independent study, field trip, etc.

(2) Course Duration and Qualification

Course duration is one year, resulting in the conferral of a Master's Degree in Public Administration/Public Policy by GRIPS.

(3) Language

All lectures are conducted in English.

7. Commencement of the Program

October 2024

II INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

MEXT will offer scholarships to foreign students who wish to study at GRIPS as YLP students in public administration/public policy for the academic year 2024 under the MEXT Scholarship Program. The conditions are as follows:

1. Field of Study

Public Administration/Public Policy

2. Qualifications

- (1) Nationality: Applicant must be nationals of countries eligible for the YLP (School of Government). An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is not eligible.
- (2) Age: Applicants must be, in principle, under 40 years of age as of October 1, 2024 (i.e. born on or after October 2, 1984).
- (3) Academic Background: Applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree or equivalent from a recognized/accredited university or college, and have achieved excellent academic performance.
- (4) Work Experience: At least 3 years of full-time work experience in total as of October 1, 2024 in public administration (preferably 5 years or more).
- (5) English Ability: One of the following test scores is required:
 - ① TOEFL iBT
 - ② IELTS Academic
 - ③ Other equivalent testAdmission priority will be given to applicants who have a TOEFL iBT score of 79 or higher, or an IELTS Academic score of 6.0 or higher, or other equivalent test scores.
- (6) Health: Applicants must be judged that you are medically adequate to pursue study in Japan by an examining physician on a prescribed certificate of health.
- (7) Arrival in Japan: In principle, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan during the period specified by GRIPS, within two weeks before and after the first day of the course conducted by the accepting university. If the applicant cannot arrive in Japan during the specified period for personal reasons, travel expenses to Japan will not be paid.
- (8) Visa Requirement: In principle, a selected applicant must obtain a "Student" (留学) visa at the Japanese diplomatic mission located in the applicant's country of nationality, and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student." Applicants who change their residence status to any status other than "Student" (留学) after their arrival in Japan will immediately lose their status as a MEXT Scholarship student. Moreover, as the Japanese government requires pre-arrival tuberculosis screening for some countries, applicants obtaining a visa shall follow guidance at the overseas establishment of Japan located in the applicant's country of nationality.
- (9) Return to home country and resumption of work after the scholarship period: In accordance with the objectives of the YLP, after the scholarship period, applicants are expected to make efforts to build friendly relationships among various countries, including Japan, by creating human and intellectual networks among leaders in countries across the world. To this end, applicants should, in principle, return to their home countries by the end of the final month of the scholarship period and resume their work at the recommending authorities or the organization designated by the recommending authorities among others.
- (10) Non-Eligibility: Applicants who meet any or all of the following conditions are not eligible. If identified after acceptance of the scholarship grantees, the applicants will be required to withdraw from the scholarship:
 - ① Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of the payment of the scholarship;
 - ② Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the last date of the period designated by GRIPS;
 - ③ Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university or other institution with a residence status of "Student" (留学) or who are going to be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution as a privately-financed international student from the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program in the applicant's country until the commencement of the period for payment of the MEXT scholarship. However, this stipulation does not apply to privately-financed international students who, even though they are enrolled, or are planning to enroll, in a Japanese university, verifiably complete their studies before the start of the scholarship payment period, return to their home country at the time of the scholarship application, and newly acquire the "Student" residence status and come to Japan;
 - ④ Those who are planning to receive scholarship money from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of the applicant's country) on top of the scholarship money provided by MEXT after the start of the scholarship payment period;
 - ⑤ Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up Japanese

