

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
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Circular

**Sub: 19<sup>th</sup> Batch of JDS Scholarship Program for pursuing Master's course (AY 2020-21) in reputed Japanese Universities**

The JDS programme offers an opportunity for the potential young civil servants to pursue Master's course in reputed Japanese universities. Successful JDA fellow are expected to contribute in formulating and implanting socioeconomic development of Bangladesh. All expenditures and allowances like tuition fees, monthly living expenses are covered by the scholarship.

02. The application deadline is **26 September 2019** and application procedure for JDS Scholarship is available at following link:

<http://jds-scholarship.org/>

03. Interested Officers of the Ministry may apply for the Scholarship with the permission of the Ministry by **05 September 2019**.

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Distribution:

1. Officers at the rank of Director and below

## Voice from a JDS Returned Fellow



**Mst Nargis Murshida**

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**Degree:** Master of Public Policy

**Thesis Title:** Strengthening of Local Government Bodies can Ensure the Socio-economic Development of Bangladesh

**Work Place:** Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Commerce

Studying in Japan, the stunning memory, always inspires me in every step of my life. The knowledge and experience which I gained in Japan are still vivid in my memory. It has developed my capacity in professional as well as in personal life to address every issue with different outlook. Actually it has given me a different perspective of life which helps me immensely in decision making and performing my duties properly. From my academic study,

I learned not only from the class lectures but also by sharing practical experiences with other JDS fellows, who came from different government sectors of their respective countries. Besides, there were many study tours, seminars, workshops, and special lectures by world renowned professors. Especially, a thesis workshop held at Lake Yamanaka near Mt. Fuji is worth-mentioning - all the graduate students from GS of Governance Studies participated in it and presented their thesis. It was also an excellent experience to visit marvellous Lake Yamanaka, pilgrim's house and shrine at the foot of Mt. Fuji, and also to climb up to the fifth station of Mt. Fuji. The knowledge and skill that I learned from Japan help me perform my present duty properly.

As I studied in public policy, it helps me to work in the ministry relating different policy formulation, implementation, monitoring, evaluation etc. Through my thesis writing, I was able to improve my ability in critical thinking, data analysis skill, presentation skill, creative skill, and academic writing skill. This is very helpful to execute my professional duties with capacity.

## What is JDS

**Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS)** has been implementing 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 and Class-1 Officers of Bangladesh Bank) to study Master Degree (1-year/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.

## Executing Agency

### Economic Relations Division (ERD)



In cooperation with  
Ministry of Public Administration  
Ministry of Education  
Ministry of Planning



&  
Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh  
JICA Bangladesh Office

**Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)** is the JDS project implementing agent of Economic Relations Division

## Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS) (Academic Year 2020 – 2021)



# SCHOLARSHIP To JAPAN

## Study Master's in Japan

**Application Deadline  
26 September 2019**

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

### Application to be submitted to

**JICE** Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)

JICE JDS Project Office in Bangladesh

L-261, The Pan Pacific Sonargaon

107, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh

TEL: 880-2-9128008, 880-2-55028008 ext. 4261, 4973

FAX: 880-2-9116214, EMAIL: [jds.bangladesh1@jice.org](mailto:jds.bangladesh1@jice.org)

Office Hours: Sunday to Thursday 9:00 to 12:30, 13:30 to 17:00

## Eligible Applicants

- (1) Citizen of Bangladesh
- (2) Below Forty (40) years old as of 1 April 2020
- (3) Completed sixteen (16) years of school education with at least Bachelor's Degree. At least two (2) First Division/Class or equivalent with no Third Division/Class
- (4) At least 2-year of work experience as a confirmed BCS Cadre Official or, Class-1 Officer of Bangladesh Bank at the time of application
- (5) Has a good command of both written and spoken English
- (6) Mentally and physically in good health
- (7) Has not been awarded any other scholarship for Master's degree in any foreign country

## Selection Process & Schedule

1 <sup>st</sup> Selection	<b>19 Oct 2019</b> IELTS & Math Exam <b>Dec 2019</b> Screening of Application Documents by Japanese University Professors
2 <sup>nd</sup> Selection	<b>End of Jan - Mid Feb 2020</b> • Medical Examination • Technical Interview by Japanese University Professors in Bangladesh/ through video conference system
3 <sup>rd</sup> Selection	<b>Early March 2020</b> Comprehensive Interview by Operating Committee Members for final selection
Pre-departure Orientation	Jul - Aug 2020
Departure for Japan	Aug 2020
Entrance to University	Sep - Oct 2020
Return to Bangladesh	By Oct 2022

## Framework for JDS Master's Program

Sub-Program (JDS Priority Areas)	Component (JDS Development Issues)	Expected Theme of the Research/ Possible Fields of Study	Target Organizations	University	Slot
Administrative Capacity Development	1. Enhancement of Capacity for Public Administrative Government	<u>Needs</u> Establishing a system for the central and local government and building capacity of administrative officials involved in the operation of the system. <u>Possible Fields of Study:</u> •Governance / Administration •Local Governance / Local Autonomous •International Relations •Kaizen •Information Security •ICT <u>Preferred Degree:</u> •Public Administration •Political Science •International Relations	All Ministries, especially •M. of Public Administration •M. of Planning •M. of Finance •M. of Foreign Affairs •M. of Local Government (BCS Cadre Officials)	Meiji University Graduate School of Governance Studies	5
	2. Enhancement of Legal Capacity and Policy	<u>Needs</u> Building capacity of administrative officials and other staff involved in the preparation and enforcement of legal frameworks <u>Possible Fields of Study:</u> •International Law •Intellectual Property Laws •Justice <u>Preferred Degree:</u> •Law	All Ministries, especially •M. of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs •M. of Public Administration •M. of Finance •M. of Foreign Affairs •M. of Commerce •M. of Cultural Affairs •M. of Home Affairs •M. of Information (BCS Cadre Officials)	Keio University Law School	2
	3. Enhancement of Capacity for Urban and Regional Development Planning and Policy	<u>Needs</u> Building capacity of administrative officials involved in making and implementing policies associated with urban and regional development and building capacity of administrative officials/staffs of Executing Agencies involved in making and implementing development projects <u>Possible Fields of Study:</u> •Urban Planning / Policy •Regional Development Planning / Policy •Agriculture/ Rural Development Planning / Policy •Local Governance / Local Autonomous •Disaster Risk Reduction Management / Policy <u>Preferred Degree:</u> •Urban Planning / Policy •Regional Development Planning / Policy •Civil Engineering •Traffic Engineering	All Ministries, especially •M. of Public Administration •M. of Local Government •M. of Housing and Public Works •M. of Environment and Forest •M. of Industries •M. of Agriculture (BCS Cadre Officials)	University of Tsukuba Graduate School of Life and Environmental Sciences	4
	4. Enhancement of Capacity for Policy and Planning of Public Finance, Investment Management and Economic Growth	<u>Needs</u> Capacity building of civil servants involved in making and implementing policies of Public Finance, Public Investments, Investment Promotion and Economic Growth <u>Possible Fields of Study:</u> •Macro / Micro Economics •Environmental Economics •Statistics •Public Finance Management / Policy •Public Investment Management / Policy •Industrial Policy •Private Investment Promotion <u>Preferred Degree:</u> •Economics (Microeconomics, Macroeconomics) •Economic Policy •Public Finance / Public Economy (Public Economics, Public Policy) •Development Economics	All Ministries, especially •M. of Public Administration •M. of Planning •M. of Finance •M. of Environment and Forest •M. of Industry •PMO (BCS Cadre Officials)  •Bangladesh Bank (Class 1 Officials)	Kobe University Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies	2
				International University of Japan Graduate School of International Relations	2
				Hiroshima University Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation	2
Maximum Number per year					30