What is the JDS Project

Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) project is the long-term scholarship project of the Government of Vietnam through the assistance of the Government of Japan. Its objective is to provide Vietnamese citizens working in the public sector with opportunities for obtaining master's degree (2-year course) at Japanese universities in order to support the human resource development of the Government of Vietnam, and eventually to extend and strengthen the bilateral relations between Japan and Vietnam. Thirty (30) young government employees, who are expected to play leadership roles in Vietnam, will be selected for Japanese Academic Year 2014-2015.

Framework of JDS Program in Vietnam

The JDS Program consists of **"Sub-Programs" and "Components",** which correspond to and deal with the selected target priority areas and development issues. In Vietnam, there are three (3) Sub-Programs including:

1. Promotion of Economic Growth and Strengthening of International Competitiveness
2. Countermeasure against the Vulnerabilities
3. Strengthening of Governance

Eligibility

1. Vietnamese Government employees residing in Vietnam at the time of application.
2. Between age of 24 and 39 as of April 1, 2014.
3. Minimum of 2-year work experience (6 months of full-time work experience at current workplace).
4. Holding a bachelor's degree (full-time training) from universities authorized by the Government of Vietnam or other countries.
5. Has not been awarded any scholarship for Master's degree in foreign countries;
6. Military personnel registered on the active list or person on alternative military service cannot apply for JDS.

Components and Universities

Components	Universities	Degree
1-1. Strengthening of Market Economy System	Hitotsubashi University	Master of Public Policy (Public Economics)
	International University of Japan	Master of Business Administration
1-2. Network Development for Transportation and Communications, Urban Development	Hiroshima University	Master of Engineering
	Nagoya University	Master of Environmental Science Master of Engineering
1-3. Stable Supplies for Energy	International University of Japan	Master of Arts in International Development Master of Arts in Economics
	Kyushu University	Master of Engineering
2-1. Agriculture and Rural Development	Kyushu University	Master of Science
	Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology	Master of Agriculture
2-2. Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Prevention	University of Tsukuba	Master of Environmental Science
3-1. Strengthening of the Legal System	Nagoya University	Master of Laws
	Kyushu University	Master of Laws
3-2. Strengthening of the Administrative Capacity	International University of Japan	Master of Arts in Public Management
	Meiji University	Master of Public Policy

Allowances for JDS Candidates

(1) Fee for TOEFL ITP and limited medical examination organized by JICE after Qualification Screening.

(2) Limited transport and accommodation allowances for selection stages and pre-departure training in Hanoi (only for candidates from provincial areas).

Scholarship Benefits

Scholarship under JDS program is a FULL scholarship, including:

(1) Tuition fee at Japanese higher educational institutions

(2) Air ticket between Vietnam and Japan

(3) Monthly living allowance in Japan

(4) Subsidiary allowance (Seminars, Books, Shipping, Medical Insurance, etc.)

Tentative Schedule of Selection

Submission of Application Documents
to JICE JDS Project Office in Vietnam by
17:00, Tuesday November 12, 2013

English/Math Exam

＜Late November, 2013＞
TOEFL test (ITP) will be held for candidates after Qualification Screening. Candidates applying to all universities **except GS of Law, Nagoya University and GS of Law, Kyushu University** are required to take a short written Maths test.

1st Selection

＜December, 2013＞
Screening of Application Documents
by Japanese Universities

2nd Selection

＜Mid January, 2014＞
Technical Interview by Japanese University faculty members in Hanoi

3rd Selection

＜Late February, 2014＞
Comprehensive Interview by Vietnam-Japan Operating Committee Members of JDS in Hanoi