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“The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid”

The Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC) would like to re-announce the availability of scholarships for Ph.D in Economics under the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship funding..

1. Eligibility:

- a. Should be a Bhutanese;
- b. Have obtained a master’s degree in the Field of Economics from Universities in Japan.
- c. Be the age of 45 or younger as of April 1st, 2019. (Born on/after April 2nd, 1973)
- d. Be a regular (permanent) government employee.
- e. Have served for twice the duration of the LTT (long-term training) to obtain the master’s degree.
- f. Have a recommendation from the supervisor of his/her current duty office. (Reference Letter should contain evaluation of applicant’s performance at work and relevance of his/her research theme to his/her career.)
- g. Have a recommendation from the expected academic advisor(s) of the applying university.
- h. Not be currently engaging in a Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)’s Technical Cooperation Projects as a main counterpart.
- i. Not have already obtained a doctoral degree.
- j. Not be currently awarded or to be awarded a scholarship from other foreign donors.
- k. Have proficiency in English, sufficiently fluent for studying in Japan. TOEFL iBT 61 (ITP 500) / IELTS 5.5 or higher is preferable.
- l. Other criteria:
 - i. In principle, enroll in the same graduate school of the university where he or she obtained a master’s degree in the field of economics since it is normally very difficult to obtain a doctoral degree within three (3) years. If it is not possible, applicants can select other university.
 - ii. Present a research proposal relevant to the economic development issues of the country.
 - iii. Be in good health both physically and mentally.
 - iv. Complete the course within, and not exceeding, three (3) years.



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2. Documents Required:

a. While submitting the documents to the RCSC:

- i. In-service training form
- ii. Performance Rating/Moderation Score for last two years
- iii. Copy of system generated CV
- iv. Bachelors Degree Certificate and Marksheet
- v. Masters Degree Certificate and Marksheet
- vi. Merit certificates (Leadership, Volunteerism, Publication, and Professional Recognition)

b. While completing the application process after getting shortlisted by RCSC:

Doc No.	Application Documents	Remarks	Required number to be submitted	
			Original (or attested copy of the original)	Photocopy of the Original
1	Application Form with photos (4 cm x 3 cm) (designated form)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Attach a photo (taken within the past 3 months) to the 1st page of each set. ➢ Affix your signature on the lower right-hand corner of EACH PAGE. 	1	1
2	Official certificate of English ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Submit a grade certificate from an English Language Ability Test such as TOEFL or IELTS. (Photocopies are acceptable). *Only the test taken in the two-year period preceding the application deadline is acceptable. **If you do not have such test result, consult with JICE JDS Project Office. 	/	2
3	University diploma / Certificate of master's degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Must contain grades for all the credits earned. ➢ 2 attested copies of the original ➢ If not written in English, attach notarized official English translation. 	1 (Attested copy)	1
4	Academic transcript of master's course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ If not written in English, attach notarized official English translation. 	1 (Attested copy)	1
5	Professional Reference Letter (designated form)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Must be filled out by your current supervisor. ➢ <u>Must be sealed in an envelope.</u> ➢ If not written in English, attach notarized official English translation. 	1	/
6	Academic Reference Letter (designated from)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Must be filled out by the expected academic advisor of the university you wish to apply for. ➢ <u>Must be directly submitted from the academic advisor to JICE JDS Project Office via e-mail.</u> 	1	/
7	Passport or National ID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ The page of holder's name and date of expiry 	1 (Attested copy)	1



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3. General Information:

- a. Eligible candidates must fulfill the in-service training criteria of the BCSR 2018 (unless specified otherwise in the Scholarship Criteria);
- b. Applicants should consult respective Ministry/Agency before applying for the course;
- a. Agency should ensure relevancy of the course and forward application of the eligible candidates only; and

4. Application Procedure and deadline

- a. Application deadline:
 - i. 5 pm on October 25 (Thursday), 2018: Candidates should submit applications to the Parent Agency through the Working Agency.
 - ii. 5 pm on October 31 (Wednesday), 2018: The Parent Agency to submit the applications to the RCSC.
 - iii. 4:30 pm on November 5 (Monday), 2018: RCSC to screen and shortlist the candidates and submit it to the JICE JDS Project Office. JICE will contact the shortlisted candidates for further application.

Note: Applications after deadline shall not be accepted.

5. General information:

- a. For program details and application procedures, please visit <http://jds-scholarship.org/country/bhutan/index.html> or contact/visit JICE JDS Project Office, Babesa, Thimphu.

For clarification/queries, contact Sangay Yeshe or Passang Wangdi, HRDD at 02-322491 (Ext. 231/223) or email at syeshi@rcsc.gov.bt/passangw@rcsc.gov.bt