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Dear Sir / Madame,

We are pleased to inform your school / university / institute that the Japanese Government will grant the scholarships (as of 2015, approximately 36 research students and 29 undergraduate students) to Thai students who wish to study at the Japanese universities under the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2016.

It would be much appreciated if you could kindly give an announcement of this scholarship program at your institute. Please find the outline and the application form of the scholarship enclosed herewith.

Application forms are available at the Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan, Bangkok, (177 Witthayu Road, Lumpini, Bangkok 10330), at the Consulate-General of Japan, Chiang Mai, (104-107 Airport Business Park, 90 Mahidol Road, Chiang Mai 50100), or at the Embassy's website at <http://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp>.

The application will be accepted from June 8-12, 2015 between 13:30-16:30 hours from Monday to Friday at the Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan, Bangkok, and at the Consulate-General of Japan, Chiang Mai.

Furthermore, Embassy of Japan offers another two programs of scholarship which are "College of Technology Students" and "Specialized Training College Students" for students who have completed or will complete the Upper Secondary education (Grade 12 / Mathayomsuksa 6) by March, 2016.

Students who want to apply for these two programs have to apply via Ministry of Education in Thailand at Bureau of International Cooperation, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education (Tel: 02-628-5646-7, 02-281-6370 ext. 113 or at the website at [www.bic.moe.go.th](http://www.bic.moe.go.th)) by the middle of May.

May I thank you for your kind cooperation and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

*Shiro Terashima*

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First Secretary  
Embassy of Japan

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**JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO:MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2016 (THAILAND)**  
**(RESEARCH STUDENTS)**

MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology) offers scholarships to international students who wish to study at Japanese universities as research students under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2016 as stipulated below.

**1. FIELDS OF STUDY**

Applicants should apply for the field of study they majored in at university or its related field. And fields of study must be subjects which applicants will be able to study and research in graduate courses at Japanese universities.

Fields of study		Majors
R1 A	Social Sciences and Humanities	Laws, Politics, Pedagogy, Psychology, Sociology, Linguistics, Literature, History, Aesthetics, Music, Fine Arts, etc.
R1 B	Social Sciences and Humanities	Economics, Commerce, Businesses Administration, etc
R2	Natural Sciences	Pure Science, Engineering, Agriculture, Fisheries, Pharmacy, Medicine, Dentistry, Home Economics, etc.

Keep in mind, however, that a student who majors in medicine, dentistry or welfare science will not be allowed to engage in clinical training such as medical care and operative surgery until he/she obtains a permit from the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare under applicable Japanese laws. Majors in traditional entertainment such as Kabuki and classical Japanese dances, or in subjects that seek practical training in specific technologies or techniques at factories or companies are excluded.

**2. QUALIFICATIONS**

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) is now accepting applications from overseas students for study in Japan. Our aim is to foster human resources who will become bridges of friendship between your country and Japan through study in Japan and who will contribute to the development of both countries and the wider world.

(1) Nationality:

Applicants must have Thai nationality. Applicants who have Japanese nationality at the time of application will not be eligible. However, applicants of dual nationality who reside outside of Japan are eligible only if they will expatriate from Japan by the time of arrival in Japan. Applicants screening will be made at the Embassy of Japan/Consulate-General of Japan in Thailand.

(2) Age:

Applicant must be not more than 35 years old as of April 1, 2016 (i.e. born on or after April 2, 1981.)

(3) Academic Background:

Applicant must be a graduate from a Japanese university or have academic ability equal or superior to that of a Japanese university graduate. A person will be deemed to have academic ability equal or superior to that of a university graduate, if he/she

- ① has completed or will complete a 16-year school curriculum in a foreign country (or an 18-year school curriculum if he/she desires to enroll in a doctoral course in the field of medicine, dentistry or veterinary science, or pharmacy which is founded on a 6-year department or faculty); or
- ② is or will be aged 22 or older and has taken an individual entrance qualification examination and has been judged by a Japanese graduate school as being equal or superior in academic ability to a university graduate (or 24 or older if he/she desires to enroll in a doctoral course in the field of medicine, dentistry or veterinary science, or pharmacy which is founded on a 6-year department or faculty).

Note: Eligible applicants include those who otherwise satisfy or will satisfy qualification requirements for admission to a Japanese graduate school. As a general rule, a person who has completed a doctoral course may not apply unless he/she seeks to obtain a degree.

(4) Academic Records (GPA):

(A) Applicants who have an undergraduate degree of a university

Applicants must fall under either of the following items as those who have been recognized as achieving excellent results at an undergraduate degree of a university.

- ① Those who have **more than 3.25 in cumulative average credits** at an undergraduate degree of a university.
- ② Those who have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test administrated by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services and the Japan Foundation, and have the following cumulative average credits at an undergraduate degree of a university.

More than **2.80** for Level 1 or N1  
More than **3.00** for Level 2 or N2  
More than **3.15** for Level 3 or N3/N4

- ③ Those who have passed the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (hereinafter "EJU") administrated by the Japan Students Services Organization (JASSO) and had a certain amount of score in **two years**, and have the following cumulative average credits at an undergraduate degree of a university. Applicants must choose one of the two options;

**Option 1: Basic Academic Ability in Science, Mathematics and Liberal Arts**

More than **2.80** for 240 by the total score of  
"Mathematics Course 1" and "Japan and the World" *or*  
"Mathematics Course 2" and "Science"

**Option 2: Japanese Language Skills**

More than **2.80** for 240 by the EJU "Japanese as a Foreign Language" Test (Excluding 'Writing' Score)  
More than **3.00** for 200 by the EJU "Japanese as a Foreign Language" Test (Excluding 'Writing' Score)  
More than **3.15** for 160 by the EJU "Japanese as a Foreign Language" Test (Excluding 'Writing' Score)

(B) Applicants who have completed a master degree of the university

Applicants must fall under either of the following items as those who have been recognized as achieving excellent results both at an undergraduate degree of a university and at a master's degree course.

- ① Those who have **more than 3.25 in cumulative average credits** at an undergraduate degree of a university and **more than 3.50 in cumulative average credits** at a master's degree course.
- ② Those who major in pharmacy, and have **more than 3.25 in cumulative average credits** at an undergraduate degree of a university and **3.30 in cumulative average credits** at a master's degree course.
- ③ Those who have passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, and have the following cumulative average credits at an undergraduate degree of a university and more than 3.50 in cumulative average credits at a master's degree course (more than 3.30 for those who major in pharmacy).

More than 2.80 for Level 1 or N1  
More than 3.00 for Level 2 or N2  
More than 3.15 for Level 3 or N3/N4

- ④ Those who have passed the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (hereinafter "EJU") administrated by the Japan Students Services Organization (JASSO) and had a certain amount of score in **two years**, and have the following cumulative average credits at an undergraduate degree of a university and more than 3.50 in cumulative average credits at a master's degree course. Applicants must choose one of the two options;

**Option 1: Basic Academic Ability in Science, Mathematics and Liberal Arts**

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- (5) Japanese Language:  
Applicants must be willing to learn the Japanese language, interested in Japan and enthusiastic about deepening their understanding of Japan after arriving, and capable of engaging in study and research while adapting themselves to life in Japan.
- (6) Health:  
Applicants must be physically and mentally healthy enough to pursue study at university.
- (7) Arrival in Japan:  
Applicants must be able to leave for and arrive in Japan between the 1st and 7th of April 2015, or within two weeks of the date set by the receiving university for the beginning of the semester (in principle, in September or October).
- (8) Visa Requirement:  
In principle, selected applicants must acquire a College Student (*ryuugaku* 留学) visas before entering Japan. The visa is to be issued by the Embassy of Japan or the Consulate-General of Japan in Thailand. Applicants who change their resident status to any status other than "College Student" after their arrival in Japan will immediately lose their status as a Japanese government scholarship student.
- (9) 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: If an applicant is a service member or a civilian employee registered on the active military list at the time of his/her arrival in Japan;
  - 2: Those who cannot arrive in Japan during the period designated by MEXT or the accepting university;
  - 3: If an applicant is a previous recipient of a Japanese government scholarship and does not have educational research experience for more than three years from the first day of the month following the final payment of the previous scholarship to the beginning of the payment of this scholarship, as of April 1, 2015. This does not apply to the past recipient of Japanese Studies scholarships (日研) who have graduated or are to graduate their universities in their countries and the past students under the Young Leaders' Program;
  - 4: If an applicant is, in principle, currently enrolled in a Japanese university or other type of school with the resident status of "College Student," or will be enroll in a Japanese university, etc. as another source or self-financed international student between the time of application for this scholarship in his/her country and the time the scholarship period is due to begin. This does not apply to current self-financed international students at Japanese universities who will complete their course of study and return to their home country before the end of current fiscal year;
  - 5: If an applicant is a grantee of a scholarship from other organizations (including any governmental organizations of his/her own country) than the Japanese government (MEXT) (Prospective beneficiaries are included);
  - 6: Applicants who are expected to graduate at the time of application and, cannot satisfy the qualifications and the conditions of academic background by the deadline given;
  - 7: Applicants of dual nationality who cannot prove their expatriation of the Japanese nationality by the time of arrival; or
  - 8: Applicants who wish, from the time of application, to conduct fieldwork or internship outside of Japan, since this scholarship program is intended for overseas students who wish to enroll in a Japanese university and do graduate research in Japan.

### 3. TERM OF SCHOLARSHIP

The term of scholarship will differ as follows depending on the types of students as accepted in Japanese universities.

- (1) In a case where a grantee will enroll as a research student, part-time non-degree student, or auditor, etc. (hereinafter referred to as "Research Student (non-regular student)" after coming to Japan:
- ① If a grantee comes to Japan in April 2016, his/her scholarship will be payable for 24 months from April 2016 through March 2018;
  - ② If a grantee comes to Japan in October 2016, his/her scholarship will be payable for 18 months from October 2016 through March 2018.  
(In either case, the above-mentioned term of scholarship includes a 6-month Japanese language training period for grantees who require such training)
- (2) If a grantee enrolls as regular student in a master's course, doctoral course, or professional graduate course for a degree after coming to Japan, regardless of the time of his/her arrival in Japan the scholarship will be payable for a period necessary for him/her to complete his/her regular course (standard course term). (Plus a 6-month Japanese language training period for the grantees who need such training.)

- (3) The extension of scholarship period: If a grantee desires to proceed to a regular graduate course for a degree from a Research Student (non-degree) course, or to a doctoral course from a master's course or a professional graduate course, he/she may have the term of his/her scholarship extended upon successful examination by MEXT provided that he/she has outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria.

Note1: A grantee cannot have the term of his/her scholarship extended as Research Student.

Note2: If a grantee proceeds to a higher level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the term of the scholarship, the scholarship will be cancelled. He/she may, however, proceed to a higher level of education or continue with his/her study as a privately-financed student.

Note3: A Research Student is not able to apply for extension of scholarship period if he/she cannot proceed to master's or doctoral course by the end of the term of Research Student's scholarship. Entree in to higher courses in April 2018 does not mean entrance by the end of the scholarship period.

Note4: If a grantee returns home without an extension though having applied for extension of scholarship period (when a grantee fails his/her examination to proceed to master's or doctoral course for a degree), the travel expenses to return home will not be paid in general.

#### 4. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

##### (1) Allowance:

Under the fiscal 2015 budget, each grantee will be provided monthly with 143,000 yen (Research Student/non-regular students), 144,000 yen (regular students Master's courses or a professional graduate courses), or 145,000 yen (regular students doctoral courses). An additional monthly stipend of 2,000 or 3,000 yen may be provided to those undertaking study or research in specially designated regions. The scholarship will not be paid to a grantee who takes a leave of absence or is long absent from the assigned university or the preparatory Japanese-teaching institution.

The scholarship will be cancelled for a grantee in the following cases. Furthermore, if scholarship payments were made during the period the following cases applied, the grantee may be ordered to return scholarship payments received during that period.

- ① If any of his/her application documents is found to be falsely stated;
- ② If he/she is in breach of his/her pledge made to the Minister of MEXT;
- ③ The recipient violates any Japanese laws;
- ④ If he/she is subjected to disciplinary action, such as expulsion or removal from register, taken by his/her university or the preparatory Japanese-teaching institution;
- ⑤ If it becomes definitive that the grantee will not be able to graduate (or complete his/her course) within the standard course term because of his/her poor academic achievement or suspension;
- ⑥ If his/her resident status of "College Student" as provided for in Paragraph 1-4 of Appendix to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act changes to any other status;
- ⑦ If he/she is provided with another scholarship (except for a scholarship designated for research expenses); or
- ⑧ If he/she proceeds to a higher level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the term of the scholarship.

##### (2) Traveling Costs

###### ① Transportation to Japan:

Each grantee will be supplied in general, according to his/her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT, with an economy-class airplane ticket from the international airport nearest to his/her home address\* to the New Tokyo International Airport or any other international airport that the assigned university usually uses. Expenses such as domestic transportation from his/her home address to the international airport, airport tax, airport usage fees, special taxes on travel, or inland transportation within Japan will NOT be supplied.

\*The address in the country of the grantee's nationality stated in the application form is, in principle, regarded as the recipient's "home address".

Note: Those who cannot arrive on the day that is described in "2. QUALIFICATIONS (7) Arrival in Japan" shall not be paid the travel expenses coming to Japan.

###### ② Transportation from Japan:

The grantee who returns to his/her home country within the fixed period after the expiration of his/her scholarship will be supplied, in general, upon application, with an economy-class airplane ticket for the travel from the New Tokyo International Airport (or any other international airport that the assigned university uses as a normal route) to the international airport nearest to his/her home address.

Note 1: If a grantee returns home without an extension though having applied for extension of scholarship period he/she will not be paid travel expenses to return home in general.

Note 2: Insurance premiums for travel to/from Japan shall be borne by the grantee.

Note 3: If a grantee continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended, he/she will not be paid travel expenses to return home as the temporary return.

③ School Fees:

Fees for matriculation, tuition and entrance examinations at a university will be paid by the Japanese government. If the grantee moves on to higher education as a non-degree student or fails the entrance examinations, he/she will pay for entrance examinations.

## 5. SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

- (1) In cooperation with the governments of the applicants' countries the Japanese diplomatic mission (The Embassy of Japan in Thailand) will conduct primary screening of applicants by means of submitted application documents, written examinations and interviews.
- (2) Written examinations will be English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Japanese.  
Note1: The result of the Japanese examination will be used as reference data for placement of university and Japanese-language education to be provided upon applicants' arrival in Japan.  
Note2: In particular, if an applicant with limited proficiency in Japanese desires to pursue fields of study such as Japanese linguistics, Japanese literature, Japanese history, or Japanese laws —fields that require sufficient knowledge of the Japanese language —he/she will not be selected as a grantee unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- (3) The following policy will apply to each screening:
  - ① Application documents: Must show that the applicant obtained academic achievement higher than a certain level at the university he/she last graduated from, and state the applicant's desired research program in a detailed and concrete manner.
  - ② Written examination: Must show that the applicant obtained scores better than a certain level either in Japanese or English.
  - ③ Interview: Must reveal that the applicant has a clear sense of purpose relating to his/her study in Japan and has gathered information about Japanese universities. Interview must also reveal that the applicant has sufficient Japanese or English language ability to communicate with his/her adviser in Japan. If the applicant desires to study a subject that requires higher Japanese language proficiency, Interview must reveal that the applicant has a considerable degree of Japanese language proficiency.
- (4) Results of the primary screening will be notified on the date separately designated by the Embassy of Japan.
- (5) Each person who has passed this primary screening is required to contact directly the Japanese university of his/her choice in order to obtain admission as regular student for a degree or Research Student (non-regular student) in graduate courses, or a letter of provisional acceptance as a research student (hereinafter referred to as "Admission") by the 31th of August. In order to obtain Admission, candidates can gain information on contact office for international students of each university, websites to search universities and researchers, etc. from the Japanese diplomatic mission.  
Note: Candidates are not allowed to contact Japanese universities after the 30th of August.
- (6) Each candidate must submit to the university of his/her choice a set of the documents that are submitted to and returned by the Japanese diplomatic mission (application, academic transcript of the university attended, research program plan, etc.) all with a confirmation seal of the Japanese diplomatic mission affixed, and a certificate of the primary selection issued by the Japanese diplomatic mission. Additional documents may have to be submitted upon request of the university.
- (7) MEXT will conduct a secondary screening based on the results of the primary screening conducted by the Japanese diplomatic mission, and select applicants as MEXT scholarship grantees whose placement of universities was made.  
Note 1: Applicants who have passed the primary screening at a Japanese diplomatic mission are not necessarily accepted as MEXT scholarship grantees.  
Note 2: Applicants who were not accepted by any universities which the applicants named in their Placement Preference Form, will not be selected as MEXT scholarship grantees.

## 6. APPLICATION PROCEDURE IN THAILAND

The Embassy of Japan will select preliminary candidates from among applicants by means of review of the submitted documents, written examination and interview.

### (1) Announcement of Application

Date: 4 May, 2015 (Mon.)

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok, (on website: <http://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp>)  
Consulate-General of Japan in Chiang Mai, (on website: <http://www.chiangmai.th.emb-japan.go.jp>)

### (2) Distribution of Application Form

Date: 4 May – 12 June, 2015 (Mon-Fri) \*Except Saturday, Sunday and National holiday

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok, (on website: <http://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp>)  
Consulate-General of Japan in Chiang Mai, (on website: <http://www.chiangmai.th.emb-japan.go.jp>)

### (3) Submitting of Application Form

Date: 8-12 June, 2015 (Mon.-Fri.)

Time: 13:30 – 16:30 hrs.

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok  
Consulate-General of Japan in Chiang Mai

Procedure: Applicants must submit the following documents to the Embassy of Japan, Bangkok or Consulate-General of Japan in Chiang Mai.

If sending by post, these documents must reach the Japan Information Service, the Embassy of Japan, Bangkok or Consulate-General of Japan in Chiang Mai by Friday, June 12, 2015.

Documents		Amount
1	Application (by the prescribed form)	1 original
2	Admission Form (by the prescribed form)	1 original
3	Field of Study and Study Program (prescribed form) สาขาวิชาที่จะศึกษา และแผนการศึกษา (ตามแบบฟอร์มที่กำหนดให้)	1 original
4	Photograph (4.5×3.5 cm, taken within the past six months, upper body, full-faced, uncapped. Write your name and nationality on its back and paste it on the application form and admission form)	3 photographs
5	Academic transcript of each academic of the university attended (issue by the university attended) ใบประมวลผลการศึกษาในระดับปริญญาตรี และปริญญาโท (ถ้ามี) ซึ่งออกโดยมหาวิทยาลัยที่กำลังศึกษา หรือเคยศึกษา	1 original
6	Graduation certificate or degree certificate of the last university attended (or an attested document certifying that the applicant will graduate from the school, where applicable) หนังสือรับรองคุณวุฒิตระดับปริญญาตรี และปริญญาโท (ถ้ามี) หรือเอกสารที่รับรองว่าผู้สมัครจะจบจากสถาบันนั้นๆ	1 original
7	Test Result or Certificate of Japanese Language Proficiency issued by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services and the Japan Foundation (If any)	1 copy
8	Score Report of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students issued by JASSO (If any)	1 copy

**\* These documents must be written in either Japanese or English, or accompanied by a translation in either of these languages. No application will be accepted unless all the documents mentioned below are fully and correctly completed. The documents submitted will not be returned.**

### (4) Written Examination

#### (A) Date and Place

Date: 28 June, 2015 (Sun.)

Time: 08:30 – 15:30 hrs.

Place: Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University (Bangkok)  
Faculty of Humanities, Chiang Mai University (Chiang Mai)  
Faculty of Education, Khon Kaen University (Khon Kaen)  
Faculty of Engineering, Prince of Songkla University (Songkla)

(B) Subjects for Written Examination: all subjects of examination are written in English.

Fields of Study		Subjects for Examination
R1 A	Social Sciences & Humanities	English
R1 B	Social Sciences & Humanities	English and Mathematics (A)
R2	Natural Sciences	English, Mathematics (B), and 1 optional subject Choose 1 subject from Chemistry, Physics, and Biology.

(C) Japanese language test: applicants who will study in Japan in the field of Japanese studies (language, literature, culture, history, education, etc.) **must** sit for Japanese language test.

Those who would like to be evaluated their Japanese language skills **can** sit for Japanese language test.

(D) Examination Schedule

Time	Social Sciences & Humanities (R1 A)	Social Sciences & Humanities (R1 B)	Natural Sciences (R2)
08:30 – 09:30	English	English	English
09:30 – 10:30		Mathematics (A)	Mathematics (B)
10:30 – 11:30			Chemistry
11:30 – 12:30			Physics or Biology
13:30 – 15:30	Japanese	Japanese	Japanese

(5) Announcement of the Result of the written examination

Date: 13 July, 2015 (Mon.)

Time: 16:00 hrs.

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok, (on website: <http://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp>)

(6) Interview: Interview will be given in English (and/or in Japanese to those who have knowledge of Japanese language.)

Date: 17-22 July, 2015 (Fri.-Wed.)

Time: 09:00 – 16:30 hrs.

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok

(A) Social Sciences and Humanities (R1 A and R1 B)

Date: 17 – 20 July, 2015 (Fri.-Mon.)

Time: 09:00 – 16:30 hrs.

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok

(B) Natural Sciences (R2)

Date: 21 – 22 July, 2015 (Tue.-Wed.)

Time: 09:00 – 16:30 hrs.

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok

(7) Announcement of Interview Result

Date: 27 July, 2015 (Mon.)

Time: 16:00 hrs.

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok, (on website: <http://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp>)

## 7. RECOMMENDATION TO MEXT

The Embassy of Japan will recommend the candidates who have passed the primary screening to MEXT.

(1) Meeting for Recommendation Procedure to MEXT

Date: 29 July, 2015 (Wed.)

Time: 14:00 hrs.

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok



(2) Submitting of Formal Application to MEXT

Date: 11 August, 2015 (Tue.)

Time: 09:30 hrs.

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok

\* MEXT will conduct a final selection based on the results of the primary screening, and select as Japanese government scholarship grantees those applicants who have been accepted by a Japanese university. Therefore, applicants who have passed the primary screening at the Embassy of Japan are not automatically accepted as scholarship grantees.

\*\* The result of the final selection will be notified to each applicant by the Embassy of Japan **not later than the end of January, 2016.**

(3) Japanese Language Examination

This examination is given to those who passed the interview for reference.

Date: 20 August, 2015 (Thur.)

Time: 14:00-16:00 hrs.

Place: Japan Foundation, Bangkok

Note 1: A written examination to evaluate Japanese language skills must be taken by all applicants. The result of these examinations will provide a basis for determining each applicant's language ability and will be reflected directly in the screening.

The result of the written Japanese examination will continue to be used as reference data for Japanese-language instruction due to be provided upon applicants' arrival in Japan.

Note 2: In particular, if an applicant with limited proficiency in Japanese desires to pursue fields of study such as Japanese linguistics, Japanese literature, Japanese history, or Japanese laws —fields that require sufficient knowledge of the Japanese language — he/she will not be selected as a grantee unless there is a very special situation.

## 8. PLACEMENT AND RESEARCH GUIDANCE AT UNIVERSITY

- (1) Placement of a grantee at a university will be made following a relevant request which was made to the university by the applicant who has passed the primary screening and obtained Admission. MEXT will request the universities named in the Placement Preference Form to accept the grantee, and place him/her there upon its approval in principal ( candidate who has received admission to a regular course for a degree will be placed directly in such course without needing to pass through a Research Student(non-degree) period).

If a candidate wants to enter either a public or a private university other than national university, the grantee's preference specified in the Placement Preference Form may not be met due to budgetary reasons concerning school fees, etc. Moreover, any objection by a candidate to the decision will not be allowed.

In case a candidate is not able to request Admission to any universities due to bad communication circumstances, MEXT will discuss with the universities which a candidate named in the Placement Preference Form. However the candidate may not be accepted nor may he/she selected by the universities and them by MEXT if his/her research program plan is vague, unclear, or insufficient in content, or his/her desired major field presents difficulty from the perspective of research guidance in Japan. In this case, any objection by a candidate to the decision will not be allowed.

- (2) Research guidance such as lectures, experiments and practical training at universities is basically conducted in Japanese.
- (3) If a grantee is judged to be insufficient in Japanese language proficiencies by the receiving university, usually he/she will be placed in a Japanese- language training institution designated by the university of placement or MEXT for the first six-month period after his/her arrival in Japan. Upon completion of the language training the grantee will be placed at a university for advanced education. If a grantee has poor achievement in the language training course and is considered unfit for advanced education at the university, scholarship payment will stop. (See 4.(1).)
- (4) If a grantee is deemed by his/her recipient university to be sufficient in Japanese language proficiency for conducting his/her research in Japan, he/she may be placed in the university as Research Student (non-degree) or a graduate student for a degree without going through Japanese-language training.

- (5) If a grantee desires to move on to a regular course for a degree from a Research Student (non-degree) course, or to a doctoral course from a master's course or a professional graduate course, he/she needs to take an entrance examination provided by the relevant university and pass it. To continue receiving the MEXT scholarship after advancing to a higher level, the grantee must undergo another screening examination and be awarded an extension of the scholarship. (See 3.(2).)

A grantee cannot apply for an extension of scholarship term while being enrolled in a Research Student (non-degree) course.

- (6) If a grantee desires to step up to a regular course for a degree from a Research Student non-degree course, in principle, he/she must move on to the graduate school of the university at which he/she is studying as Research Student. If proceeding to the graduate school is deemed to be inappropriate given the grantee's major field or ability, he/she may be allowed to transfer to another graduate school provided that he/she is admitted to enroll in.

Note 1: Under the educational system of Japan, a typical master's course lasts for two years subsequent to graduation from a university (i.e. after completion of a 16-year school curriculum), and a typical doctoral course lasts for three years after completion of a master's course. If a student has completed such two-, or three-year course, obtained necessary credits, and passed the final examination after submitting his/her graduation thesis, he/she will be given relevant degrees.

Note 2: In the fields of medicine, dentistry and veterinary science, and pharmacy which is founded on a 6-year department or faculty, most of the universities offer only 4-year doctoral courses. For admission to such doctoral course an applicant is required to have completed an 18-year school curriculum. If an applicant completed a 16-year school curriculum, he/she is required to have engaged for two or more years in research activities at universities or research institutions subsequent to completion of the 16-year curriculum, and to be deemed by a graduate school in Japan as being academically equal to an applicant who completed an 18-year curriculum.

Note 3: Professional graduate schools were implemented in 2003 designed to develop profound learning and outstanding ability that support professions that require sophisticated expertise. The standard required duration of study is two years. In some fields of study, the duration is less than two years but more than one year. Upon completion of the course a master's degree (specialized occupation) will be conferred.

Among the professional graduate schools are "graduates schools of law." This school requires the standard duration of study of three years. Upon completion of the course a student will be granted the degree of "Doctor of Law (specialized occupation)."

Note 4: Entrance examinations given by a graduate school vary from one university to another. In general, applicants have to take examinations in two foreign languages, his/her major subject, and an essay test.

## 9. NOTES

- (1) Each recipient is advised to learn the Japanese language and to acquire some information on Japanese climate, geography, customs, university education, and social conditions in Japan, as well as about the differences between the Japanese legal system and that of his/her home country before departing for Japan.
- (2) The recipient should bring approximately US \$2,000 or the equivalent to cover immediate needs after arrival in Japan.

(3) Accommodations:

- ① Residence halls for international students provided by universities.  
Some universities have residence halls for international students. The recipients enrolled at national universities where such facilities are available may reside, if they so desire, at these residence halls under certain conditions. However, because of the limited number of rooms, some of these facilities may not be able to accommodate all the students who wish to live in them.
- ② Private boarding houses or apartments.  
Those who are not able to find accommodation in the aforementioned facilities may live in regular dormitories of the university or in a private boarding house/apartment.  
It is very difficult for recipients with dependents to find appropriate housing in Japan. The recipient is requested to arrive in Japan alone first to secure housing before having his/her spouse and/or family come over to Japan.

- (4) The English texts attached to the Recruitment Items and the Application forms are for convenience only. English expressions do not change the Japanese content, so if you have any questions about the content of the written text, you should inquire at the Japanese diplomatic mission.
- (5) More detailed information on this scholarship program is available at the Embassy of Japan, Thailand.

## 10. REFERENCES

(1) Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Thailand

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