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Japanese Government Scholarship for 2015

The Embassy of Japan in the Kingdom of Bahrain is pleased to invite interested Bahraini students who wish to study various fields at Japanese universities as undergraduate students and research students (postgraduate students), to apply for MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) Scholarship for 2015.

The Japanese Government Scholarship Program, which was established in 1954, was created in order to increase mutual understanding between the people of Japan and other countries as well as to make an international contribution to the intellectual field. The scholarship benefits include air fees between Japan and Bahrain, tuition fees and a monthly allowance.

Applicants for "Undergraduate Students" must have been born between April 2, 1993 and April 1, 1998, and also must have completed a 12-year school education. (Any applicants who have the above qualifications by March, 2015 are also included.) Applicants for "Research students" must have been born on or after April 2, 1980.

The term of the scholarship is as follows:

1. Undergraduate Students

The scholarship is tenable for five years from April 2015 to March 2020 (including one-year for studying the Japanese language), except for those majoring in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or a six-year course in pharmacy, whose term of scholarship is seven years until March 2022.

2. Research Students

Applicants may choose one of the following terms of scholarship:

- (1) Two years from April 2015 to March 2017. (including six months for studying the Japanese language)
- (2) One and a half years from October 2015 to March 2017. (including six months for studying the Japanese language)

If the Grantee enrolls in a master's course, doctoral course, or professional graduate course after arriving in Japan, regardless of the time of his/her arrival in Japan; the scholarship will

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be payable for a period necessary for the Grantee to complete his/her regular course (standard course term). (Plus a 6-month Japanese language training period for the Grantee who requires such training.)

The selection of candidates is as follows:

- (1) The Embassy conducts a primary screening of candidates by means of submitted application documents, written examination and interviews.
- (2) The Government of Japan conducts a secondary screening based on the results of the primary screening conducted by the Embassy.

All requested documents must be submitted to the following organizations before the following date.

-Undergraduate Students: 22nd May 2014 (Submit to the Ministry of Education only)
-Research Students: 22nd May 2014 (Submit to the Embassy or the Ministry of Education)

The guideline and all of the requested documents can be downloaded in the following URL: URL: http://www.bh.emb-japan.go.jp/Scholarship2015.htm

This program has benefited 92,000 students from approximately 160 countries and regions around world from its beginning until May 2011. Around 30 Bahraini students have been given opportunities to study at Japanese universities, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Bahrain since 1994. Currently, six Bahraini students are studying in Japan.

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