



The following slides have been prepared for the next issue of the *BIRDS Project Newsletter*.

They pertain to SDG-type and ABE-type scholarships that are available to young persons in Africa from JICA, an agency of the government of Japan.

Applications for both types will open up around Oct or Nov of 2020; full details are with the JICA office in your country (*they are not with Kyutech*). Note that SDG-type scholarship requires the applicant to be nominated by his or her government; so this will take much time.

Please give this document to any young person who stands a high chance of being accepted. It may take several months to find the right applicant(s) ---- so please start the talent search right now.

-- G. Maeda, assistant professor, Kyutech, 26 August 2020

02. Japan Gov't Scholarships: summary of SDGs Global Leader

Please forward this *SDGs Global Leader* info to a young person who might benefit from it.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Introducing JICA's **SDGs Global Leader**

Applications for FY2020 were closed in November 2019. Next application period begins in October 2020 (To Be Announced).

If your country has a JICA office, it is likely that you can apply. Forward all your questions to that office (not to Kyutech). In any case, Kyutech is registered with this SDG program, so that if you apply with a wish to attend SEIC, and you are accepted by JICA, then you can study in SEIC at Kyutech with this scholarship from JICA.

1. Background / outline

Until now, JICA has provided training programs as a part of technical cooperation in various fields. In order to strengthen a network among the target countries in respective fields, JICA established a new long-term training program, called "SDGs Global Leader" to foster young/middle bureaucrats, academicians and leading human resources in various fields of target countries who will make influence on policy making processes of their countries or will contribute to socioeconomic development in near future.

Applicants may select the university, to which he/she wishes to apply, from the universities, which have concluded an agreement on accepting JICA participants on the condition that the candidate passes the entrance examination.

Proposed research topics will be the one that contribute to the Government policy for the sustainable development such as administration/public policy, finance, international politics, regional research, business, international trade/investment, disaster risk reduction, maritime issues and so on.

In addition to the programs in the master's and Ph.D. courses, the activities such as short-term program to learn the Japanese Development Experience, networking seminar, and/or internship program will be planned in order to enrich the participants' academic and personal experience of their courses of studies at the universities.

Link for SDG information:

https://www.jica.go.jp/jica-dsp/english/course/content/sdgs_global_leader.html

2. Objectives

1. To develop high level human resources who would contribute to appropriate policy decision and its implementation for tackling political and developmental issues in respective fields.
2. To establish and maintain mid and long term good relations between the target countries and Japan.

3. Target Participants

Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

Current Duties:

Young or middle Government official, prospective academics, personnel who are expected to contribute policy formulation and/or implementation for tackling sustainable developmental issues to mainly in the fields of public policy / administration and economics.

Nationality:

Citizen of the following target countries

Age:

Less than forty (40) years old in principle

Educational Background:

Have a Bachelor Degree or Master Degree

Language:

Adequate English skills both in written and oral communication to complete the master's and/or Ph.D. courses.

Others:

Applicants must not be receiving nor planning to receive another scholarship during the program.



JICA office Bhutan



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■ Target countries

Southeast Asia	Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia Myanmar, Philippine, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam
Pacific	Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu
South Asia	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
East and Central Asia	Mongolia, Tajikistan, Georgia
Latin America and the Caribbean*	Jamaica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Mexico, Dominica, Guatemala, Cuba, Belize, Chile, Peru, Costa Rica, Brazil, Paraguay
Middle East / Europe	Iran, Serbia, North Macedonia
Africa	49 countries (Sub-Saharan Africa)

*Target countries for Latin America and the Caribbean vary depending on each fiscal year.

For more information, please contact the JICA overseas office in your country.

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4. Number of Participants / Duration

JFY2019: 56 participants (Master's Program: 43, PhD Program: 13)

In principle, 2 years for Master's Program and 3 years for Ph.D. Program (It depends on each program offered by universities)

5. Expenses to be borne by JICA

Under the JICA Long-term Trainee Allowance standards, JICA will cover expenses and allowance to participants accepted for the program. A payment amount of the living allowance will be calculated in accordance with the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship standards. The grant which support your research, such as purchase of books or necessary equipment, participation fees for academic conference, research trips, etc. can be also provided by JICA. Note that the payments (e.g. for tuition, research support expenses, school support expenses) will not be paid to the training participants themselves, but directly to the university or other relevant institutions.



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6. Application schedule (TBA) *Application for JFY2020 has been closed in November 2019.

Applicants are nominated by each country's government, and then approved by JICA. After this procedure, screening will be conducted at the proposed universities. Applicants must pass University's regular admission procedures including examinations to enter the program.

← **IMPORTANT POINT**

October	Application information are distributed from the government / institute.
November	Application deadline to JICA First Screening at JICA Overseas office
December	Pre-screening by universities
January	Results notification of the pre-screening
February-April	Official application to each university
June	Results notification of the official application →Notification of Final results for the scholarship
July	Preparation for departure
August	Pre-orientation at JICA Overseas office
September	Departure



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END OF THIS SECTION (SDGs Global Leader)

03. Japan Gov't Scholarships: summary of ABE Initiative



Introducing JICA's **ABE Initiative**



Applications for FY2020 were closed in November 2019. Next application period begins in October 2020 (To Be Announced).

If your country has a JICA office in Africa, it is likely that you can apply. Forward all your questions to that office (not to Kyutech). In any case, Kyutech is registered with this ABE program, so that if you apply with a wish to attend SEIC, and you are accepted by JICA, then you can study in SEIC at Kyutech with this scholarship from JICA.

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1. Background

Africa's economy has been steadily increasing since 2000, due to factors such as its abundant natural resources and expansion of trade and investments. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimates that growth rates in Africa will remain as high as 5.4% up to 2016. While each African nation sets a target for sustainable economic development, political implementation, aimed at turning commodity-based economies into multifaceted industrialized economies through developing primary and secondary industries, is an urgent matter. On the other hand, the International Labor Organization (ILO) points out that the number of youth unemployment in Africa has reached nearly 75 million, almost one third of the youth population (200 million) in the whole region. Given these circumstances, it is expected that the yield of value-added industries and the realization of high productivity of industries in Africa, will resolve the issue as they generate job opportunities, and bring about more stabilized economies. Moreover, Japanese companies are showing strong recognition of and interest in a prosperous Africa.

At the 5th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V), held in Yokohama in 2013, the Japanese government stated its policy of strengthening support for the ongoing dynamic growth of Africa with stronger public-private partnerships. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced the "African Business Education Initiative for Youth (hereafter, referred to as the "ABE Initiative"), a strategic five-year plan providing 1,000 youths in Africa with opportunities to study for Master's degree at Japanese universities and experience internships at Japanese companies. Prior to the TICAD V, Japanese industries, including the Federation of Economic Organizations (KEIDANREN) and the Japanese government, had made a joint recommendation for TICAD V at "Public-Private Council for the Promotion of TICADV". These bodies pointed out that there is a need for human resource development in both private and public sectors of Africa in order to cultivate a strong human network between Japan and Africa. The recommendation also mentioned the significance of increasing the number of African people visiting Japan, as well as increasing awareness among Africans regarding the efficiency of Japanese technologies and systems of companies. The ABE Initiative was launched based on this recommendation.

JICA has been appointed to implement a master's degree and internship program within the ABE Initiative framework developed for countries whose official requests have been approved by the Government of Japan.

See the original source

<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/countries/africa/internship.html>

2. Objectives

The objective of the ABE Initiative Master's Degree and Internship Program is to support young personnel who can be a "Navigator" for contributing to the development of industries in Africa. This program offers opportunities for young African men and women to study at master's courses at Japanese universities as international students (hereafter, referred to as "participants") and experience internships at Japanese companies. The aim is for them to develop effective skills in order for them to contribute to various fields. Beyond acquisition of skills and knowledge, this program also intends to cultivate excellent personnel who can recognize and understand the contexts of Japanese society and systems of Japanese companies. The expected outcome of the program is a network of potential contributors to the development of African industries who will also lead Japanese businesses to engage further in economic activities in Africa.

3. Target Participants

Target participants are from among the following three types of personnel.

Persons from the Private Sector

Young individuals who are or will be involved in economic activities in the local private sector maintaining and developing strong ties with Japanese companies and expected to Africa's development through business activities.

Governmental Officials

Young officials, such as civil servants, who take part in formulation and/or implementation of industrial policies, and are expected to contribute to Africa's development through government activities.

Educators

Young instructors/teachers in college, university or research institution in Africa, and are expected to contribute to Africa's development through joint research/development with Japanese companies etc.

See the original source

<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/countries/africa/internship.html>

Number of Participants/Durations

- ◆ 1st batch (arrived in 2014): 156 participants
- ◆ 2nd batch (arrived in 2015): 317 participants
- ◆ 3rd batch (arrived in 2016): 348 participants
- ◆ 4th batch (arrived in 2017): 279 participants
- ◆ 5th batch (arrived in 2018): 119 participants

It is expected that the duration of stay in Japan will be a maximum of 3 years. (6 months as a research student, 2 years as a student for master course and 6 months as an intern)

← Over 1000 students from Africa have studied in Japan under the ABE Initiative.



See the ABE video (7 minutes):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luH6KlledHo&feature=youtu.be>

Kyutech has 2 SEIC students on ABE scholarships. Listen to their video:



SENIOR SHIMHANDA

Country : Namibia
Affiliation: Namibia Institute of Space Technology



VIEW THE VIDEO:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3q-Kq6C1djk>



HIND MAHMOUD ELHAJ

Country : Sudan
Affiliation: Institute of Space Research and Aerospace (ISRA)





Encourage your dynamic space-oriented young people in your country to apply to applicable JICA scholarship programs.



Japan International Cooperation Agency

If they pass JICA requirements, they can study SEIC at Kyutech.