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বিষয় : Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship for 2023.

জাপান সরকারের MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) Scholarship 2022-এর আওতায় Research (Master's & Ph.D.), Undergraduate, College of Technology এবং Specialized Training College প্রোগ্রামে অধ্যয়নের জন্য বাংলাদেশি নাগরিকদের নিকট থেকে আবেদন আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। উল্লেখ্য, Research (Master's & Ph.D.) পর্যায়ে ৪০ জন, Undergraduate পর্যায়ে ২৫ জন, College of Technology পর্যায়ে ১৫ জন এবং Specialized Training College পর্যায়ে ০৫ জন-কে প্রাথমিকভাবে বাছাই করা হবে। যারা পরবর্তীতে জাপান দূতাবাস কর্তৃক অনুষ্ঠেয় লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন।

উল্লেখযোগ্য শর্তাবলি:

Research (Master's & Ph.D.) Programme:

Age: Must have been born on or after April 2, 1988;

Academic Background: (স্নাতক/মাস্টার্স পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ হতে হবে);

Undergraduate Programme:

Age: Must have been born on or after April 2, 1998 (উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ হতে হবে);

College of Technology Programme:

Age: Must have been born between on or after April 2, 1998 (উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ হতে হবে);

Specialized Training College Programme:

Age: Must have been born between on or after April 2, 1998 (উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ হতে হবে)।

আবেদনপত্র দাখিলের নিয়মাবলি:

৩.০ প্রাথমিক পর্যায়:

৩.১ আবেদনকারীকে শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের নিয়োক্ত অনলাইন লিংক এ আহূত তথ্যাবলি দাখিল করতে হবে। তথ্যছক পূরণের গাইডলাইন (পৃষ্ঠা-১) দেয়া আছে।

অনলাইন লিংক <http://202.72.235.210/scholarship/mext/>

৩.২ শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের Online লিংকটি ২৮ এপ্রিল ২০২২ থেকে ১৬ মে ২০২২ বিকাল ০৫ টা পর্যন্ত খোলা থাকবে।

৩.৩ আবেদনকারীকে উক্ত অনলাইন লিংকে তথ্য (পৃষ্ঠা ০২) দাখিল করার পর উক্ত পূরণকৃত ফর্ম, সার্টিফিকেট/ মার্কশিট, পাসপোর্ট/ ন্যাশনাল আইডি কার্ডের ফটোকপি, পুলিশ ক্রিমার্যাল সনদ,

IELTS/TOEFL এর সার্টিফিকেটের কপি এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল ডকুমেন্ট এর সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ে নিম্নোক্ত ঠিকানায় জমা দিতে হবে:

ঠিকানা: বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা-এর ২নং গেইট-সংলগ্ন অভ্যর্থনা কক্ষের ৯নং কাউন্টারে রক্ষিত নির্ধারিত বাক্সে জমা দিতে হবে। উল্লেখ্য, উল্লিখিত স্থান ব্যতীত অন্য কোথাও আবেদন জমা দেয়া হলে তা বিবেচিত হবে না।

সময়: হার্ডকপি আবেদনপত্র দাখিলের সময়সীমা ২৯ এপ্রিল ২০২২ থেকে ১৭ মে ২০২২ পর্যন্ত প্রতিদিন সকাল ৯.০০ টা থেকে বিকাল ৪.৩০ টা পর্যন্ত।

৩.৪ খামের উপর অবশ্যই প্রাপক, প্রেরক, ID/ Tracking No. ও প্রোগ্রামের নাম উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

প্রাপক : উপসচিব (বৃত্তি), শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, কক্ষ নং : ১৭০৬, ভবন নং : ৬, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।

৩.৫ প্রার্থী বাছাইয়ের ক্ষেত্রে English Language Proficiency অথবা Japanese Language Proficiency- এর ওপর বিশেষ গুরুত্ব দেয়া হবে।

৩.৬ প্রার্থীদের প্রাথমিক বাছাই চূড়ান্তকরণের ক্ষমতা এ কমিটি সংরক্ষণ করে।

৩.৭ বিশেষভাবে উল্লেখ্য, কোনো প্রার্থী একাধিক প্রোগ্রামে আবেদন করলে তার আবেদন বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। অর্থাৎ আন্ডারগ্রাজুয়েট/ মাস্টার্স/ ডক্টরাল যে কোনো একটি প্রোগ্রামের জন্য আবেদন করা যাবে। এ ছাড়া, পূরণকৃত তথ্যছক ও ক্যাটাগরি অনুযায়ী প্রযোজ্য সার্টিফিকেট/মার্কশিট ও অন্যান্য যাবতীয় ডকুমেন্টের হার্ডকপি মন্ত্রণালয়ে জমা না দেওয়া হলে কোনো আবেদন বিবেচনা করা হবে না।

৪.০ দ্বিতীয় পর্যায় :

৪.১ প্রাথমিক পর্যায়ে আবেদন প্রাপ্তির পর যাচাই করে শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক প্রাথমিকভাবে প্রার্থী মনোনয়ন করা হবে।


৪.২ প্রাথমিকভাবে মনোনীত প্রার্থীদের তালিকা শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের ওয়েবসাইটে প্রকাশ করা হবে।

৪.৩ প্রাথমিক মনোনয়নের পরে মনোনীত প্রার্থীদের জাপান দূতাবাস কর্তৃক লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ করে চূড়ান্ত মনোনয়ন প্রদান করা হবে।

৪.৪ জাপান দূতাবাস কর্তৃক চূড়ান্ত মনোনয়নের পর MEXT এর নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদন করার নির্দেশনা দেয়া হবে।

* আবেদন করার সময় পুলিশ ক্রিয়ার্যাপ্স সনদ জমা দেওয়া সম্ভব না হলে উক্ত সনদের জন্য করা আবেদনের অনুলিপি জমা দিতে হবে এবং জাপান দূতাবাস কর্তৃক চূড়ান্ত পরীক্ষা গ্রহণের সময় অন্যান্য সকল সনদের মূল কপির সঙ্গে পুলিশ ক্রিয়ার্যাপ্স এর মূল কপি উপস্থাপন করতে হবে।

* উল্লেখ্য, বাছাইকৃত আবেদনকারীদের জাপান দূতাবাস কর্তৃক লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষা নেওয়া হবে। লিখিত পরীক্ষায় মূলত ইংরেজি ভাষার দক্ষতা যাচাই করা হয়ে থাকে।


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- ১। সিনিয়র সিস্টেমস অ্যানালিস্ট, আই.সি.টি.সেল, মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ শিক্ষা বিভাগ, শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা (বিজ্ঞপ্তিসহ উক্ত বৃত্তি সংক্রান্ত সকল কাগজপত্রাদি শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের ওয়েবসাইটে প্রচারসহ কলেজ এবং বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়সমূহের গ্রুপ মেইলে প্রদানের অনুরোধ জানানো হলো)।
- ২। সচিব, বাংলাদেশ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশন, আগারগাঁও শেরে বাংলা নগর, ঢাকা। [বিজ্ঞপ্তিটি বহল প্রচারের জন্য অনুরোধসহ।]

Online আবেদন ফর্ম পূরণের নির্দেশনা।

- আবেদনকারীকে অবশ্যই online এ আবেদন করতে হবে।
- প্রার্থীকে Program Name এর Drop down List থেকে আবশ্যিকভাবে পছন্দ নির্বাচন করতে হবে। পছন্দের বিষয় (Preferred Subject) এর নাম লিখতে হবে এবং প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্য input দিয়ে submit button এ Click করতে হবে।
- Online ফর্ম এ submit button এ Click করার পর আবেদনটি সফল হলে প্রার্থীর ID ও Password সংশ্লিষ্ট পেইজে প্রদর্শিত হবে।
- প্রার্থীকে **Language Certificate** সঠিক ভাবে লিখতে হবে। এক্ষেত্রে Score এ শুধুমাত্র Number ইনপুট দিতে হবে কোনভাবেই কোন Text ইনপুট দেয়া যাবে না।
- প্রার্থীকে **Total work experience** সঠিক ভাবে লিখতে হবে। এক্ষেত্রে শুধুমাত্র Number ইনপুট দিতে হবে কোনভাবেই কোন Text ইনপুট দেয়া যাবে না।
- প্রার্থীকে **Number of Publications** সঠিক ভাবে লিখতে হবে। এক্ষেত্রে শুধুমাত্র Number ইনপুট দিতে হবে কোনভাবেই কোন Text ইনপুট দেয়া যাবে না।
- প্রার্থীকে % of mark সঠিক ভাবে লিখতে হবে। এক্ষেত্রে online আবেদন এর নিচে লাল কালিতে উদাহরণ অনুসরণ করা যেতে পারে।
- Welcome page এর Menu থেকে Application Login এ Click করে Tracking Number এবং password প্রদান করে আবেদন পত্রটি Edit Application ও Print Preview এর মাধ্যমে প্রয়োজনীয় Edit ও Print করা যাবে।
- আবেদন পত্রটি Print করে Print কপি সহ চাহিত সকল Hard copy documents বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে প্রদত্ত ঠিকানায় জমা দিতে হবে।
- Online ফর্ম পূরণ সম্পর্কিত কোন সমস্যার জন্য scholar.banbeis@gmail.com তে e-mail করা যাবে।

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Secondary & Higher Education Division
Ministry of Education
Primary Information Form

01. Applicant's name:
02. Name of the Program applied for:
03. Father's Name:
04. Mother's Name:
05. Gender:
06. Date of Birth & Age:
07. National ID (attach photocopy, if any):
08. Passport Number (attach photocopy of the relevant pages, if any):
06. Nationality :
09. Permanent Address:
10. Contact Address:
11. E-mail:
12. Contact Number:
13. Proposed Subject/ Field of Interest:
14. Language Proficiency (Submit certificate, if any) :

IELTS/ TOEFL/ Others	Score

15. Particulars of Examinations Passed (Submit photocopies of certificates & marks sheets):

Name of Examination	Institution & Year of Passing	Secured Grade/ Class/ Division	% of the obtained marks

If applicable, submission of the following for Masters & PhD Program is a must.

16. Present Working Place (Attach certified copy of the concerned authority):
17. Job Title/ Designation:
18. Experience (attach evidence):
19. Special Training (attach evidence):
20. Proposed Research Title:
21. Publications (Give title only):

(N.B. Please attach one passport size photo & a list of the documents submitted).

APPLICATION GUIDELINES JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2023

(RESEARCH STUDENTS)

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan offers scholarships to international students who wish to study in graduate courses at Japanese universities as Research Students (either regular students or non-regular students) under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program as follows.

1. DEFINITION OF "RESEARCH STUDENTS"

Those who are enrolled in a master's course, a doctoral course, or a professional graduate course at a graduate school, or who are conducting research in a specialized field at an undergraduate department, graduate school, institute attached to a university, etc. without the aim of completing the course, or who are receiving preparatory education in the Japanese language and other subjects prior to placement at the university, etc. (Excluding Young Leaders' Program Students or Teacher Training Students.)

2. FIELDS OF STUDY

Applicants should apply for the field of study they majored in at university or its related field. Moreover, the fields of study must be subjects which applicants will be able to study and research in graduate courses at Japanese universities. The fields of study may be restricted to particular fields by the Japanese Embassy or Consulate (hereinafter referred to "Japanese diplomatic mission") in the applicant's country.

Traditional entertainment arts such as Kabuki and classical Japanese dances, or subjects that require practical training in specific technologies or techniques at factories or companies are not included in the fields of study under this scholarship program.

A student who studies 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 relevant license from the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare under applicable Japanese laws.

3. QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS

MEXT accepts applications from international students for study in Japan who satisfy the following qualifications and conditions. Its aim is to foster human resources who will become bridges of friendship between the grantee's 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 the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is not eligible. However, persons with dual nationality who hold Japanese nationality and whose place of residence at the time of application is outside of Japan are eligible to apply as long as they choose the nationality of the other country and renounce their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan (the acquisition of student status). The First Screening must be conducted at the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of which the applicant chooses the nationality.
- (2) **Age:** Applicants, in principle, must have been born on or after April 2, 1988. Exceptions are limited to cases in which MEXT deems that the applicant could not apply within the eligible age limit due to the situation or circumstances of the applicant's country (military service obligation, loss of educational opportunities due to disturbances of war, etc.) Personal circumstances (financial situation, family circumstances, state of health, circumstances related to applicant's university or place of employment, etc.) will not be considered for exceptions.
- (3) **Academic Background:** Applicants must satisfy any one of the following conditions for admission to either a master's or doctoral course at a Japanese graduate school in which they wish to first enroll. (Applicants who will certainly satisfy any of the following conditions by the time of enrollment are eligible.)
 - (a) **Master's course / Doctoral course (first phase)**
 - ① Applicants who have completed 16 years of school education in countries other than Japan.
 - ② Applicants who have completed a program with the standard study period of three years or more at universities or equivalent educational institutions in countries other than Japan and received a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree.
 - ③ Other than the above ① and ② conditions, applicants who are eligible for enrollment in a master's course /doctoral course (first phase) at a Japanese graduate school.
 - (b) **Doctoral course (second phase)**
 - ① Applicants who have been awarded with an overseas degree equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree.
 - ② Applicants who have graduated from universities and have been involved in research study at universities or

research centers (including overseas universities and research centers) for two years or more, and recognized as having academic competency equivalent to persons with a master's degree by the graduate school.

- ③ Other than the above ① and ② conditions, applicants who are eligible for enrollment in a doctoral course (second phase) at a Japanese graduate school.

(c) Doctoral course (faculties of medicine, dentistry, veterinary sciences and certain parts in pharmaceutical fields)

① Applicants who have completed 18 years of school education in countries other than Japan.

② Applicants who have completed a program with the standard study period of five years or more at universities or equivalent educational institutions in countries other than Japan and received a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree.

③ Applicants who have completed 16 years of school education in countries other than Japan and have been involved in research study at universities or research centers (including overseas universities and research centers) for two years or more, and recognized as having academic competency equivalent to university graduates in medicine, dentistry, veterinary sciences or certain parts in pharmaceutical fields by the graduate school.

④ Other than the above ①, ② and ③ conditions, applicants who are eligible for enrollment in a doctoral course (faculties of medicine, dentistry, veterinary sciences and certain parts in pharmaceutical fields) at a Japanese graduate school.

※ For (c) above, you must confirm necessary academic background details on the websites of the universities in which you wish to enroll since the academic background needed for admission may vary according to university. [For example, (c)-① stipulates that applicants must graduate from an undergraduate program in medicine, dentistry, veterinary or pharmaceutical sciences.]

(4) Japanese Language: Applicants must be willing to learn Japanese. Applicants must be interested in Japan and be willing to deepen their understanding of Japan after arriving in Japan. Applicants must also have the ability to do research and adapt to living in Japan.

(5) Health: Applicants must submit a health certificate in the prescribed format signed by a physician attesting that the applicant has no physical or mental conditions hindering the applicant's study in Japan.

(6) Arrival in Japan: Applicants must choose and fill in the Application Form either of the following arrival periods ① or ②. In principle, a change in the arrival period is not permitted after the submission of the Application Form.

① April term: In principle, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan between April 1, 2023, and April 7, 2023. Departure from the home residence should be on or after April 1, 2023.

② October term: In principle, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan during the period specified by the accepting university within two weeks before and after the starting date of the university's relevant academic term (September or October) for that year.

Excluding cases in which MEXT deems as unavoidable circumstances, the applicant must withdraw from this scholarship program if the applicant cannot arrive in Japan by the end of the specified period above which decided by MEXT or the accepting university.

(7) Visa Requirement: An applicant shall, in principle, newly obtain a "Student" visa at the Japanese diplomatic mission located in the applicant's country of nationality, and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student." Accordingly, even if the applicant already has other residence status ("Permanent resident," "Long-term resident," etc.), the applicant must change it to the "Student" status and re-enter Japan. Moreover, the applicant should be aware that after expiration of the status as a MEXT Scholarship student and even if the student again applies for their original resident status of "Permanent resident" or "Long-term resident," such resident statuses might not be necessarily granted. The applicant should also be aware that the scholarship will be cancelled if he/she arrived in Japan without a newly obtained "Student" visa.

(8) Non-eligibility: Those who meet any one of the following conditions are ineligible. If identified ineligible after being selected as a scholarship student, he/she must withdraw from the scholarship.

① Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of the payment of the scholarship;

② Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the last date of the period specified by MEXT or the accepting university;

③ Those who are previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship programs (including those who withdraw from the scholarship program after the arrival in Japan). This does not apply to: those who have educational or work experience exceeding more than three years from the following month of the period of the previous scholarship to the estimated first month of the payment of this scholarship; and the past grantees of Japanese Studies Students program who have graduated or are going to graduate from universities in their home countries, Japan-Korea Joint Government Scholarship Program for the Students in Science and Engineering Departments and Young Leaders' Program. The Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students is not included in the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship

Programs;

- ④ Those who are currently also applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system. This includes the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2022, although their final selection results have not been decided yet, and the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2023;
 - ⑤ Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university or other institution with a residence status of "Student," or who are going to be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution as a privately-financed international student from the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program in the applicant's country until the commencement of the period for payment of the MEXT scholarship. However, this stipulation does not apply to privately-financed international students who, even though they are enrolled, or are planning to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution, verifiably complete their studies before the start of the scholarship payment period, return to their home country at the time of the scholarship application, and newly acquire the "Student" residence status and come to Japan;
 - ⑥ Those who are planning to receive scholarship money from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of the applicant's country) on top of the scholarship money provided by MEXT after the start of the scholarship payment period;
 - ⑦ Those who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the condition of academic background by the deadline given;
 - ⑧ Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up Japanese nationality by the time of the arrival in Japan (the acquisition of student status);
 - ⑨ Those who change their residence status to that of other than "Student" after their arrival in Japan;
 - ⑩ Those who plan to, from the time of application for the MEXT scholarship program, engage in long-term research (such as fieldwork or internship) outside Japan or plan to take a long-term leave of absence from the university;
 - ⑪ Those who have completed a doctoral course and have no intention to obtain a degree.
- (9) **Others:** MEXT Scholarship will be granted those who are willing to contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and their home country by participating in activities at schools and communities during their study in Japan while contributing to the internationalization of Japan. They shall also make efforts to promote relations between the home country and Japan by maintaining close relations with the university attended after graduation, cooperating with the conducting of surveys and questionnaires, and cooperating with relevant projects and events conducted by the Japanese diplomatic mission after they return to their home countries.

4. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP

(1) Non-regular students:

- ① Grantees who arrived in Japan during the April term: The scholarship period will last from April 2023 until the end of March 2025.
- ② Grantees who arrived in Japan during the October term: The scholarship period will last from September or October 2023 until the end of March 2025.

In either case, the first 6-month period of scholarship will be a term of preparatory education of Japanese language (hereinafter referred to "the preparatory education") for those who require such education. In cases of arrival in Japan in other months than those specified above, MEXT will decide the period of scholarship separately.

(Note 1) In ② above, scholarship payments will begin in September 2023 only if the start date of the accepting university's autumn term is September 1, 2023. The scholarship payments will begin in October 2023 if the university's autumn term start date falls between September 2, 2023, and September 30, 2023.

(2) Regular students enrolled in master's, doctoral, or professional graduate courses:

Regardless of the date of arrival, the scholarship period shall be the necessary period for the completion of the respective regular course (hereinafter referred to "the standard period of study". See "13. ACADEMIC PATHWAY FOR RESEARCH STUDENTS" for the standard period of study at each course). For those requiring preparatory education, a 6-month preparatory education period will be separately added prior to the regular degree course.

5. EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP

Non-regular students wishing to advance to a regular degree course in a graduate school as a regular student, or regular students in a master's or professional graduate course wishing to proceed to a doctoral course, with outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria may apply for extension of the scholarship period for advanced study and may have the scholarship period extended upon a successful examination by MEXT. Followings are some points to note:

- ① The extension of the scholarship period will be permitted only if the successful student has passed an entrance examination for a regular degree course at a graduate school in which they wish to enroll and expresses

his/her intention to enroll in the course.

- ② Non-regular students cannot extend the scholarship period as they stay in non-regular courses.
- ③ Students who are admitted to advanced courses without receiving approval for the extension of the scholarship period for advanced study cannot be granted the extension of the scholarship period. (In such cases, it is possible for the students to be enrolled in advanced courses as a privately-financed student.)

6. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

(1) **Allowance:** The amounts listed below shall be paid depending on the course enrolled in. A supplemental regional allowance of 2,000 yen or 3,000 yen per month will be added to the monthly scholarship amount for the grantees studying or conducting research in specially designated regions. Due to the situation of the Japanese Government's budget, the amount of payment may be subject to change each fiscal year. If a grantee is absent from the university for an extended period, the scholarship shall be suspended for that period.

- ① Students receiving the preparatory education and non-regular students: 143,000 yen per month
- ② Regular students enrolled in master's or professional degree courses: 144,000 yen per month
- ③ Regular students enrolled in doctoral courses: 145,000 yen per month.

(2) **Education fees:** Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation, and tuition at universities will be paid by MEXT. The entrance examination fee, however, will be borne by the grantees if they cannot proceed to the master's or doctoral course or cannot be admitted by the university.

(3) Traveling Expenses

① **Transportation to Japan:** MEXT will stipulate the travel schedule and route, and provides an airline ticket to grantees who will arrive in Japan during the specified period stated in "3. (6) Arrival in Japan". The airline ticket will be an economy-class ticket for the flight from the international airport closest to the grantee's residence (in principle, the country of nationality) to an international airport in Japan used on the normal route to the accepting university. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to domestic travel from the grantee's residence to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within Japan (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. The grantee shall also bear at his/her own expense travel and lodging costs incurred in a third country if the grantee must travel to a third country before coming to Japan for visa purposes because there are no Japanese diplomatic missions in his/her country, or if there are no direct flights from the grantee's country of residence to Japan. MEXT will provide an economy-class airline ticket from the grantee's country of residence to the said third country, and from the third country to an international airport in Japan used on the normal route to the accepting university. In principle, the address given in the space for "Your address before departure for Japan" on the application form shall be recognized as the "residence," and the airline ticket will be arranged for a flight from the international airport nearest to that address. Except for cases when the grantee must travel to a third country to obtain a visa, MEXT will not provide an airline ticket for cases of travel to Japan from a country other than the grantee's country of residence due to the grantee's personal circumstances. If a grantee will arrive in Japan before or after the specified period stated in "3. (6) Arrival in Japan", travel expenses will not be paid.

② **Transportation from Japan:** Based on the application by the grantee, MEXT will provide an airline ticket to grantees who shall graduate the accepting university and return to the home country by the end of the final month of the period of scholarship (See "4. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP") designated by MEXT. MEXT shall provide an economy-class airline ticket from the international airport in Japan used for the normal route to and from the accepting university to the international airport (in principle, in the country of nationality) nearest to the returning grantee's residence. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to travel from the grantee's residence in Japan to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within the country of nationality (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. If a grantee returns to the home country before the end of period of scholarship due to personal circumstances, or reasons stated in "7. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP", MEXT will not pay for the returning travel expenses.

If a grantee continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended (ex. proceeding to further education or being employed in Japan, continuing to register at the university), travel expenses for a temporary return will also not be paid.

7. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

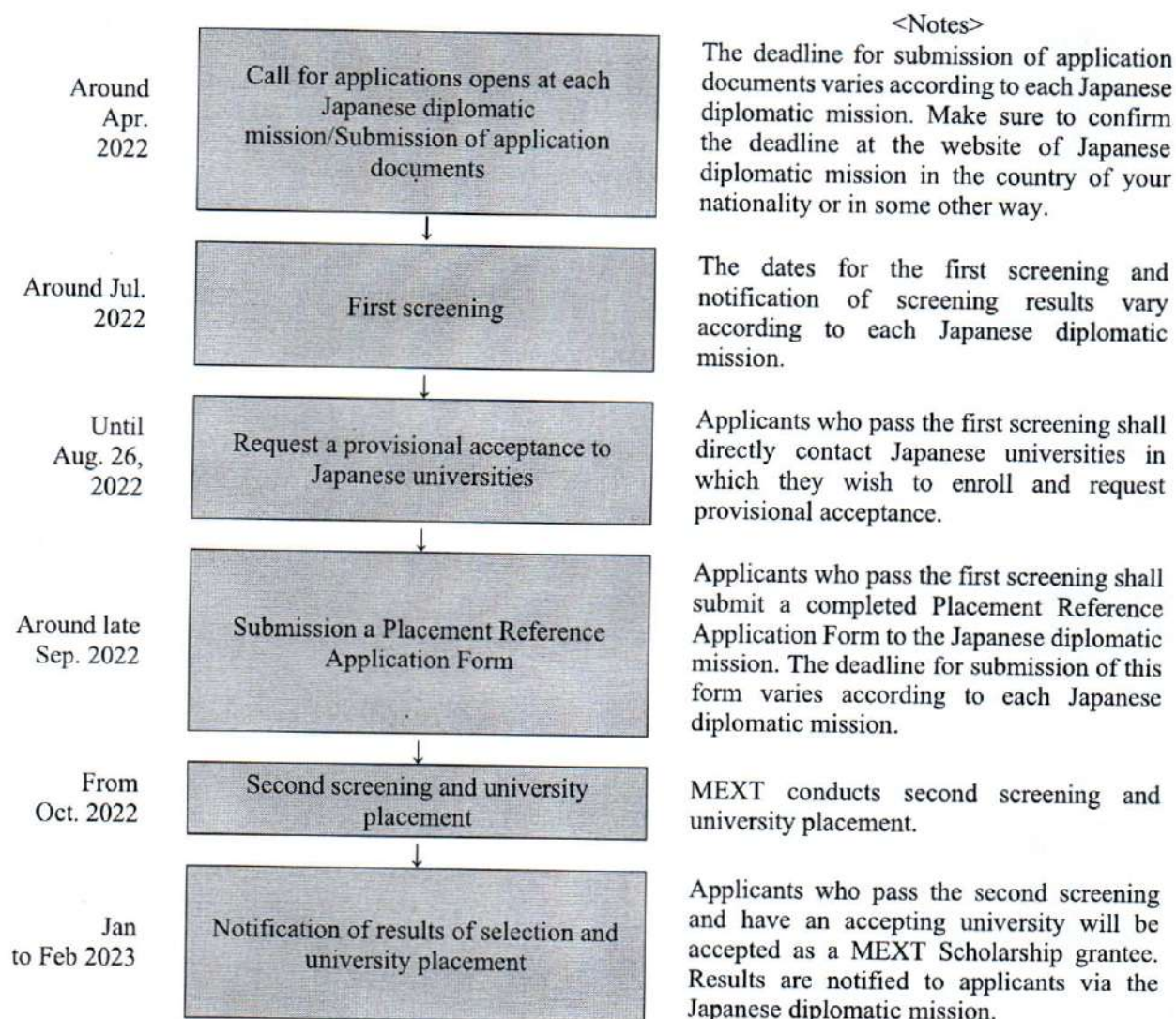
Payment of the scholarship will be cancelled for the reasons given below. Should any of the following reasons apply, the grantee may be ordered to return a part of, or all of, the scholarship paid up to that time. Payment of the scholarship may also be stopped during the period up to the decision on the disposition of the matter.

- ① A grantee is determined to have made a false statement on his/her application;
- ② A grantee violates any article of his/her pledge to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;

- ③ A grantee violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced and imprisoned for an indefinite period or for a period exceeding 1 year;
- ④ A grantee is suspended from his/her university or preparatory educational institution or receives other punishment, or is removed from enrollment; as a disciplinary action in accordance with school regulations of the accepting institution;
- ⑤ It has been determined that it will be impossible for a grantee to complete the course within the standard period of study because of poor academic grades or suspension or absence from the university or preparatory educational institution;
- ⑥ A grantee came to Japan without newly acquiring the "Student" residence status, or changed his/her residence status to one other than "Student";
- ⑦ A grantee has received another scholarship (excluding those specified for research expenditures);
- ⑧ A grantee proceeds to a more advanced level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship.

8. THE PROCESS OF APPLICATION AND SELECTION

The following chart indicates the whole process from the call for applications, selection and final results. See the following Section 9. to 12. for more details.



9. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Applicants must submit the following documents to the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of the applicant's nationality by the designated deadline. The submitted documents will not be returned.

No.	Documents	1 original	2 copies	Remarks
①	Application Form	○	○	Use the 2023 Application Form. (See Note 4.)
②	Placement Preference Application Form	○	○	Use the 2023 form.
③	Field of Study and Research Plan	○	○	Use the 2023 form. (See Note 5.)
④	Academic transcript for all academic year of university attended	○	○	A transcript issued either by the university attended or by the applicant's national government. (See Note 6.)
⑤	Certification of graduation or degree certificate of the university attended	○	○	If the applicant has not yet graduated, submit a certificate of prospective graduation from the university. (See Note 7.)
⑥	Recommendation letter from the president/dean or the academic advisor at the current or last university attended	○	○	Free format. A sample format is available.
⑦	Medical certificate	○	○	Use the 2023 certificate form.
⑧	Abstracts of theses	●	●	Submit if the applicant has written theses. (See Note 8.)
⑨	Certificate of language proficiency	○	● (3 copies)	Only in case the applicant has documents attesting to competency in Japanese or English; submit 3 copies. No original document necessary. (See Note 9.)
⑩	Recommendation letter from the present employer	●	●	Submit if the applicant is currently employed. (Free format. A sample format is available.)
⑪	Photograph(s) showing applicant's own works of art or a digitally recorded media of musical performance	●	●	Submit if the applicant is to major in fine arts or music.

(Note 1) Documents indicated by the white circle (○) must be submitted by all the applicants. Documents indicated by the black circle (●) should be submitted only if applicable.

(Note 2) These documents must be written in Japanese or English, or translation in either of these languages should be attached.

(Note 3) Ensure that there is no missing information in the application form when printing out. Write the document number, from ① to ⑪ (refer to the numbers in the table above) in the upper right-hand corner of the first page for all the documents.

(Note 4) The applicant's photograph to be attached to the Application Form should be of clear quality, taken within six months of submission, and printed on paper specially for photographs. The photograph should be 4.5 x 3.5 cm. upper-body, full-faced, no hats. Please write applicant's name and nationality on the back of the photograph. The photograph data can be pasted to the Application Form and printed out.

(Note 5) The sheet of Field of Study and Research Plan should describe the applicant's past and present field of study and research theme and plan in Japan as it will serve as an important reference for placement of the applicant to a university.

(Note 6) Applicants must submit the following documents according to his/her academic background:

- Applicants who have already graduated from a university's undergraduate program: an academic transcript of the program;
- Applicants who have already completed a degree program at a graduate school: academic transcripts of both the undergraduate and the graduate programs;
- Applicants who are pursuing an undergraduate degree: an academic transcript that covers from the year of enrollment to the term for which grades have been determined at the time of application for the scholarship;
- Applicants who are pursuing a graduate school degree: an academic transcript of the undergraduate program and an academic transcript of the degree program at the graduate school that covers from

the year of enrollment to the term for which grades have been determined at the time of application for the scholarship.

The academic transcripts should show the grade scale applied and the grades earned by the applicant in all the subjects studied for each year of study at the course attended. A degree certificate or a certificate simply showing the ranking of the applicant at the time of graduation will not substitute for academic transcripts. Those who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree must also submit a transcript when he/she graduates from that program by the time selection results are finalized.

(Note 7) Applicants must submit the following documents according to his/her academic background:

- (a) Applicants who have already graduated from a university's undergraduate program: a certificate of graduation from the undergraduate program;
- (b) Applicants who have already completed a graduate school degree: certificates of graduation from both the undergraduate and graduate programs;
- (c) Applicants who are pursuing an undergraduate degree: a certificate of prospective graduation from the undergraduate program;
- (d) Applicants who are pursuing a graduate degree: a certificate of graduation from the undergraduate program and a certificate of prospective graduation from the degree program at the graduate school.

A copy of the graduation certificate or the degree certificate is acceptable if the copy is attested by an authorized official of the university. (Do not submit the originals as the submitted documents will not be returned.) Those who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree must also submit a certificate of graduation when he/she graduates from that program by the time selection results are finalized.

(Note 8) For abstracts of the theses, abstracts of the graduation thesis and any presented papers will be acceptable. These abstracts will be used as basic data for evaluation of the applicant's academic ability. Make sure the applicant's name is on the first page of the abstracts.

(Note 9) If printing out the certificates from the Internet, print out and submit a page showing the applicant's name and the details of the relevant qualification (level, score, etc.).

10. FIRST SCREENING

- (1) The Japanese diplomatic missions will conduct the First Screening of applicants by means of examination of submitted application documents, written examinations of language proficiency and interviews.
- (2) The subjects of written examinations of language proficiency will be Japanese and English. Both subjects must be taken by all applicants. The result of the Japanese language examination will be used as reference for the Japanese-language preparatory education to be provided after the grantee's arrival in Japan.
- (3) The following policy will apply to each stage of screening:
 - ① Examination of submitted application documents: Must show that the applicant's academic achievement at the university that he/she last graduated from equaled to or exceeded a certain level, and state the applicant's research plan in a detailed and concrete manner;
 - ② Written examination of language proficiency: Must show language proficiency adequate for research in a Japanese university;
 - 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. The interview must also reveal that the applicant has sufficient Japanese or English language ability to communicate with his/her academic advisor in Japan. If the applicant desires to study a subject that requires advanced Japanese language proficiency, the interview must show that the applicant has a considerable degree of Japanese language proficiency.
- (4) The date and time of the notification of the results of the First Screening will be specified separately by the Japanese diplomatic missions in the applicant's country; the reasons for the results of the screening will not be disclosed. Those who pass the First Screening will not necessarily be selected as the MEXT Scholarship grantees.
- (5) The results of the First Screening will be used as reference for the Second Screening and the university placement.

11. REQUEST OF PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE AND SUBMISSION OF A PLACEMENT FORM

- (1) A letter of provisional acceptance will greatly influence final selection results. Applicants may be rejected if they have not obtained any such letter. Applicants who have passed the First Screening should, therefore, ask universities they wish to attend to issue letters of provisional acceptance.
- (2) Applicants who have passed the First Screening shall directly contact the Japanese universities they wish to enter after the notification of the First Screening results by Friday, August 26, 2022 (Japan time) in order to request the issuance of letters of provisional acceptance as a regular or a non-regular student in graduate school. Applicants should be aware the following notes.
 - ① The number of universities which can be filled in the ②Placement Preference Application Form is up to three universities. The applicants can, however, obtain up to a maximum of two letters of provisional acceptance. Do not obtain more than two letters of provisional acceptance.
 - ② Applicants can contact up to a maximum of two universities at the same time. Do not contact more than two

universities at the same time. If, however, they have received a rejection from one of the universities and thus they have been waiting for reply from less than two universities, then they can newly contact another university for request a letter of provisional acceptance.

- ③ A contact with universities requesting issuance of a letter of provisional acceptance made on Saturday, August 27, 2022 or after is not permitted.
 - ④ Since the above “Friday, August 26, 2022 is not the deadline for the universities to issue a letter of provisional acceptance, applicants must not urge the universities for the issuance. However, applicants may confirm with the university if the scheduled time of the issuance is delayed. In addition, applicants should keep it in mind when scheduling request letters of provisional acceptance that universities generally need one month to issue a letter of provisional acceptance.
 - ⑤ Applicants should first contact the division of international student affairs at the university (not an academic advisor you wish to be supervised by) to request a letter of provisional acceptance. (MEXT will inform the divisions of international student affairs beforehand that applicants who have passed the first screening may contact them.) The Japanese diplomatic mission can provide a list of contact information.
 - ⑥ The information on useful websites to search Japanese universities and researchers are also available from the Japanese diplomatic mission.
- (3) When requesting universities for issuance of a letter of provisional acceptance, applicants must submit directly to universities the following documents (a) and (b).
- (a) Copy of a Passing Certificate of the First Screening issued by the Japanese diplomatic mission
 - (b) A set of copies of the following documents submitted to the Japanese diplomatic mission among the “9. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS” that have been stamped by the Japanese diplomatic mission and returned to the applicants
- ① Application Form
 - ③ Field of Study and Research Plan
 - ④ Academic transcript for all academic year of university attended
 - ⑤ Certificate of graduation or degree certificate of the university attended
 - ⑥ Recommendation letter from the president/dean or the academic advisor at the current or last university attended
 - ⑧ Abstracts of theses (*Only if submitted to the Japanese diplomatic mission)
 - ⑨ Certificate of language proficiency (*Only if submitted to the Japanese diplomatic mission)
 - ⑩ Recommendation letter from the present employer (*Only if submitted to the Japanese diplomatic mission)
 - ⑪ Photograph(s) showing applicant’s own works of art or a digitally recorded media of musical performance (*Only if submitted to the Japanese diplomatic mission)

Applicants must submit any other necessary documents requested by universities. Do not submit “②Placement Preference Application Form” and “⑦Medical Certificate” to the universities.

The above documents (a) and (b) should be sent by e-mail, but in cases when it is difficult to access the Internet, the documents may be sent by postal mail. Please make sure each document ①, ③ to ⑥, and ⑧ to ⑪ have been stamped, and that all lettering and photographs are clear and legible. Please also note that if a copy of the Passing Certificate of the First Screening is not submitted, the university cannot comply with the request to issue a letter of provisional acceptance.

- (4) Applicants must always report the response from the universities and submit the final Placement Preference Application Form based on the responses from the universities and obtained letters of provisional acceptance to the Japanese diplomatic mission by the specified deadline. It is not allowed to fill in the Placement Preference Application Form the names of universities and all departments at the universities that have declined the applicant’s request.
- (5) Applicants should confirm carefully with the universities the period of arrival in Japan specified in the letter of provisional acceptance because it is not permitted, in principle, to change the specified period of arrival even if the applicants have stated in their Application Forms that they were able to arrive in either for the April term or the October term.

12. SECOND SCREENING AND UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

- (1) MEXT conducts the Second Screening based on the results of the First Screening conducted by the Japanese diplomatic mission in the applicant’s country, and selects the applicants as the MEXT Scholarship Students as long as their placement to universities have been decided.

An application may be rejected if it arouses proliferation concerns including those over weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and related items, e.g. a case where it is highly possible that the applicant will receive the technology that is controlled pursuant to United Nations Security Council resolutions, or that any WMD-related technologies will be transferred to an applicant who belongs to (an) organization(s) on the End User List

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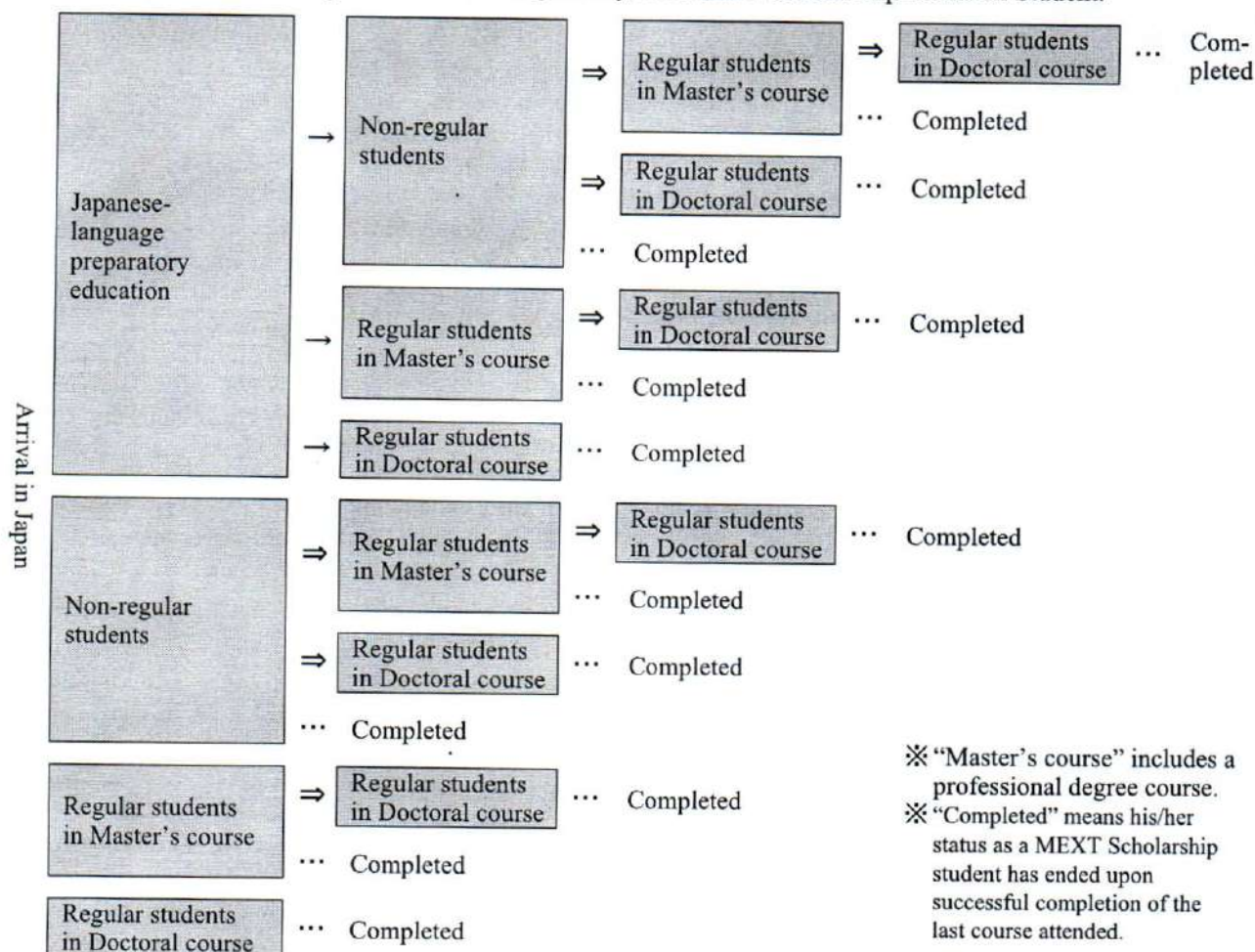
- (2) An applicant who successfully passes the Second Screening will, in principle, be placed at the university from which the applicant has received a letter of provisional acceptance. MEXT will hold consultations with the three preferred universities listed in the applicant's Placement Preference Application Form and place the applicant at the university that approves the admittance as result of the consultation.

In case that the applicant's preferences include a private or non-national public university as well as a national university, the applicant's preference order specified in his/her Placement Preference Application Form may not be met due to restrictions on the Japanese government's budget, and the option of national university may be prioritized regardless.

- (3) Applicants who receive a letter of provisional acceptance to the regular course at a graduate school will be directly placed in the said regular course without going through the period of the non-regular student.
- (4) If an applicant is judged by the accepting university, based on the results of the written examination of language given in the First Screening, not to have adequate Japanese language proficiency to understand lectures or research guidance for experiments or practical training at the university, the applicant will be placed in a course of Japanese-language preparatory education at an institution designated by the accepting university or MEXT for the first six-month period after the arrival in Japan. Upon completion of the Japanese language course, the grantee will enter the accepting university for advanced education.
- (5) If a grantee is deemed by the accepting university to have sufficient Japanese language proficiency to conduct research, the grantee may directly enter the accepting university as a regular student or a non-regular student.
- (6) Applicants will be notified by the Japanese diplomatic mission of the final selection results and the grantees' accepting university from January 2023 to February 2023. Any objections to the decision on the university placement will not be accepted.

13. ACADEMIC PATHWAY FOR RESEARCH STUDENTS

The following chart indicates possible academic pathway as a MEXT Scholarship Research Student.



- (1) In the above chart, the single-lined arrow → indicates that the application for extension of the scholarship period is unnecessary. The double-lined arrow ⇒ indicates that the application for extension of the scholarship period will be necessary to proceed to a higher program. Extension of the scholarship period will be permitted only if the successful student has passed an entrance examination for a regular degree program at a graduate

school. (See "5. EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP".)

- (2) While the entrance examinations to graduate school vary depending on universities, assessment of the applicant's foreign language competence, grasp of the specialized subject for study, plans for the graduation thesis, interview, etc. are normally included.
- (3) The degree courses at the university's graduate schools under the Japanese school system include as follows.
 - ① Master's degree course: The standard period of study is two years subsequent to graduation from a university. In some courses, the duration is less than two years but more than one year. Students who complete a master's degree course are awarded a Master's Degree.
 - ② Doctoral degree course: A three-year degree course subsequent to completion of a master's degree course. In the fields of medicine, dentistry and veterinary science, and pharmacy which is based on a 6-year undergraduate course, most of the universities offer only 4-year doctoral courses. Applicants are required to have completed 18 years of school education. Students who complete a doctoral degree course are awarded a Doctoral Degree.
 - ③ Professional degree course: A course at a professional graduate school. The standard period of study is two years. In some fields of study, the duration is less than two years but more than one year. Student who complete a professional degree course are awarded a Professional Degree. Graduate law schools offer a three-years course and students who complete the course are also awarded a Professional Degree (so-called a Juris Doctor).

14. UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event of unavoidable or unforeseen circumstances, Japanese Government reserves the right to change or cancel the arrival date, scholarship, and contents of the application guidelines here within, at any time before or after notification of the results of the final selection.

Unavoidable Circumstances are defined as events whose effects could not reasonably be prevented or controlled by MEXT or Ministry of Foreign Affairs (including Embassies and Consulate generals of Japan) including but not limited to acts of God, acts of government (including local government, hereafter referred to as government), acts of government authorities (including limitations on travel or immigration enacted by the Japanese government or other foreign countries' government due to the event of infectious disease), compliance with law, regulations or orders, fire, flooding and torrential rain, earthquakes, acts of war (regardless of a declaration of war), revolt, revolution or rebellion, strike, or lockout.

15. NOTES

- (1) The grantees are advised to learn, before departing for Japan, the Japanese language and to acquire information about Japanese weather, climate, customs, university education, and conditions of the university to attend in Japan, as well as about the difference between the Japanese legal system and that of his/her home country.
- (2) As the first installment of the scholarship payment will be made from one month to one and a half months after the grantee's arrival in Japan, the grantee is recommended to bring at least approximately US\$2,000 with him/her to Japan to cover immediate living expenses and other necessary expenses.
- (3) The scholarship payments will be transferred to the bank account of Japan Post Bank (JP Bank) opened by each grantee after the arrival in Japan. MEXT will not transfer the scholarship payments to other account.
- (4) Grantees must enroll in National Health Insurance (Kokumin Kenko Hoken) upon arrival in Japan.
- (5) It is suggested that grantees acquire a "My Number Card" upon arrival in Japan.
- (6) Accommodations:
 - ① Residence halls for international students provided by universities: Some universities have residence halls for international students. The grantees enrolled at such universities may reside at these residence halls under certain conditions. However, due to the limited number of rooms, some of these facilities may be unavailable. Expenses relating to accommodations will be borne by the grantee.
 - ② Private boarding houses or apartments: Those who are unable to find accommodation in the aforementioned facilities may live in regular dormitories of the university or in private boarding houses/apartments with his/her expenses. It is difficult for grantees with dependents (spouse and children) to find appropriate housing in Japan. The grantee is requested to arrive in Japan alone first to secure housing before having his/her dependents come to Japan.
- (7) Information regarding the MEXT Scholarship Students (name, gender, date of birth, nationality, accepting university/graduate school/undergraduate school, field of specialty, period of enrolment, career path after completion of scholarship, contact information [address, telephone number, e-mail address]) may be shared with other relevant government organizations for the purpose of utilization for international students programs implemented by the Japanese Government (support during period of study in Japan, follow-up survey, improvement of the international student system).

Information regarding MEXT Scholarship Students (excluding date of birth and contact information) may be included in publicity materials prepared by the Japanese Government for promoting the acceptance of

international students in Japan, particularly in order to introduce former MEXT Scholarship Students who are playing active roles in countries around the world.

These matters are included in the Pledge stipulating rules and regulations which MEXT Scholarship Students must comply with and submit when they have been granted the Scholarship.

- (8) The English texts attached to the Application Guidelines and the Application Form are for complementary use only. English expressions do not change the Japanese content.
- (9) If there are any questions about the content of the written text in this Application Guidelines or any other matters, applicants/grantees should inquire the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of the applicant's nationality and follow their instructions.
- (10) In addition to the regulations stipulated in this Application Guidelines, those that are necessary to implement the Japanese Government Scholarship programs shall be determined by the Japanese Government.

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2023**

(COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY (KOSEN) STUDENTS)

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan offers scholarships to international students who wish to study at Japanese colleges of technology (KOSEN) as College of Technology (KOSEN) Students under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program as follows.

1. DEFINITION OF “COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY (KOSEN) STUDENTS”

Those who are enrolled in a course of study or in an advanced course at a college of technology (KOSEN), or who are receiving preparatory education in the Japanese language and other subjects prior to placement at the college of technology (KOSEN). Under the application guidelines, MEXT calls for applicants who will study in a one-year preparatory course and then will be enrolled into the third year of the course at the college of technology (KOSEN) and receive specialized education for three years (in the case of maritime engineering, for three and a half years.)

2. FIELDS OF STUDY

Those who apply for a college of technology (KOSEN) student must choose a field of study in accordance with the following procedure and fill in “Preferred field of study and majors elements” on the application form.

- (1) Choose preferred field(s) of study from among (A) to (H) below. Applicants may enter a first, second and third choice.

(A) Mechanical Engineering	(B) Electrical and Electronic Engineering
(C) Information, Communication and Network Engineering	(D) Materials Engineering
(E) Architecture	(F) Civil Engineering
(G) Maritime Engineering	(H) Other Fields

- (2) Choose preferred majors element(s) from the “Name of Majors Elements” listed in the chosen field(s) of study on the Annex “Majors and Related Key Terms for Fields of Study”.

- (Note 1) Applicants can choose “(H) Other Fields” in combination with every other field of study. The subject (Chemistry or Physics) for the academic written examination will be determined depending on the combination of chosen fields of study. Please confirm your subject to be undertaken in “8. SELECTION”.
- (Note 2) Applicants who apply for “(D) Materials Engineering” may not choose it in combination with other fields of study, excluding “(H) Other Fields”. Applicants wishing to choose more than one Majors Elements, should select their first, second and third choice of the Elements from ones under “(D) Materials Engineering” and/or “(H) Other Fields”.
- (Note 3) An Applicant who applies for “(G) Maritime Engineering” must have vision of 0.5 or more in either eye with or without glasses, and no color-blindness.
- (Note 4) Applicants who choose “(H) Other Fields” (International Communication or Management Information Engineering) may have difficulties in finding colleges of technology (KOSEN) capable of accepting them. Applicants who choose “(H) Other Fields” are recommended to choose another field(s) of study in addition to “(H) Other Fields”.

3. PREPARATORY EDUCATION AND STUDY AT COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY (KOSEN)

(1) Preparatory Education

- ① Each grantee will be enrolled at a preparatory educational institution designated by MEXT for the first year of the scholarship period. The preparatory course is a one-year intensive course in the Japanese language, Japanese affairs, mathematics, and other subjects necessary for preparation for proceeding to a college of technology (KOSEN).
- ② A grantee who has completed the preparatory course will go on to a college of technology (KOSEN)

designated by MEXT. If a grantee is determined to be incapable of completing the preparatory course, his/her scholarship will be cancelled and he/she will be required to return to his/her home country.

- ③ If a grantee cannot enter the college of technology (KOSEN) even though he/she has completed the preparatory education, his/her scholarship will be cancelled, and he/she will be required to return to his/her home country.

(2) College of Technology (KOSEN)

- ① The college of technology (KOSEN) which the grantee who has completed the preparatory course enrolls will be decided by MEXT upon consultation with the college concerned. No objection by the grantee against the decision will be allowed.
- ② A college of technology (KOSEN) operates under a five-year course requiring graduation from a junior high school for entrance, but the grantees of this scholarship will be enrolled into the third year of the course at the college of technology (KOSEN) and receive specialized education for three years prior to graduation (or three and a half years for those who major in maritime engineering). A grantee who graduates will be awarded a diploma and an academic title of "Associate".
- ③ All classes will be given in the Japanese language.
- ④ After a five-year course, a two-year advanced course is offered by the college of technology (KOSEN) to provide a further level of education. If a grantee wishes to continue study at the advanced course as MEXT Scholarship student, the scholarship period should be extended upon successful examination by MEXT (See "5. (2) Extension of period of scholarship".) If a grantee completes the advanced course and passes the examination by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education (NIAD-QE), NIAD-QE awards a bachelor's degree to him/her.

(3) Change of Field of Study and Transfer to Another Institution

- ① A grantee will not be permitted to change his/her field of study during the study at preparatory educational institution and college of technology (KOSEN).
- ② A grantee will not be permitted to transfer to another educational institution during the period of the preparatory education course or the course at the college of technology (KOSEN).

4. QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS

MEXT accepts applications from international students for study in Japan who satisfy the following qualifications and conditions. Its aim is to foster human resources who will become bridges of friendship between the grantee's 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 the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is not eligible. However, persons with dual nationality who hold Japanese nationality and whose place of residence at the time of application is outside of Japan are eligible to apply as long as they choose the nationality of the other country and renounce their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan (the acquisition of student status). The First Screening must be conducted at the Japanese Embassy or Consulate (hereinafter referred to "Japanese diplomatic mission") in the country of which the applicant chooses the nationality.

- (2) Age:** Applicants, in principle, must be born between on or after April 2, 1998.

Exceptions are limited to cases in which MEXT deems that the applicant could not apply within the eligible age limit due to the situation or circumstances of the applicant's country (military service obligation, loss of educational opportunities due to disturbances of war, etc.) Personal circumstances (financial situation, family circumstances, state of health, circumstances related to applicant's university or place of employment, etc.) will not be considered for exceptions.

(3) Academic Background: Applicants must satisfy any one of the following conditions.

- ① Applicants who have completed 11 years of schooling in countries other than Japan. (Applicants who will meet the above condition by March 2023 are eligible.)
- ② Other than the above ① condition, applicants who are eligible for transfer admission to a third-year course at a college of technology (KOSEN) at the time of application.

(4) Japanese Language: Applicants must be willing to learn Japanese. Applicants must be interested in Japan and be willing to deepen their understanding of Japan before and after arriving in Japan. In addition, in principle, applicants must be willing to receive college of technology (KOSEN) education in Japanese.

(5) Health: Applicants must submit a health certificate in the prescribed format signed by a physician attesting that the applicant has no physical or mental conditions hindering the applicant's study in Japan.

(6) Arrival in Japan: In principle, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan between April 1, 2023, and April 7, 2023. Departure from the home residence should be on or after April 1, 2023.

Excluding cases in which MEXT deems as unavoidable circumstances, the applicant must withdraw from this scholarship program if the applicant cannot arrive in Japan by the end of the specified period above which decided by MEXT or the accepting preparatory educational institution.

(7) Visa Requirement: An applicant shall, in principle, newly obtain a "Student" visa at the Japanese diplomatic mission located in the applicant's country of nationality, and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student." Accordingly, even if the applicant already has other residence status ("Permanent resident," "Long-term resident," etc.), the applicant must change it to the "Student" status and re-enter Japan. Moreover, the applicant should be aware that after expiration of the status as a MEXT Scholarship student and even if the student again applies for their original resident status of "Permanent resident" or "Long-term resident," such resident statuses might not be necessarily granted. The applicant should also be aware that the scholarship will be cancelled if he/she arrived in Japan without a newly obtained "Student" visa.

(8) Non-Eligibility: Those who meets any one of the following conditions are ineligible. If identified ineligible after being selected as a scholarship student, he /she must withdraw from the scholarship.

- ① Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of the payment of the scholarship;
- ② Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the last date of the period specified by MEXT or the accepting institution;
- ③ Those who are previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs (including those who withdraw from the scholarship program after the arrival in Japan). The Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students is not included in the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs;
- ④ Those who are currently also applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) scholarship system. This includes the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2022, although their final selection results have not been decided yet, and the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2023;
- ⑤ Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university or other institution with a residence status of "Student," or who are going to be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution as a privately-financed international student from the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program in the applicant's country until the commencement of the period for payment of the MEXT scholarship. However, this stipulation does not apply to privately-financed international students who, even though they are enrolled, or are planning to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution, verifiably complete their studies before the start of the scholarship payment period, return to their home country at the time of the scholarship application and newly acquire the "Student" residence status and come to Japan.

- ⑥ Those who are planning to receive scholarship money from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of the applicant's country) on top of the scholarship money provided by MEXT after the start of the scholarship payment period;
 - ⑦ Those who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the condition of academic background by the deadline given;
 - ⑧ Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up Japanese nationality by the time of the arrival in Japan (the acquisition of student status);
 - ⑨ Those who change their residence status to that of other than "Student" after their arrival in Japan;
 - ⑩ Those who plan to, from the time of application for the MEXT scholarship program, engage in long-term research (such as fieldwork or internship) outside Japan or plan to take a long-term leave of absence from the preparatory educational institution or the college of technology (KOSEN).
- (9) **Others:** MEXT Scholarship will be granted those who are willing to contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and their home country by participating in activities at schools and communities during their study in Japan while contributing to the internationalization of Japan. They shall also make efforts to promote relations between the home country and Japan by maintaining close relations with the university attended after graduation, cooperating with the conducting of surveys and questionnaires, and cooperating with relevant projects and events conducted by Japanese diplomatic missions after they return to their home countries.

5. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP

- (1) The scholarship period will last for four years from April 2023 to March 2027, including one-year preparatory education in the Japanese language and other subjects due to be provided upon arrival in Japan. For scholarship grantees majoring in maritime engineering, the scholarship period will be four and a half years, lasting up to September 2027.
- (2) **Extension of period of scholarship:** If a grantee graduates from a college of technology (KOSEN), is admitted for enrollment in an advanced course at a college of technology (KOSEN) or in a university as a third-year transfer student and has outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria, he/she may have the period of his/her scholarship extended upon successful examination by MEXT.

6. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

- (1) **Allowance:** 117,000 yen per month. A supplemental regional allowance of 2,000 yen or 3,000 yen per month will be added to the monthly scholarship amount for the grantees studying or conducting research in specially designated regions. Due to the situation of the Japanese Government's budget, the amount of payment may be subject to change each fiscal year. If a grantee is absent from the college of technology (KOSEN) or preparatory educational institution for an extended period, the scholarship shall be suspended for that period.
- (2) **Education Fees:** Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation, and tuition at colleges of technology (KOSEN) and preparatory educational institutions will be paid by MEXT.
- (3) **Traveling Expenses**
- ① **Transportation to Japan:** MEXT will stipulate the travel schedule and route, and provide an airline ticket to grantees who will arrive in Japan during the specified period stated in "4. (6) Arrival in Japan". The airline ticket will be an economy-class ticket for the flight from the international airport closest to the grantee's residence (in principle, the country of nationality) to an international airport in Japan used on the normal route to the accepting institution. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to domestic travel from the grantee's residence to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within Japan (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. The grantee shall also bear at his/her own expense travel and lodging costs incurred in a third country if the grantee must travel to a third country before coming to Japan for visa

purposes because there are no Japanese diplomatic missions in his/her country, or if there are no direct flights from the grantee's country of residence to Japan. MEXT will provide an economy-class airline ticket from the grantee's country of residence to the said third country, and from the third country to an international airport in Japan used on the normal route to the accepting institution. In principle, the address given in the space for "Your address before departure for Japan" on the application form shall be recognized as the "residence," and the airline ticket will be arranged for a flight from the international airport nearest to that address. Except for cases when the grantee must travel to a third country to obtain a visa, MEXT will not provide an airline ticket for cases of travel to Japan from a country other than the grantee's country of residence due to the grantee's personal circumstances. If a grantee will arrive in Japan before or after the specified period stated in "4. (6) Arrival in Japan", travel expenses will not be paid.

- ② **Transportation from Japan:** Based on the application by the grantee, MEXT will provide an airline ticket to grantees who shall graduate the college of technology (KOSEN) and return to the home country by the end of the final month of the period of scholarship (See "5. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP") designated by MEXT. MEXT shall provide an economy-class airline ticket from the international airport in Japan used for the normal route to and from the accepting institution to the international airport (in principle, in the country of nationality) nearest to the returning recipient's residence. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to travel from the grantee's residence in Japan to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within the country of nationality (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. If a grantee returns to the home country before the end of the period of scholarship due to personal circumstances, or reasons stated in "7. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP", MEXT will not pay for the returning travel expenses.

If a grantee continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended in cases such as proceeding to further education or being employed in Japan, travel expenses for a temporary return will also not be paid.

7. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Payment of the scholarship will be cancelled for the reasons given below. Should any of the following reasons apply, the grantee may be ordered to return a part of, or all of, the scholarship paid up to that time. Payment of the scholarship may also be stopped during the period up to the decision on the disposition of the matter.

- ① A grantee is determined to have made a false statement on his/her application;
- ② A grantee violates any article of his/her pledge to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
- ③ A grantee violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced and imprisoned for an indefinite period or for a period of exceeding 1 year;
- ④ A grantee is suspended from his/her college of technology (KOSEN) or preparatory educational institution or receives other punishment, or is removed from enrollment; as a disciplinary action in accordance with school regulations of the accepting institution;
- ⑤ It has been determined that it will be impossible for a grantee to complete the course within the standard period of study because of poor academic grades or suspension or absence from the college or preparatory educational institution;
- ⑥ A grantee came to Japan without newly acquiring the "Student" residence status, or changed his/her residence status to one other than "Student";
- ⑦ A grantee has received another scholarship (excluding those specified for research expenditures);
- ⑧ A grantee proceeds to a more advanced level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship.

8. SELECTION

- (1) The Japanese diplomatic missions will conduct the First Screening of applicants by means of examination of submitted application documents, written academic examinations and interviews.

① Subjects of Written Academic Examinations (to be undertaken by all applicants)

<Fields of Study>	
(A) Mechanical Engineering	(B) Electrical and Electronic Engineering
© Information, Communication and Network Engineering	(D) Materials Engineering
(F) Civil Engineering	(G) Maritime Engineering
(H) Other Fields	(E) Architecture

Chosen Field of Study	Subjects
(D)	Japanese, English, Mathematics, and Chemistry
(A), (B), ©, (E), (F), (G)	Japanese, English, Mathematics, and Physics
(H)	Japanese, English, Mathematics, and either Chemistry or Physics [※]

※ Applicants who combine (H) and (D) as his/her choice of fields of study must undertake Chemistry.

※ Applicants who combine (H) and the fields of study other than (D) as his/her choice of fields of study must undertake Physics.

※ Applicants who choose (H) only can designate either Chemistry or Physics in his/her preference. Please specify which subject you will undertake on your application form.

② Calculators and other devices may not be used during the written examinations.

- (2) The date and time of the notification of the results of the First Screening will be specified separately by the Japanese diplomatic mission in the applicant's country; the reasons for the results of the screening will not be disclosed. Those who pass the First Screening will not necessarily be selected as the MEXT Scholarship Students.
- (3) Applicants who have passed the First Screening will be recommended to MEXT. MEXT will then conduct the Second Screening of the recommended applicants and decide the scholarship grantees. MEXT selects candidates from each field of study.
- (4) Applicants will be informed of the final selection results by the Japanese diplomatic mission in the applicant's country by the end of January 2023. The reasons for the results will not be disclosed. Any objections to the decision on the university of placement will not be accepted.

9. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Applicants must submit the following documents to the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of the applicant's nationality by the designated deadline. The submitted documents will not be returned.

No.	Documents	1 original	1 copy	Remarks
①	Application Form	○	○	Use the FY2023 Application Form. (See Note 4.)
②	Academic transcript(s) for all school years of last school/university attended	○	○	A transcript issued either by the school/university attended or by the applicant's national government. (See Note 5.)
③	Certificate(s) of graduation of school/university attended	○	○	If the applicant has not yet graduated, submit a certificate of prospective graduation from the school/university. (See Note 6)
④	Recommendation letter from either a class teacher or principal of last school attended	○	○	Free format. A sample format is available. (See Note 7.)
⑤	Medical certificate	○	○	Use the FY2023 certificate form. (See Note 8.)
⑥	Certificate of enrollment	●	●	Only for those currently enrolled in a university.
⑦	Certificate of language proficiency	—	● (2 copies)	Only in case the applicant has documents attesting to competency in Japanese or English; submit 2 copies. No original document necessary. (See Note 9.)

- (Note 1) Documents indicated by the white circle (○) must be submitted by all the applicants. Documents indicated by the black circle (●) should be submitted only if applicable.
- (Note 2) These documents must be written in Japanese or English, or translation in either of these languages should be attached.
- (Note 3) The applicants must submit two application packets: one is a complete set of original documents and the other is a complete set of their copies. Ensure that there is no missing information in the application form when printing out. Write the document number from ① to ⑦ (refer to the numbers in the table above) in the upper right-hand corner of the first page for all the documents.
- (Note 4) The applicant's photograph to be attached to the Application Form should be of clear quality, taken within six months of submission, and printed on paper specially for photographs. The photograph should be 4.5 x 3.5 cm., upper-body, full-faced, no hats. Please write applicant's name and nationality on the back of the photograph. The photograph data can be pasted to the Application Form and printed out.
- (Note 5) Applicants must submit the following documents according to his/her academic background:
- (a) Applicants who are attending, or have graduated from, an upper secondary school: an academic transcript of the upper secondary school;
 - (b) Applicants who are attending, or have already graduated from, a university: academic transcripts from both the upper secondary school and the university.
- The academic transcripts should show the grade scale applied and the grades earned by the applicant in all the subjects studied for each year of study at the school or the university. Those who are currently attending an upper secondary school or a university must also submit the academic transcript that covers the period from the year of enrollment to the term for which grades have been determined at the time of application for the scholarship. Those who are attending an upper secondary school or a university must also submit a transcript when he/she graduates from that school or university by the time selection results are finalized. In the case that the last school offers a single-structure education system consisting of a lower and upper secondary level or a primary and secondary level, the necessary academic transcripts to be submitted shall cover all school years of upper secondary education.
- (Note 6) Applicants must submit the following documents according to his/her academic background:
- (a) Applicants who are attending an upper secondary school: a certificate of prospective graduation from the upper secondary school;
 - (b) Applicants who have already graduated from an upper secondary school: a certificate of graduation from the upper secondary school;
 - (c) Applicants who are attending a university: a certificate of graduation from the upper secondary school (in addition, they must submit a ⑥certificate of enrollment.);
 - (d) Applicants who have already graduated from a university: certificates of graduation from both the upper secondary school and the university.
- A copy of the graduation certificate is acceptable if the copy is attested by an authorized official of the school. Do not submit the originals as the submitted documents will not be returned. Those who are attending an upper secondary school or a university must also submit a certificate of graduation when he/she graduates from that school or university by the time selection results are finalized.
- (Note 7) A recommendation letter for those who are attending an upper secondary school or a university should be issued by that school or university they are attending. A recommendation letter for those who graduated from an upper secondary school or a university should be issued by that school or university.
- (Note 8) An applicant who applies for "(G) Maritime Engineering" and has vision of less than 0.5 without glasses must fill in vision of more than 0.5 with glasses on the certificate form.
- (Note 9) If printing out the certificates from the Internet, print out and submit a page showing the applicant's name and the details of the relevant qualification (level, score, etc.). The date of issue of the certificates should be no earlier than two years from the date of application to the Japanese diplomatic mission.

10. UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event of unavoidable or unforeseen circumstances, Japanese Government reserves the right to change or cancel the arrival date, scholarship, and contents of the application guidelines here within, at any time before or after notification of the results of the final selection.

Unavoidable Circumstances are defined as events whose effects could not reasonably be prevented or controlled by MEXT or Ministry of Foreign Affairs (including Embassies and Consulate generals of Japan) including but not limited to acts of God, acts of government (including local government, hereafter referred to as government), acts of government authorities (including limitations on travel or immigration enacted by the Japanese government or other foreign countries' government due to the event of infectious disease), compliance with law, regulations or orders, fire, flooding and torrential rain, earthquakes, acts of war (regardless of a declaration of war), revolt, revolution or rebellion, strike, or lockout.

11. NOTES

- (1) The grantees are advised to learn, before departing for Japan, the Japanese language and to acquire information about Japanese weather, climate, customs, college education, and conditions of the college to attend in Japan, as well as about the difference between the Japanese legal system and that of his/her home country.
- (2) As the first installment of the scholarship payment will be made from one month to one and a half months after the grantee's arrival in Japan, the grantee is recommended to bring at least approximately US\$2,000 with him/her to Japan to cover immediate living expenses and other necessary expenses.
- (3) The scholarship payments will be transferred to the bank account of Japan Post Bank (JP Bank) opened by each grantee after the arrival in Japan. MEXT will not transfer the scholarship payments to other account.
- (4) Grantees must enroll in National Health Insurance (Kokumin Kenko Hoken) upon arrival in Japan.
- (5) It is suggested that grantees acquire a "My Number Card" upon arrival in Japan.
- (6) Accommodations:
 - ① In principle, each grantee will be able to live in a dormitory during the preparatory education. Expenses relating to accommodations will be borne by the grantee.
 - ② After entering a college of technology (KOSEN), a grantee will be able to live in a dormitory belonging to the college. Expenses relating to accommodations will be borne by the grantee.
- (7) Information regarding the MEXT Scholarship Students (name, gender, date of birth, nationality, accepting college/university/graduate school/undergraduate school, field of specialty, period of enrolment, career path after completion of scholarship, contact information [address, telephone number, e-mail address]) may be shared with other relevant government organizations for the purpose of utilization for international students programs implemented by the Japanese Government (support during period of study in Japan, follow-up survey, improvement of the international student system).

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JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2023
(UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS)

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1. DEFINITION OF “UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS”

Those who are enrolled in an undergraduate course at a university, or who are receiving preparatory education in the Japanese language and other subjects prior to placement at the university.

2. FIELDS OF STUDY

Those who apply for an undergraduate student must choose a “Field of Study (“Social Sciences and Humanities” or “Natural Sciences”), “Course”, and “Major(s)” from the below table. Applicants may enter a first, second, and third choice.

(1) Social Sciences and Humanities

Courses	Majors
Social Sciences and Humanities - A	1. Law 2. Politics 3. Pedagogy 4. Sociology 5. Literature 6. History 7. Japanese Language 8. Others (excluding “1. Economics”, “2. Business Administration” and “3. Others” in Humanities B.)
Social Sciences and Humanities - B	1. Economics 2. Business Administration 3. Others (Accounting, Financial economics, etc.)

(Note) Applicants who choose “8. Others” may have difficulties in finding universities that can accept them depending on their majors.

(2) Natural Sciences

Courses	Majors
Natural Sciences - A	Science (1. Mathematics 2. Physics 3. Chemistry)
	Electric and Electronic Studies (4. Electronics 5. Electrical Engineering 6. Information Engineering)
	Mechanical Studies (7. Mechanical Engineering 8. Naval Architecture)
	Civil Engineering and Architecture (9. Civil Engineering 10. Architecture 11. Environmental Engineering)
	Chemical Studies (12. Applied Chemistry 13. Chemical Engineering 14. Industrial Chemistry 15. Textile Engineering)
	Other Fields (16. Metallurgical Engineering 17. Mining Engineering 18. Maritime Engineering 19. Biotechnology)
Natural Sciences - B	Agricultural Studies (1. Agriculture 2. Agricultural Chemistry 3. Agricultural Engineering 4. Animal Science 5. Veterinary Medicine 6. Forestry 7. Food Science 8. Fisheries)
	Hygienic Studies (9. Pharmacy 10. Hygienics 11. Nursing)
	Science (12. Biology)
Natural Sciences - C	1. Medicine 2. Dentistry

(Note) An applicant who chooses Natural Sciences and would like to choose more than one majors is required to select up to three majors from within the same course (i.e. Natural Sciences A, B or C). However, an applicant who selects Natural Sciences - C as his/her first choice may choose his/her second-choice major from Natural Sciences - B or C and third-choice major from Natural Sciences - B as Natural Sciences - C offers only two majors.

3. PREPARATORY EDUCATION AND STUDY AT UNIVERSITY

(1) Preparatory Education

- ① Each grantee will be enrolled at a preparatory educational institution (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies for the grantees who choose the above 2.(1) Social Sciences and Humanities and Osaka University for the grantees who choose the above 2.(2) Natural Sciences) designated by MEXT for the first year of the scholarship period. The preparatory course is a one-year intensive course in the Japanese language and other subjects necessary for preparation for proceeding to university. Its curriculum mainly consists of education in the Japanese language, and includes other subjects such as Japanese affairs, mathematics, English, and social studies for those majoring in Social Science and Humanities, and physics, chemistry and biology for those majoring in Natural Sciences.
- ② A grantee who has completed the preparatory education will go on to a university designated by MEXT upon passing its entrance examination undertaken by the university. If a grantee is determined to be incapable of completing the preparatory course, his/her scholarship will be cancelled and he/she will be required to return to his/her home country.
- ③ If a grantee cannot enter the university even though he/she has completed the preparatory education, his/her scholarship will be cancelled, and he/she will be required to return to his/her home country.

(2) University Education

- ① The university which a grantee will enter will be decided by MEXT in consultation with the university and the preparatory educational institution and in comprehensive consideration of the results of the academic examinations in the First Screening conducted at the Japanese Embassy or Consulate (hereinafter referred to "Japanese diplomatic mission") in the country of applicant's nationality, academic achievement at the preparatory educational institution, the grantee's proposed major subject, and the receiving capacity of the university as well as the region where it is located. No objection by the grantee against the decision will be allowed.
- ② In principle, the academic year begins on April 1 each year and ends on March 31 the following year.
- ③ All classes will be given in the Japanese language (except where a grantee is directly placed at a university which requires no Japanese language ability).
- ④ If a grantee attends the designated university for the prescribed number of years and earns the required number of credits as determined by the university, he/she will be awarded a Bachelor's Degree.

(3) Change of Field of Study, Transfer to Another University and Subjects to be Studied

- ① A grantee will not be permitted to change his/her course (Social Sciences and Humanities A and B, and Natural Sciences A, B, and C).
- ② A grantee will not be permitted to transfer to another university during the period of the preparatory education course or the undergraduate course.
- ③ A grantee must study compulsory subjects as determined by the preparatory educational institution and the university even if he/she has already studied them at a university outside Japan.

4. DIRECT PLACEMENT

- (1) Applicants who have sufficient Japanese language proficiency may choose to enroll directly in their university without taking the preparatory education course. For cases where the undergraduate course of a university does not require Japanese language proficiency at the time of enrollment and allows applicants to enroll without going through the preparatory education, applicants may directly enroll in the said undergraduate course. (These cases are called "direct placement".) In such cases, enrollment may be either from the spring term (grantees arrive in Japan in April 2023, and start from the spring term) or from the autumn term (grantees arrive in Japan in September or October 2023, and start from the autumn term), depending on the university's academic calendar.
- (2) The decision on universities for placement of applicants who desire direct placement shall be made by MEXT in consultation with the relevant university. The university will examine the applicant's academic achievement (academic grades in high school, etc.), and determine whether the applicant has adequate language skills for taking an undergraduate course in either Japanese or English by a language proficiency test score (such as the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) for Japanese). In addition, some universities may conduct

interviews with applicants or other examinations.

- (3) The period of consultation for direct placement will be from after the Second Screening to January 31, 2023. The results of the direct placement vary according to the consultation results and the period when the results are finalized as follows.
- ① The accepting university has confirmed the applicant's acceptance during the consultation period: The applicant will enroll in the accepting university under direct placement.
 - ② The university has rejected the applicant's acceptance during the consultation period: The applicant will be required to enroll in the preparatory educational institution.
 - ③ The accepting university has confirmed the applicant's acceptance after the end of the consultation period: The applicant will enroll in the accepting university under direct placement.
 - ④ The university has rejected the applicant's acceptance after the end of the consultation period: The applicant has to withdraw from the scholarship selection.

5. QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS

MEXT accepts applications from international students for study in Japan who satisfy the following qualifications and conditions. Its aim is to foster human resources who will become bridges of friendship between the grantee's 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 the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is not eligible. However, persons with dual nationality who hold Japanese nationality and whose place of residence at the time of application is outside of Japan are eligible to apply as long as they choose the nationality of the other country and renounce their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan (the acquisition of student status). The First Screening must be conducted at the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of which the applicant chooses the nationality.
- (2) **Age:** Applicants, in principle, must be born on or after April 2, 1998. However, applicants who satisfy the conditions for Academic Background stipulated in ③ below must be 18 years of age or older at the time of admission to a university in Japan.

Exceptions are limited to cases in which MEXT deems that the applicant could not apply within the eligible age limit due to the situation or circumstances of the applicant's country (military service obligation, loss of educational opportunities due to disturbances of war, etc.). Personal circumstances (financial situation, family circumstances, state of health, circumstances related to applicant's university or place of employment, etc.) will not be considered for exceptions.

- (3) **Academic Background:** Applicants must satisfy any one of the following conditions. However, applicants desiring direct placement must satisfy either the following ①, ③ or ④ condition.
- ① Applicants who have completed 12 years of schooling in countries other than Japan. (Applicants who will meet the above condition by March 2023 are eligible. However, applicants wishing to enroll from the autumn term through direct placement must be expected to complete 12 years of schooling by August 2023.)
 - ② Applicants who have completed their studies at a school equivalent to a Japanese upper secondary school in countries other than Japan. (Applicants who will meet the above condition by March 2023 are eligible.)
 - ③ Applicants who have successfully passed an academic qualification examination that is equivalent to the completion of 12 years of schooling in countries other than Japan. (Applicants who will meet the above condition by March 2023 are eligible.)
 - ④ Other than the above ①, ② and ③ conditions, applicants who are eligible for enrollment in a Japanese university at the time of application.
- (4) **Japanese Language:** Applicants must be willing to learn Japanese. Applicants must be interested in Japan and be willing to deepen their understanding of Japan before and after arriving in Japan. In addition, in principle, applicants must be willing to carry out their academic studies in Japan in Japanese.
- (5) **Health:** Applicants must submit a health certificate in the prescribed format signed by a physician attesting that

the applicant has no physical or mental conditions hindering the applicant's study in Japan.

- (6) **Arrival in Japan:** In principle, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan between April 1, 2023, and April 7, 2023. Departure from the home residence should be on or after April 1, 2023. If an applicant is to enroll in his/her university from the fall semester through direct placement, he/she must be able to arrive in Japan during the period specified by the accepting university within two weeks before and after the starting date of the university's relevant academic term for that year.

Excluding cases in which MEXT deems as unavoidable circumstances, the applicant must withdraw from this scholarship program if the applicant cannot arrive in Japan by the end of the specified period above which decided by MEXT or the accepting university.

- (7) **Visa Requirement:** An applicant shall, in principle, newly obtain a "Student" visa at the Japanese diplomatic mission located in the applicant's country of nationality, and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student." Accordingly, even if the applicant already has other residence status ("Permanent resident," "Long-term resident," etc.), the applicant must change it to the "Student" status and re-enter Japan. Moreover, the applicant should be aware that after expiration of the status as a MEXT Scholarship student and even if the student again applies for their original resident status of "Permanent resident" or "Long-term resident," such resident statuses might not be necessarily granted. The applicant should also be aware that the scholarship will be cancelled if he/she arrived in Japan without a newly obtained "Student" visa.

- (8) **Non-Eligibility:** Those who meet any one of the following conditions are ineligible. If identified ineligible after being selected as a scholarship student, he/she must withdraw from the scholarship.

- ① Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of the payment of the scholarship;
- ② Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the last date of the period specified by MEXT or the accepting university;
- ③ Those who are previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs (including those who withdraw from the scholarship program after the arrival in Japan). The Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students is not included in the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs;
- ④ Those who are currently also applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system. This includes the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2022, although their final selection results have not been decided yet, and the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2023;
- ⑤ Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university or other institution with a residence status of "Student," or who are going to be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution as a privately-financed international student from the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program in the applicant's country until the commencement of the period for payment of the MEXT scholarship. However, this stipulation does not apply to privately-financed international students who, even though they are enrolled, or are planning to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution, verifiably complete their studies before the start of the scholarship payment period, return to their home country at the time of the scholarship application, and newly acquire the "Student" residence status and come to Japan;
- ⑥ Those who are planning to receive scholarship money from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of the applicant's country) on top of the scholarship money provided by MEXT after the start of the scholarship payment period;
- ⑦ Those who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the condition of academic background by the deadline given;
- ⑧ Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up Japanese nationality by the time of the arrival in Japan (the acquisition of student status);
- ⑨ Those who change their residence status to that of other than "Student" after their arrival in Japan;
- ⑩ Those who plan to, from the time of application for the MEXT scholarship program, engage in long-term research (such as fieldwork or internship) outside Japan or plan to take a long-term leave of absence from the preparatory educational institution or the university.

- (9) **Others:** MEXT Scholarship will be granted those who are willing to contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and their home country by participating in activities at schools and communities during their study in Japan while contributing to the internationalization of Japan. They shall also make efforts to promote relations between the home country and Japan by maintaining close relations with the university attended after graduation, cooperating with the conducting of surveys and questionnaires, and cooperating with relevant projects and events conducted by the Japanese diplomatic mission after they return to their home countries.

6. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP

- (1) **A grantee who studies at a preparatory educational institution prior to enroll in a university:** The scholarship period will last for five years from April 2023 to March 2028, including one-year preparatory education in the Japanese language and other subjects due to be provided upon arrival in Japan. For scholarship grantees majoring in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or a six-year course in pharmacy, the scholarship period will be seven years until March 2030.

- (2) **A grantee who enroll in a university through direct placement:** The scholarship period will last for four years (or for six years for those majoring in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or in a six-year course in pharmacy). The scholarship period will start from the time of enrollment in the university which the university designates.

(Note 1) In (2) above, the period of enrollment may be April 2023, September 2023 or October 2023 depending on the university's academic calendar.

(Note 2) If a grantee graduates earlier or withdraws from his/her undergraduate course for early entrance to graduate school, the scholarship will be provided until his/her graduation or withdrawal.

(Note 3) The grantees majoring a six-year course in pharmacy must undergo the "Pharmaceutical Common Achievement Tests" implemented prior to practical training. In cases when it is impossible for the grantees to fulfill the fixed standards necessary for practical training, the scholarship may be cancelled.

(3) Extension of period of scholarship

If a grantee graduates from an undergraduate course, is admitted for enrollment in a master's course at a graduate school during the period of his/her scholarship and has outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria, he/she may have the scholarship period extended upon a successful examination by MEXT.

7. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

- (1) **Allowance:** 117,000 yen per month. A supplemental regional allowance of 2,000 yen or 3,000 yen per month will be added to the monthly scholarship amount for the grantees studying or conducting research in specially designated regions. Due to the situation of the Japanese Government's budget, the amount of payment may be subject to change each fiscal year. If a grantee is absent from the university or the preparatory educational institution for an extended period, the scholarship shall be suspended for that period.

- (2) **Education Fees:** Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation, and tuition at universities will be paid by MEXT.

(3) Traveling Expenses

- ① **Transportation to Japan:** MEXT will stipulate the travel schedule and route, and provide an airline ticket to grantees who will arrive in Japan during the specified period stated in "5. (6) Arrival in Japan". The airline ticket will be an economy-class ticket for the flight from the international airport closest to the grantee's residence (in principle, the country of nationality) to an international airport in Japan used on the normal route to the accepting university. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to domestic travel from the grantee's residence to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within Japan (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. The grantee shall also bear at his/her own expense travel and lodging costs incurred in a third country if the grantee must travel to a third country before coming to Japan for visa purposes because there are no Japanese diplomatic missions in his/her country or if there are no direct flights

from the grantee's country of residence to Japan. MEXT will provide an economy-class airline ticket from the grantee's country of residence to the said third country, and from the third country to an international airport in Japan used on the normal route to the accepting university. In principle, the address given in the space for "Your address before departure for Japan" on the application form shall be recognized as the "residence," and the airline ticket will be arranged for a flight from the international airport nearest to that address. Except for cases when the grantee must travel to a third country to obtain a visa, MEXT will not provide an airline ticket for cases of travel to Japan from a country other than the grantee's country of residence due to the grantee's personal circumstances. If a grantee will arrive in Japan before or after the specified period stated in "5. (6) Arrival in Japan", travel expenses will not be paid.

- ② **Transportation from Japan:** Based on the application by the grantee, MEXT will provide an airline ticket to grantees who shall graduate the accepting university and return to the home country by the end of the final month of the period of scholarship (See "6. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP") designated by MEXT. MEXT shall provide an economy-class airline ticket from the international airport in Japan used for the normal route to and from the accepting university to the international airport (in principle, in the country of nationality) nearest to the returning recipient's residence. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to travel from the grantee's residence in Japan to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within the country of nationality (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. If a grantee returns to the home country before the end of period of scholarship due to personal circumstances, or reasons stated in "8. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP", MEXT will not pay for the returning travel expenses.

If a grantee continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended in cases such as proceeding to further education or being employed in Japan, travel expenses for a temporary return will also not be paid.

8. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Payment of the scholarship will be cancelled for the reasons given below. Should any of the following reasons apply, the grantee may be ordered to return a part of, or all of, the scholarship paid up to that time. Payment of the scholarship may also be stopped during the period up to the decision on the disposition of the matter.

- ① A grantee is determined to have made a false statement on his/her application;
- ② A grantee violates any article of his/her pledge to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
- ③ A grantee violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced and imprisoned for an indefinite period or for a period of exceeding 1 year;
- ④ A grantee is suspended from his/her university or preparatory educational institution or receives other punishment, or is removed from enrollment; as a disciplinary action in accordance with school regulations of the accepting institution;
- ⑤ It has been determined that it will be impossible for a grantee to complete the course within the standard period of study because of poor academic grades or suspension or absence from the university or preparatory educational institution;
- ⑥ A grantee came to Japan without newly acquiring the "Student" residence status, or changed his/her residence status to one other than "Student";
- ⑦ A grantee has received another scholarship (excluding those specified for research expenditures);
- ⑧ A grantee proceeds to a more advanced level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship.

9. SELECTION

- (1) The Japanese diplomatic missions will conduct the First Screening of applicants by means of examination of submitted application documents, written academic examinations and interviews.

- ① Subjects of Written Academic Examinations (to be undertaken by all applicants)

Chosen Field of Study	Subjects
Social Sciences and Humanities - A Social Sciences and Humanities - B	Japanese(A), English(A), and Mathematics(A)

Natural Sciences - A	Japanese(B), English(B), Mathematics(B), Chemistry, and Physics
Natural Sciences - B Natural Sciences - C	Japanese(B), English(B), Mathematics(B), Chemistry, and Biology

② Calculators and other devices may not be used during the written examinations.

- (2) The date and time of the notification of the results of the First Screening will be specified separately by the Japanese diplomatic mission in the applicant's country; the reasons for the results of the screening will not be disclosed. Those who pass the First Screening will not necessarily be selected as the MEXT Scholarship grantees.
- (3) Applicants who have passed the First Screening will be recommended to MEXT. MEXT will then conduct the Second Screening of the recommended applicants and decide the scholarship grantees. MEXT selects candidates from each course.
- (4) Applicants will be informed of the final selection results by the Japanese diplomatic mission in the applicant's country by the end of January 2023. The reasons for the results will not be disclosed. Any objections to the decision on the university of placement will not be accepted.

10. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Applicants must submit the following documents to the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of the applicant's nationality by the designated deadline. The submitted documents will not be returned.

No.	Documents	1 original	1 copy	Remarks
①	Application Form	○	○	Use the FY2023 Application Form. (See Note 4.)
②	Direct Placement Preference Form	●	/	Only for applicants desiring direct placement. Use the FY2023 Preference Form. (See Note 5.)
③	Academic transcript(s) for all school years of school/university attended	○	○	A transcript issued either by the school/university attended or by the applicant's national government. (See Note 6.)
④	Certificate(s) of graduation of school/university attended	○	○	If the applicant has not yet graduated, submit a certificate of prospective graduation from the school/university. (See Note 7.)
⑤	Recommendation letter from either a class teacher or principal of last school attended	○	○	Free format. A sample format is available. (See Note 8.)
⑥	Medical certificate	○	○	Use the FY2023 certificate form.
⑦	Certificate of enrollment	●	●	Only for those currently enrolled in a university.
⑧	Certificate of university enrollment qualification examination	●	●	Only for those who pass the university enrollment qualification examination. (See Note 7 and 9.)
⑨	Certificate of language proficiency	/	● (2 copies)	Only in case the applicant has documents attesting to competency in Japanese or English; submit 2 copies. No original document necessary. (See Note 10.)

(Note 1) Documents indicated by the white circle (○) must be submitted by all the applicants. Documents indicated by the black circle (●) should be submitted only if applicable.

(Note 2) These documents must be written in Japanese or English, or translation in either of these languages should be attached.

(Note 3) The applicants must submit two application packets: one is a complete set of original documents and the other is a complete set of their copies. Ensure that there is no missing information in the application form when printing out. Write the document number, from ① to ⑨ (refer to the numbers in the table above)

in the upper right-hand corner of the first page for all the documents.

- (Note 4) The applicant's photograph to be attached to the Application Form should be of clear quality, taken within six months of submission, and printed on paper specially for photographs. The photograph should be 4.5 x 3.5 cm., upper-body, full-faced, no hats. Please write applicant's name and nationality on the back of the photograph. The photograph data can be pasted to the Application Form and printed out.
- (Note 5) A list of undergraduate courses permitting direct placement is provided by the Japanese diplomatic mission in the applicant's country. Applicants desiring direct placement should choose and fill in their preferred university and department in the Preference Form out of the list. Prior to the submission of the Form, applicants should inquire the Japanese diplomatic mission about and understand the undergraduate courses accepting direct placement, the number of students accepted, any conditions for acceptance including Japanese language proficiency, information on any entrance examinations conducted by the university, the period when overseas students may enroll and start their studies, etc.
- (Note 6) Applicants must submit the following documents according to his/her academic background:
- (a) Applicants who are attending, or have graduated from, an upper secondary school: an academic transcript from the upper secondary school;
 - (b) Applicants who are attending, or have already graduated from, a university: academic transcripts from both the upper secondary school and the university.

The academic transcripts should show the grade scale applied and the grades earned by the applicant in all the subjects studied for each year of study at the school or the university. Those who are currently attending an upper secondary school or a university must also submit the academic transcript that covers the period from the year of enrollment to the term for which grades have been determined at the time of application for the scholarship. Those who are attending an upper secondary school or a university must also submit a transcript when he/she graduates from that school or university by the time selection results are finalized. In the case that the last school offers a single-structure education system consisting of a lower and upper secondary level or a primary and secondary level, the necessary academic transcripts to be submitted shall cover all school years of upper secondary education.

- (Note 7) Applicants must submit the following documents according to his/her academic background:
- (a) Applicants who are attending an upper secondary school: a certificate of prospective graduation from the upper secondary school;
 - (b) Applicants who have already graduated from an upper secondary school: a certificate of graduation from the upper secondary school;
 - (c) Applicants who are attending a university: a certificate of graduation from the upper secondary school (in addition, they must submit a ⑦ certificate of enrollment.);
 - (d) Applicants who have already graduated from a university: certificates of graduation from both the upper secondary school and the university.

A copy of the graduation certificate and the certificate of university enrollment qualification examination is acceptable if the copy is attested by an authorized official of the university or an examination authority. Do not submit the originals as the submitted documents will not be returned. Those who are attending an upper secondary school or a university must also submit a certificate of graduation when he/she graduates from that school or university by the time selection results are finalized.

- (Note 8) A recommendation letter for those who are attending an upper secondary school or a university should be issued by that school or university they are attending. A recommendation letter for those who graduated from an upper secondary school or a university should be issued by that school or university.
- (Note 9) For applicants with "⑧ Certificate of university entrance qualification examination", this document may be submitted in place of documents No. ③, ④ and ⑤.
- (Note 10) If printing out the certificates from the Internet, print out and submit a page showing the applicant's name and the details of the relevant qualification (level, score, etc.). The date of issue of the certificates should be no earlier than two years from the date of application to the Japanese diplomatic mission.

11. UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event of unavoidable or unforeseen circumstances, Japanese Government reserves the right to change or cancel the arrival date, scholarship, and contents of the application guidelines here within, at any time before or

after notification of the results of the final selection.

Unavoidable Circumstances are defined as events whose effects could not reasonably be prevented or controlled by MEXT or Ministry of Foreign Affairs (including Embassies and Consulate generals of Japan) including but not limited to acts of God, acts of government (including local government, hereafter referred to as government), acts of government authorities (including limitations on travel or immigration enacted by the Japanese government or other foreign countries' government due to the event of infectious disease), compliance with law, regulations or orders, fire, flooding and torrential rain, earthquakes, acts of war (regardless of a declaration of war), revolt, revolution or rebellion, strike, or lockout.

12. NOTES

- (1) The grantees are advised to learn, before departing for Japan, the Japanese language and to acquire information about Japanese weather, climate, customs, university education, and conditions of the university to attend in Japan, as well as about the difference between the Japanese legal system and that of his/her home country.
- (2) As the first installment of the scholarship payment will be made from one month to one and a half months after the grantee's arrival in Japan, the grantee is recommended to bring at least approximately US\$2,000 with him/her to Japan to cover immediate living expenses and other necessary expenses.
- (3) The scholarship payments will be transferred to the bank account of Japan Post Bank (JP Bank) opened by each grantee after the arrival in Japan. MEXT will not transfer the scholarship payments to other account.
- (4) Grantees must enroll in National Health Insurance (Kokumin Kenko Hoken) upon arrival in Japan.
- (5) It is suggested that grantees acquire a "My Number Card" upon arrival in Japan.
- (6) Accommodations:
 - ① During the period of preparatory education, grantees can reside in the residential accommodations of Tokyo University of Foreign Studies or Osaka University, depending on where they are enrolled. Expenses relating to accommodations will be borne by the grantee.
 - ② Residence halls for international students provided by universities: Some universities have residence halls for international students. The grantees enrolled at such universities may reside at these residence halls under certain conditions. However, due to the limited number of rooms, some of these facilities may be unavailable. Expenses relating to accommodations will be borne by the grantee.
 - ③ Private boarding houses or apartments: Those who are unable to find accommodation in the aforementioned facilities may live in regular dormitories of the university or in private boarding houses/apartments with his/her expenses. It is difficult for grantees with dependents (spouse and children) to find appropriate housing in Japan. The grantee is requested to arrive in Japan alone first to secure housing before having his/her dependent(s) come to Japan.
- (7) Information regarding the MEXT Scholarship Students (name, gender, date of birth, nationality, accepting university/graduate school/undergraduate school, field of specialty, period of enrolment, career path after completion of scholarship, contact information [address, telephone number, e-mail address]) may be shared with other relevant government organizations for the purpose of utilization for international students programs implemented by the Japanese Government (support during period of study in Japan, follow-up survey, improvement of the international student system).

Information regarding MEXT Scholarship Students (excluding date of birth and contact information) may be included in publicity materials prepared by the Japanese Government for promoting the acceptance of international students in Japan, particularly in order to introduce former MEXT Scholarship Students who are playing active roles in countries around the world.

These matters are included in the Pledge stipulating rules and regulations which MEXT Scholarship Students must comply with and submit when they have been granted the Scholarship.

- (8) The English texts attached to the Application Guidelines and the Application Form are for complementary use.

only. English expressions do not change the Japanese content.

- (9) If there are any questions about the content of the written text in this Application Guidelines or any other matters, applicants/grantees should inquire the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of the applicant's nationality and follow their instructions.
- (10) In addition to the regulations stipulated in this Application Guidelines, those that are necessary to implement the Japanese Government Scholarship programs shall be determined by the Japanese Government.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2023
(SPECIALIZED TRAINING COLLEGE STUDENTS)

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan offers scholarships to international students who wish to study at Japanese specialized training colleges as Specialized Training College Students under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program as follows.

1. DEFINITION OF “SPECIALIZED TRAINING COLLEGE STUDENTS”

Those who are enrolled in a postsecondary course at a specialized training college, or who are receiving preparatory education in the Japanese language and other subjects prior to placement at the specialized training college.

2. FIELDS OF STUDY

Those who apply for a specialized training college student must choose a field of study in accordance with the following procedure and fill in “Preferred field of study and subjects in Japan” on the application form.

(1) Choose a preferred field of study from among (A) to (F) below.

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| (A) Technology | (B) Personal Care and Nutrition | (C) Education and Welfare |
| (D) Business | (E) Fashion and Home Economics | (F) Culture and General Education |

(2) Choose preferred subject(s) from the “Name of Subjects” listed in the chosen field of study on the Annex “Majors and Related Subjects for Fields of Study”. Applicants may enter a first and second choice of subjects from the same field of study.

(Note 1) Applicants who choose “Other Subjects” in the field of (A) to (F) are required to specify what kind of subjects they want to study in “Preferred Field of Study and Subjects in Japan” and “Reasons for Selection of Field of Study and Subjects” on the application form. If there are no accepting colleges for the subjects which are not specified as “Name of Subjects” and “Main Learning Contents” in the Annex “Majors and Related Subjects for Fields of Study”, his/her applications will be rejected and the applicants must withdraw from the scholarship selection. (Examples of subjects: medicine, nursing, biology, psychology, aircraft piloting, etc.)

3. PREPARATORY EDUCATION AND STUDY AT SPECIALIZED TRAINING COLLEGE

(1) Preparatory Education

- ① Each grantee will be enrolled at a preparatory educational institution designated by MEXT for the first year of the scholarship period. The preparatory course is a one-year intensive course in the Japanese language, Japanese affairs, and other subjects necessary for preparation for proceeding to a specialized training college.
- ② A grantee who has completed the preparatory course will go on to a specialized training college designated by MEXT. If a grantee is determined to be incapable of completing the preparatory course, his/her scholarship will be cancelled and he/she will be required to return to his/her home country.

(2) Specialized Training College

- ① The specialized training college which the grantee who has completed the preparatory course enrolls will be decided by MEXT upon consultation with the college concerned. No objection by the grantee against the decision will be allowed.
- ② A grantee of this scholarship will be enrolled into a postsecondary course of a specialized training college requiring graduation from an upper secondary school for entrance and receive professional education for two

years prior to graduation. A grantee who graduates will be awarded a diploma.

- ③ All classes will be given in the Japanese language.

(3) Change of Field of Study and Transfer to Another Institution

- ① A grantee will not be permitted to change his/her field of study during the study at preparatory educational institution and specialized training college.
- ② A grantee will not be permitted to transfer to another educational institution during the period of the preparatory education course and the course at the specialized training college.

4. QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS

MEXT accepts applications from international students for study in Japan who satisfy the following qualifications and conditions. Its aim is to foster human resources who will become bridges of friendship between the grantee's 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 the nationality of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan. An applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application is not eligible. However, persons with dual nationality who hold Japanese nationality and whose place of residence at the time of application is outside of Japan are eligible to apply as long as they choose the nationality of the other country and renounce their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan (the acquisition of student status). The First Screening must be conducted at the Japanese Embassy or Consulate (hereinafter referred to "Japanese diplomatic mission") in the country of which the applicant chooses the nationality.

- (2) Age:** Applicants, in principle, must be born between on or after April 2, 1998. However, applicants who satisfy the following ③ condition of Academic Background must be 18 years of age or older at the time of admission to a university in Japan.

Exceptions are limited to cases in which MEXT deems that the applicant could not apply within the eligible age limit due to the situation or circumstances of the applicant's country (military service obligation, loss of educational opportunities due to disturbances of war, etc.) Personal circumstances (financial situation, family circumstances, state of health, circumstances related to applicant's university or place of employment, etc.) will not be considered for exceptions.

- (3) Academic Background:** Applicants must satisfy any one of the following conditions.

- ① Applicants who have completed 12 years of schooling in countries other than Japan. (Applicants who will meet the above condition by March 2023 are eligible.)
- ② Applicants who have completed studies at a school equivalent to a Japanese upper secondary school in countries other than Japan. (Applicants who will meet the above condition by March 2023 are eligible.)
- ③ Applicants who have successfully passed an academic qualification examination that is equivalent to the completion of 12 years of schooling in countries other than Japan. (Applicants who will meet the above condition by March 2023 are eligible.)
- ④ Other than the above ①, ② and ③ conditions, applicants who are eligible for enrollment in a postsecondary course at a specialized training college at the time of application.

- (4) Japanese Language:** Applicants must be willing to learn Japanese. Applicants must be interested in Japan and be willing to deepen their understanding of Japan before and after arriving in Japan. In addition, in principle, applicants must be willing to receive specialized training college education in Japanese.

(5) **Health:** Applicants must submit a health certificate in the prescribed format signed by a physician attesting that the applicant has no physical or mental conditions hindering the applicant's study in Japan.

(6) **Arrival in Japan:** In principle, applicants must be able to arrive in Japan between April 1, 2023, and April 7, 2023. Departure from the home residence should be on or after April 1, 2023.

Excluding cases in which MEXT deems as unavoidable circumstances, the applicant must withdraw from this scholarship program if the applicant cannot arrive in Japan by the end of the specified period above which decided by MEXT or the accepting preparatory educational institution.

(7) **Visa Requirement:** An applicant shall, in principle, newly obtain a "Student" visa at the Japanese diplomatic mission located in the applicant's country of nationality, and enter Japan with the residence status of "Student." Accordingly, even if the applicant already has other residence status ("Permanent resident," "Long-term resident," etc.), the applicant must change it to the "Student" status and re-enter Japan. Moreover, the applicant should be aware that after expiration of the status as a MEXT Scholarship student and even if the student again applies for their original resident status of "Permanent resident" or "Long-term resident," such resident statuses might not be necessarily granted. The applicant should also be aware that the scholarship will be cancelled if he/she arrived in Japan without a newly obtained "Student" visa.

(8) **Non-Eligibility:** Those who meets any one of the following conditions are ineligible. If identified ineligible after being selected as a scholarship student, he /she must withdraw from the scholarship.

- ① Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees at the time of their arrival in Japan or during the period of the payment of the scholarship;
- ② Those who cannot arrive in Japan by the last date of the period specified by MEXT or the accepting institution;
- ③ Those who are previous grantees of Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs (including those who withdraw from the scholarship program after the arrival in Japan). The Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students is not included in the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship programs;
- ④ Those who are currently also applying to another program under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship system. This includes the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2022, although their final selection results have not been decided yet, and the programs for which scholarship payments will begin in FY2023;
- ⑤ Those who are already enrolled in a Japanese university or other institution with a residence status of "Student," or who are going to be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution as a privately-financed international student from the time of application to the MEXT scholarship program in the applicant's country until the commencement of the period for payment of the MEXT scholarship: However, this stipulation does not apply to privately-financed international students who, even though they are enrolled, or are planning to enroll, in a Japanese university or other institution, verifiably complete their studies before the start of the scholarship payment period, return to their home country at the time of the scholarship application, and newly acquire the "Student" residence status and come to Japan;
- ⑥ Those who are planning to receive scholarship money from an organization other than MEXT (including a government organization of the applicant's country) on top of the scholarship money provided by MEXT after the start of the scholarship payment period;
- ⑦ Those who are expected to graduate at the time of application and cannot satisfy the condition of academic background by the deadline given;
- ⑧ Holders of dual nationality at the time of application who cannot verify that they will give up Japanese

nationality by the time of the arrival in Japan (the acquisition of student status);

- ⑨ Those who change their residence status to that of other than “Student” after their arrival in Japan;
- ⑩ Those who plan to, from the time of application for the MEXT scholarship program, engage in long-term research (such as fieldwork or internship) outside Japan or plan to take a long-term leave of absence from the preparatory educational institution or the specialize training college.

(9) Others: MEXT Scholarship will be granted those who are willing to contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and their home country by participating in activities at schools and communities during their study in Japan while contributing to the internationalization of Japan. They shall also make efforts to promote relations between the home country and Japan by maintaining close relations with the university attended after graduation, cooperating with the conducting of surveys and questionnaires and cooperating with relevant projects and events conducted by the Japanese diplomatic mission after they return to their home countries.

5. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP

- (1) The scholarship period will last for three years from April 2023 to March 2026, including one-year preparatory education in the Japanese language and other subjects due to be provided upon arrival in Japan.
- (2) Extension of period of scholarship: If grantee graduates from a specialized training college, is admitted for enrollment in a Japanese university as a third-year transfer student and has outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria, he/she may have the period of his/her scholarship extended upon successful examination by MEXT.

6. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

- (1) Allowance:** 117,000 yen per month. A supplemental regional allowance of 2,000 yen or 3,000 yen per month will be added to the monthly scholarship amount for the grantees studying or conducting research in specially designated regions. Due to the situation of the Japanese Government’s budget, the amount of payment may be subject to change each fiscal year. If a grantee is absent from the specialized training college or preparatory educational institution for an extended period, the scholarship shall be suspended for that period.
- (2) Education Fees:** Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation, and tuition at specialized training colleges and preparatory educational institutions will be paid by MEXT.
- (3) Traveling Expenses:**
 - ① **Transportation to Japan:** MEXT will stipulate the travel schedule and route, and provides an airline ticket to grantees who will arrive in Japan during the specified period stated in “4. (6) Arrival in Japan”. The airline ticket will be an economy-class ticket for the flight from the international airport closest to the grantee’s residence (in principle, the country of nationality) to an international airport in Japan used on the normal route to the accepting institution. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to domestic travel from the grantee’s residence to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within Japan (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. The grantee shall also bear at his/her own expense travel and lodging costs incurred in a third country if the grantee must travel to a third country before coming to Japan for visa purposes because there are no Japanese diplomatic missions in his/her country, or if there are no direct flights from the grantee’s country of residence to Japan. MEXT will provide an economy-class airline ticket from the grantee’s country of residence to the said third country, and from the third country to an international airport in Japan used on the normal route to the accepting institution. In principle, the address given in the space for “Your address before departure for Japan” on the application form shall be recognized as the “residence,” and the airline ticket will be arranged for a flight from the international airport nearest to that address. Except for cases when the grantee must travel to a third country to obtain a visa, MEXT will not provide an airline ticket for cases of

travel to Japan from a country other than the grantee's country of residence due to the grantee's personal circumstances. If a grantee will arrive in Japan before or after the specified period stated in "4. (6) Arrival in Japan", travel expenses will not be paid.

- ② **Transportation from Japan:** Based on the application by the grantee, MEXT will provide an airline ticket to grantees who shall graduate the specialized training college and return to the home country by the end of the final month of the period of scholarship (See "5. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP"). MEXT shall provide an economy-class airline ticket from the international airport in Japan used for the normal route to and from the accepting institution to the international airport (in principle, in the country of nationality) nearest to the returning recipient's residence. The grantee shall bear at his/her own expense all costs related to travel from the grantee's residence in Japan to the nearest international airport, airport taxes, airport usage fees, special taxes necessary for travel, travel expenses within the country of nationality (including airline transit costs), travel insurance expenses, carry-on luggage or unaccompanied baggage expenses, etc. If a grantee returns to the home country before the end of scholarship payment period due to personal circumstances, or reasons stated in "7. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP" below, MEXT will not pay for the returning travel expenses.

If a grantee continues to stay in Japan after the scholarship period has ended in cases such as proceeding to further education or being employed in Japan, travel expenses for a temporary return will also not be paid.

7. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Payment of the scholarship will be cancelled for the reasons given below. Should any of the following reasons apply, the grantee may be ordered to return a part of, or all of, the scholarship paid made up to that time. Payment of the scholarship may also be stopped during the period up to the decision on the disposition of the matter.

- ① A grantee is determined to have made a false statement on his/her application;
- ② A grantee violates any article of his/her pledge to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
- ③ A grantee violates any Japanese laws and is sentenced and imprisoned for an indefinite period or for a period of exceeding 1 year;
- ④ A grantee is suspended from his/her specialized training college or preparatory educational institution or receives other punishment, or is removed from enrollment; as a disciplinary action in accordance with school regulations of the accepting institution;
- ⑤ It has been determined that it will be impossible for a grantee to complete the course within the standard period of study because of poor academic grades or suspension or absence from the specialized training college or preparatory educational institution;
- ⑥ A grantee came to Japan without newly acquiring the "Student" residence status, or changed his/her residence status has changed to one other than "Student";
- ⑦ A grantee has received another scholarship (excluding those specified for research expenditures);
- ⑧ A grantee proceeds to a more advanced level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the period of the scholarship.

8. SELECTION

- (1) The Japanese diplomatic missions will conduct the First Screening of applicants by means of examination of submitted application documents, written academic examinations and interviews.
 - ① Subjects of Written Academic Examinations (to be undertaken by all applicants): Japanese, English, and Mathematics.
 - ② Calculators and other devices may not be used during the written examinations.
- (2) The date and time of the notification of the results of the First Screening will be specified separately by the Japanese diplomatic mission in the applicant's country; the reasons for the results of the screening will not be

disclosed. Those who pass the First Screening will not necessarily be selected as the MEXT Scholarship Students.

- (3) Applicants who have passed the First Screening will be recommended to MEXT. MEXT will then conduct the Second Screening of the recommended applicants and decide the scholarship grantees. MEXT selects candidates from each field of study.
- (4) Applicants will be informed of the final selection results by the Japanese diplomatic mission in the applicant's country by the end of January 2023. The reasons for the results will not be disclosed. Any objections to the decision on the university of placement will not be accepted.

9. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Applicants must submit the following documents to the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of the applicant's nationality by the designated deadline. The submitted documents will not be returned.

No.	Documents	1 Original	1 Copy	Remarks
①	Application Form	○	○	Use the FY2023 Application Form. (See Note 4.)
②	Academic transcript(s) for all school years of last school/university attended	○	○	A transcript issued either by the school/university attended or by the applicant's national government. (See Note 5.)
③	Certificate(s) of graduation of school/university attended	○	○	If the applicant has not yet graduated, submit a certificate of prospective graduation from the school/university. (See Note 6.)
④	Recommendation letter from either a class teacher or principal of last school attended	○	○	Free format. A sample is available. (See Note 7.)
⑤	Medical certificate	○	○	Use the FY2023 certificate form.
⑥	Certificate of enrollment	●	●	Only for those currently enrolled in a university.
⑦	Certificate of university enrollment qualification examination	●	●	Only for those who pass the university enrollment qualification examination. (See Note 6 and 8.)
⑧	Certificate of language proficiency		● (2 copies)	Only in case applicant has documents attesting to competency in Japanese or English; submit 2 copies. No original document necessary. (See Note 9.)

(Note 1) Documents indicated by the white circle (○) must be submitted by all the applicants. Documents indicated by the black circle (●) should be submitted only if applicable.

(Note 2) These documents must be written in Japanese or English, or translation in either of these languages should be attached.

(Note 3) The applicants must submit two application packets: one is a complete set of original documents and the other is a complete set of their copies. Ensure that there is no missing information in the application form when printing out. Write the document number from ① to ⑧ (refer to the numbers in the table above) in the upper right-hand corner of the first page for all the documents.

(Note 4) The applicant's photograph to be attached to the Application Form should be of clear quality, taken within six months of submission, and printed on paper specially for photographs. The photograph should be 4.5 x 3.5 cm., upper-body, full-faced, no hats. Please write applicant's name and nationality on the back of the photograph. The photograph data can be pasted to the Application Form and printed out.

(Note 5) Applicants must submit the following documents according to his/her academic background:

- (a) Applicants who are attending, or have graduated from, an upper secondary school: an academic transcript of the upper secondary school

- (b) Applicants who are attending, or have already graduated from, a university: academic transcripts of both the upper secondary school and the university.

The academic transcripts should show the grade scale applied and the grades earned by the applicant in all the subjects studied for each year of study at the school or the university. Those who are currently attending an upper secondary school or a university must also submit the academic transcript that covers the period from the year of enrollment to the term for which grades have been determined at the time of application for the scholarship. Those who are attending an upper secondary school or a university must also submit a transcript when he/she graduates from that school or university by the time selection results are finalized. In the case that the last school offers a single-structure education system consisting of a lower and upper secondary level or a primary and secondary level, the necessary academic transcripts to be submitted shall cover all school years of upper secondary education.

(Note 6) Applicants must submit the following documents according to his/her academic background:

- (a) Applicants who are attending an upper secondary school: a certificate of prospective graduation from the upper secondary school;
- (b) Applicants who have already graduated from an upper secondary school: a certificate of graduation from the upper secondary school;
- (c) Applicants who are attending a university: a certificate of graduation from the upper secondary school (in addition, they must submit a ⑥ certificate of enrollment.);
- (d) Applicants who have already graduated from a university: certificates of graduation from both the upper secondary school and the university.

A copy of the graduation certificate and the certificate of university enrollment qualification examination is acceptable if the copy is attested by an authorized official of the university or an examination authority. Do not submit the originals as the submitted documents will not be returned. Those who are attending an upper secondary school or a university must also submit a certificate of graduation when he/she graduates from that school or university by the time selection results are finalized.

(Note 7) A recommendation letter for those who are attending an upper secondary school or a university should be issued by that school or university they are attending. A recommendation letter for those who graduated from an upper secondary school or a university should be issued by that school or university.

(Note 8) For applicants with “⑦ Certificate of university enrollment qualification examination”, this document may be submitted in place of documents No. ②, ③ and ④.

(Note 9) If printing out the certificates from the Internet, print out and submit a page showing the applicant's name and the details of the relevant qualification (level, score, etc.). The date of issue of the certificates should be no earlier than two years from the date of application to the Japanese diplomatic mission.

10. UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event of unavoidable or unforeseen circumstances, Japanese Government reserves the right to change or cancel the arrival date, scholarship, and contents of the application guidelines here within, at any time before or after notification of the results of the final selection.

Unavoidable Circumstances are defined as events whose effects could not reasonably be prevented or controlled by MEXT or Ministry of Foreign Affairs (including Embassies and Consulate generals of Japan) including but not limited to acts of God, acts of government (including local government, hereafter referred to as government), acts of government authorities (including limitations on travel or immigration enacted by the Japanese government or other foreign countries' government due to the event of infectious disease), compliance with law, regulations or orders, fire, flooding and torrential rain, earthquakes, acts of war (regardless of a declaration of war), revolt, revolution or rebellion, strike, or lockout.

11. NOTES

- (1) The grantees are advised to learn, before departing for Japan, the Japanese language and to acquire information about Japanese weather, climate, customs, college education, and conditions of the university to attend in Japan, as well as about the difference between the Japanese legal system and that of his/her home country.
- (2) As the first installment of the scholarship payment will be made from one month to one and a half months after the grantee's arrival in Japan, the grantee is recommended to bring at least approximately US\$2,000 with him/her to Japan to cover immediate living expenses and other necessary expenses.
- (3) The scholarship payments will be transferred to the bank account of Japan Post Bank (JP Bank) opened by each grantee after the arrival in Japan. MEXT will not transfer the scholarship payments to other account.
- (4) Grantees must enroll in National Health Insurance (Kokumin Kenko Hoken) upon arrival in Japan.
- (5) It is suggested that grantees acquire a "My Number Card" upon arrival in Japan.
- (6) Accommodations:
 - ① In principle, each grantee will be able to live in a dormitory during the preparatory education. Expenses relating to accommodations will be borne by the grantee.
 - ② After entering a specialized training college, a grantee will be able to continue to live in the aforementioned dormitory or other residential accommodations introduced by the college. Expenses relating to accommodations will be borne by the grantee.
- (7) Information regarding the MEXT Scholarship Students (name, gender, date of birth, nationality, accepting college/university/graduate school/undergraduate school, field of specialty, period of enrolment, career path after completion of scholarship, contact information [address, telephone number, e-mail address]) may be shared with other relevant government organizations for the purpose of utilization for overseas students programs implemented by the Japanese Government (support during period of study in Japan, follow-up survey, improvement of the overseas student system).

Information regarding MEXT Scholarship Students (excluding date of birth and contact information) may be included in publicity materials prepared by the Japanese Government for promoting the acceptance of overseas students in Japan, particularly in order to introduce former MEXT Scholarship Students who are playing active roles in countries around the world.

These matters are included in the Pledge stipulating rules and regulations which MEXT Scholarship Students must comply with and submit when they have been granted the Scholarship.
- (8) The English texts attached to the Application Guidelines and the Application Form are for complementary use only. English expressions do not change the Japanese content.
- (9) If there are any questions about the content of the written texts in this Application Guidelines or any other matters, applicants/grantees should inquire the Japanese diplomatic mission in the country of the applicant's nationality and follow their instructions.
- (10) In addition to the regulations stipulated in this Application Guidelines, those that are necessary to implement the Japanese Government Scholarship programs shall be determined by the Japanese Government.