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OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT SCHOLARSHIP) FOR 2019

1. The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan is inviting applications from International students who wish to study in graduate courses at Japanese universities, as research students (either regular or non regular students) under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2019.

2. Sectors 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.

2.2 Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply in sectors whose fields of study are specific to the prevailing scarcity areas and market demands of Mauritius and to courses that also appear on the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study available for consultation on the Notice Board, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, Ground Floor, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix and on the following website:

http://ministry-education.govmu.org

3. Eligibility Requirements

3.1 The conditions for eligibility will be as per details mentioned in the application guidelines for the MEXT Scholarship which can be consulted on the Ministry's website:

http://ministry-education.govmu.org

- 3.2 Applicants must have been born on or after 2 April 1984.
- 3.3 Candidates must be willing to learn Japanese prior to starting the respective academic programs.
- 3.4 Selected candidates will be expected to undergo a paper test and interview to ascertain their level of Japanese Language along with their subject knowledge.

3.5 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 foreign country and give up their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan.

4. Scholarship Related Information

4.1 Detailed information regarding the scholarship scheme is available from the Ministry's website:

http://ministry-education.govmu.org

5. <u>Mode of Application</u>

5.1 Applications must be made on the 2019 Application Form for the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship (Research Students) available for download from Ministry's website:

http://ministry-education.govmu.org

5.2 The completed application form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Embassy of Japan in Mauritius, as per contact details below to reach it by **Friday 29 June 2018** at latest.

The Embassy of Japan in Mauritius Level 12 One Cathedral Square Jules Koeing Street Port Louis

5.3 Applicants are reminded that the final awards for scholarships would be made by the Japanese Authorities.

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