



# Embassy of Japan

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### **Application for the 11<sup>th</sup> Batch of the Japan Development Scholarship (JDS) program 2012-2013**

The application process for the 11th batch of the Japan Development Scholarship (JDS) program 2012-2013, whose application deadline is October 13, 2011, has started. The details of the program are available at the following website: <http://jice.org/e/jds/application/index.htm>. Minimum qualifications for the JDS program are: being either a BCS (Bangladesh Civil Service) Cadre Official or a Bangladesh Bank Class-1 Officer who are under the age of 40. The JDS offers the participants an opportunity to gain Master's level of education at Japanese universities in the following fields of study: Public Administration, Economics, Environmental Policy and International Relations. These courses are taught in English. The JDS program has been offered in 12 countries throughout the world, including Bangladesh. The JDS in Bangladesh was established by the Government of Japan in 2001. The participants of the JDS program will acquire expert knowledge through conducting research and developing a human network at Japanese universities and are expected to utilize such knowledge to take an active role in solving various problems concerning the social and economic development issues of Bangladesh.

Over the last ten years, a total of 185 JDS fellows were dispatched to Japan and 149 fellows returned to Bangladesh with their accomplishments and ambitions to contribute to Bangladesh.

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