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Call for JDS applications: Seminar at BPATC

Application call for the 12th batch of Japan Development Scholarship (JDS) 2013-2014 has been started. On 27 August 2012, a seminar was held at the Auditorium of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Center in Savar. Mr Hiroto Sobajima, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, graced the occasion. Mr. Shigeki Furuta, Senior Representative of JICA encouraged prospective candidates in the seminar. Among other guests, Additional Secretary, Member, Directing Staff (P&S), of BPATC Ms. Hosne Ara Begum ndc, officials of EOJ, JICA and JICE were present in the seminar. This seminar was jointly organized by ERD and JICE. The seminar was arranged to inform 51st batch Foundation trainee civil services cadre officials about the JDS program.

Mr. Sobajima called for the young Government officials of Bangladesh, who are interested to pursue their higher education in Japan, to apply for the 12th Batch JDS program. This program is challenging and requires sincere commitment. However he earnestly believes that, after acquiring knowledge from Japan, these young officials will not only enrich their personal expertise but will also impel the country towards prosperity with a skilled human resource.

Another seminar on JDS will be held at ERD on 30 August 2012.

Application deadline for the 12th batch JDS program is 4 October 2012 (before or on 17:00 hours). The recruitment has already been started from 5 August 2012. Detail information is available in the website: <http://sv2.jice.org/e/jds/application/index.htm>. Minimum qualifications for JDS program are: members of BCS Cadre (Bangladesh Civil Service) and Bangladesh Bank Class-1 Officers with age, below 40 and 2 years of work experience. JDS offers fellowship in the fields of: Public Administration, Economics, Environmental Policy and International Relations in the Master's level at Japanese universities.

JDS program is offered in 13 countries throughout the world including Bangladesh. JDS was established by the Government of Bangladesh with the Japanese Government assistance in 2001. Participants of the JDS program will acquire knowledge, conduct research and build potential human networks at Japanese universities and are expected to apply such

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knowledge to take an active role solving problems concerning the social and economic development issues of Bangladesh.

So far, a total of 213 JDS fellows have been sent to Japan and 170 fellows have already come back to Bangladesh with their accomplishments and ambitions for their contribution to the development of Bangladesh.



Government officials representing respective ministries of the Government of Bangladesh, who participated in the seminar held at BPATC in Savar on 27 August 2012, are seen in the picture. Mr Hiroto Sobajima (extreme right), Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan is also seen in the picture.

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