

**JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO:MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2013 (THAILAND)  
(SPECIALIZED TRAINING COLLEGE STUDENTS)**

MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) offers scholarships to international students who wish to study at a Japanese specialized training college under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2013 as follows.

**1. FIELDS OF STUDY**

**Major and Related Subjects for Fields of Study**

Fields of Study	Subject
1. Technology	Civil Engineering and Architecture
	Electrical and Electronic Engineering
	Wireless Communication
	Computer
	Information Processing
2. Personal Care and Nutrition	Nourishment
	Cooking
3. Education and Welfare	Nursery Teacher Training
	Nursing Welfare
	Social Welfare
4. Business	Management
	Travel
	Business
5. Fashion and Home Economics	Harmony dressmaking
6. Culture and General Education	Music
	Art
	Design
	Photograph
7. Other Fields	

Note 1: Select a field of study from 1-7 above, and enter it in “Chosen field of study in Japan” on the application form. Applicants enter the first and second choice of subjects from the same field of study.

Note 2: Applicants who choose 7 “Other Fields” are required to specify what kind of field they want in No. 5 “Chosen field of study and subjects in Japan (Field of study)” on the application form.

Note 3: Applicants who wish to major in 7 “Other Fields” (Agriculture, Medical Care, etc.) may have difficulties in finding a specialized training college that can accept them.

Note 4: In regard to “Other fields of study” keep in mind that in some cases the application cannot be accepted because the period for completing the course of study will be more than the term of disbursement of the scholarship.

Note 5: Applicants who select “Other Subjects” for a field of study should specify their chosen subject in No.5 “Chosen field of study and subjects in Japan (First choice of subjects, Second choice of subjects)” on the application form.

## 2. QUALIFICATIONS

- (1) Nationality:  
The Applicant must have Thai nationality. However, the applicant who has Japanese nationality at the time of application will not be eligible. Applicant screening will be made at the Embassy of Japan in Thailand.
- (2) Age:  
The Applicant must be from 17 to 21 years old as of April 1, 2013 (i.e. born between April 2, 1991 and April 1, 1996.)
- (3) Academic Background:  
Upper Secondary School Student at Grade 12 (Mathayomsuksa 6) who will graduate by March, 2013.
- (4) Academic Records (GPA):  
Applicants must have more than 3.00 in cumulative average credits at an upper secondary school.
- (5) Japanese Language:  
The Applicant must be willing to learn the Japanese language and receive education at a specialized training college in the Japanese language.
- (6) Health:  
The Applicant must be mentally and physically healthy enough to pursue study at a specialized training college in Japan.
- (7) Arrival in Japan:  
In principle, the selected Applicant must be able to leave for and arrive in Japan between the 1st and 7th of April 2013. Travel expenses will not be provided if the Applicant chooses to travel to Japan before this set period. If the Applicant is unable to travel to Japan within the dates set, the scholarship will be cancelled.
- (8) Visa Requirement:  
If selected, the Applicant will be required to acquire a “College Student (*ryuugaku*(留学))” visa prior to coming to Japan. Applicants who are already in Japan before the start of the scholarship period under a visa other than College Student are required to change it to College Student by the end of the month preceding the start of the scholarship. (An Applicant who comes to Japan with a visa or resident status other than that of “College Student” will not qualify for a Japanese government’s scholarship. Also, keep in mind that any Applicant who changes his/her resident status to any status other than “College Student” after entry into Japan will lose his/her status of a Japanese government scholarship student upon such change of status.)
- (9) Any applicant who meets any or all of the following conditions is not eligible. If identified after the start of the scholarship period, the applicant will be required to withdraw from the scholarship:
  - ① If he/she is a service member or civilian employee registered on the active military list at the time the scholarship period is due to begin;
  - ② If he/she is a grantee of a scholarship provided by an organization (including a governmental organization of his/her own country) other than the Japanese government (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT);
  - ③ If the applicant is a previous recipient of a Japanese government scholarship. Unless more than three years have passed since the first day of the month following the final payment of the previous scholarship, as of April 1, 2013; or
  - ④ If he/she is, in principle, currently enrolled in a Japanese university with the resident status of “College Student,” or will be enrolled in a Japanese university as an other source or self financed international student between the time of application for this scholarship in his/her country and the time the scholarship period is due to begin. This does not apply to current self- financed international students at Japanese universities who will complete their course of study and return to their country before the end of the current year.

### 3. TERM OF SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship awards will be tenable for three(3) years from April 2013 to March 2016 including one-year preparatory education in the Japanese language and other subjects due to be provided upon arrival in Japan.

Note: If a scholarship grantee graduates from a specialized training college and is admitted to a Japanese university as a junior transferee, he/she may have the term of his/her scholarship extended upon successful examination by MEXT provided that he/she has outstanding academic achievement that meets certain criteria.

### 4. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

#### (1) Allowance:

Under the fiscal 2012 budget each grantee will be provided monthly with 117,000 yen (an additional monthly stipend of 2,000 or 3,000 yen may be provided to those undertaking study or research in specially designated regions). (However, this will be subject to change, depending upon the annual budget of each year). The scholarship will not be paid to a grantee who takes a leave of absence or is long absent from his/her specialized training college or the preparatory Japanese-teaching institution.

Scholarship will be cancelled for a grantee in the following cases. Furthermore, if scholarship payments were made during the period the following cases applied, the grantee may be ordered to return scholarship payments received during that period.

- ① If any of his/her application documents is found to be falsely stated;
- ② If he/she is in breach of his/her pledge made to the Minister of MONBUKAGAKUSHO (MEXT);
- ③ If he/she is subjected to disciplinary action such as expulsion or removal from register by his/her specialized training college or the preparatory Japanese-teaching institution;
- ④ If it becomes definitive that the grantee will not be able to graduate (or complete his/her course) within the standard course term because of his/her poor academic achievement or suspension;
- ⑤ If his/her resident status of "College Student" as provided for in Paragraph 1-4 of Appendix to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act changes to any other status; or
- ⑥ If he/she is provided with another scholarship (except for a scholarship designated for research expenses).
- ⑦ If he/she proceeds to a higher level of education without receiving approval for an extension of the term of the scholarship

#### (2) Traveling Costs

##### ① Transportation to Japan:

Each grantee will be provided, according to his/her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT, with an economy class air ticket from the international airport closest to his/her place of residence to Narita International Airport (or following the itinerary normally used by the institution where the grantee is placed). Expenses such as inland transportation from his/her place of residence to the nearest international airport, airport tax, airport usage fees, special taxes on overseas travel and travel expenses within Japan will be borne by the grantee (the place of residence of the grantee shall in principle be the address stated in the application form). Air travel from a country other than the grantee's nationality will not be covered, nor travel to Japan before April 1, 2013.

##### ② Transportation from Japan:

The grantee who returns to his/her home country within the last-payment month of his/her scholarship will be provided, upon application, with an economy class air ticket for a flight from Narita International Airport (or following the itinerary normally used by the institution where the grantee is placed) to the international airport closest to his/her place of return.

Note: Insurance premiums for travel to/from Japan shall be borne by the grantee. The airport the grantee departs from or returns to must be an airport of the country of his/her nationality.

#### (3) School Fees:

Fees for entrance examinations, matriculation, and tuition at a specialized training college will be paid by the Japanese government.

## 5. SELECTION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE IN THAILAND

The Embassy of Japan and the Ministry of Education, the Thai Government will select preliminary candidates from among applicants by means of examination and interview.

(1) Announcement of Application

21 May – 6 July, 2012

(2) Distributing of Application Form

21 May – 6 July, 2012

(3) Submitting of Application Form

Date: 21 May – 6 July, 2012

Place: Bureau of International Cooperation, Office of the Permanent Secretary,  
the Ministry of Education  
319 Wang Chankasem, Ratchadamneon Nok Road  
Dusit, Bangkok 10300

Procedure: Applicants must submit the following documents to Bureau of International Cooperation, please refer to: [www.bic.moe.go.th](http://www.bic.moe.go.th)

	Documents	Amount
1	Application (by the prescribed form) ใบสมัคร (ใช้แบบฟอร์มที่ให้)	1 original
2	Admission Form (by the prescribed form) ใบ Admission Form (ใช้แบบฟอร์มที่ให้)	1 original
3	Photographs (4.5×3.5 cm, Upper body, Full-faced, Uncapped) taken within the past 6 months (should be pasted on the application form and the admission form) รูปถ่ายหน้าตรง ถ่ายไว้ไม่เกิน 6 เดือน ขนาด 4.5x3.5 ซม. (ติดที่ใบสมัครและใบ Admission Form )	3 photographs
4	Academic transcript of upper secondary school having more than 3.00 in the cumulative average credits ใบประมวลผลการศึกษาระดับมัธยมศึกษาตอนปลาย (ผู้สมัครต้องได้ G.P.A. 3.00 ขึ้นไป)	1 original (in English)
5	Certificate of enrollment (An attested document certifying that the applicant should graduate from the school by March, 2012.) หนังสือรับรองสถานภาพการศึกษาจากโรงเรียนซึ่งรับรองว่าผู้สมัครจะจบการศึกษาระดับมัธยมศึกษาตอนปลายในเดือนมีนาคมของปีถัดไป	1 original (in English)

**\*These documents must be written in either Japanese or English, or accompanied by a translation in either of these languages. No application will be accepted unless all the documents mentioned above are fully and correctly completed. The documents submitted will not be returned.**

(4) Written Examination

(A) Date and Place

Date: 22 July, 2012 (Sun.)

Time: 09:00 – 11:10 hrs.

Place: The Ministry of Education will decide.

(B) Subjects of Examination

English and Mathematics

(C) Examination Language  
All subjects are given in English.

(D) Examination Schedule

Time	Subjects
09:00 – 10:00	English
10:10 – 11:10	Mathematics

(5) Announcement of the result of the written examination

Date: 30 July, 2012 (Mon.)

Time: 16:00 hrs.

Place: The Ministry of Education, [www.bic.moe.go.th](http://www.bic.moe.go.th)  
Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok  
(on website : <http://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp>)

(6) Interview: Interview will be given in English.

Date: 15 August, 2012 (Wed.)

Time: 09:00 – 12:00 hrs.

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok

(7) Announcement of the result of the interview

Date: 15 August, 2012 (Wed.)

Time: 16:00 hrs.

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok

## 6. RECOMMENDATION TO MEXT

The Embassy of Japan will recommend the candidates who have passed the preliminary selection to MEXT. In addition, all candidates are required to take the Japanese Examination as reference data to decide how much Japanese language training needs to be given to a grantee after their arrival in Japan.

(1) Meeting for Recommendation Procedure to MEXT

Date: 16 August, 2012 (Thurs.)

Time: 10:00 hrs.

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok

(2) Submitting of Formal Application to MEXT

Date: 23 August, 2012 (Thurs.)

Time: 09:30-11:00 hrs.

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok

(3) Japanese Language Examination

This examination is given to those who passed the interview

Date: 23 August, 2012 (Thurs.)

Time: 14:30-16:30 hrs.

Place: Japan Foundation, Bangkok

(4) Final Selection at MEXT

MEXT will perform the final selection among the recommended candidates worldwide and select the scholarship grantees. Therefore, applicants who have passed the primary screening at the Japanese legation (the Embassy of Japan) are not automatically accepted as scholarship grantees.

\* The result of the final selection will be notified to each applicant by the Embassy of Japan **not later than the end of January, 2013.**

## 7. SPECIALIZED TRAINING COLLEGE EDUCATION

- (1) Preparatory Education prior to Placement in specialized Training College:  
Each grantee will be enrolled at a preparatory school designated by MEXT where for a one-year intensive course in the Japanese language and other subjects necessary for preparation for proceeding to specialized training colleges. The preparatory course lasts for one year mainly consisting of education in Japanese Affairs with a focus on Japanese-language teaching. Please keep in mind that a grantee will not be allowed to proceed to specialized training college if he/she is determined incapable of completing the prescribed course at the preparatory school. (He/she will be required to return home upon such determination.)
- (2) Entrance into Specialized Training College:  
A grantee who has completed the prescribed course at the preparatory school will go on to a college of technology designated by MEXT. His/her college will be decided by MEXT upon consultation with the college concerned. No objection by the grantee against the decision will be allowed.
- (3) Graduation:  
A grantee of this scholarship will be enrolled into a postsecondary course of a specialized training college that requires upper secondary school education for entrance eligibility and receive professional education for two years prior to graduation. A graduated grantee will be awarded a diploma.
- (4) Language used in Education:  
All classes will be given in the Japanese language.
- (5) Change of Major Field:  
A grantee will not be permitted in principle to change his/her major field of study.

## 8. NOTES

- (1) All grantees are advised to learn the Japanese language and have basic knowledge about the weather, climate, manners and customs of Japan, the differences between the legal system of his/her home country and Japan, and what specialized training colleges are like in Japan before leaving for Japan.
- (2) Grantees should bring the approximate equivalent of US \$2,000 to cover immediate needs after their arrival in Japan.
- (3) Boarding house
  - ① For one year after arrival, in principle a grantee will be able to live in a dormitory for preparatory school.
  - 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.
- (4) If you have any question about the matters set forth/not set forth herein, please inquire at the Embassy of Japan/Consulate-General, and follow their instructions, if any are given.
- (5) In addition to the information determined in this guideline, matters which are necessary to implement Japanese Government Scholarship are determined by the Japanese Government.

## 9. REFERENCES

(For submitting application form and inquiry information)

Bureau of International Cooperation, Office of the Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Education  
Tel: 02-628-5646-7, 02-281-6370 ext. 114  
Fax: 02-281-0953  
URL: [www.bic.moe.go.th](http://www.bic.moe.go.th)

(For information in details)

Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan  
177 Witthayu Road, Lumpini  
Patumwan, Bangkok 10330

Tel: 02-207-8504, 02-696-3004 (Ms. Supatra Pothong and Ms. Rungaroon Pattanathanes)

Fax: 02-207-8512

URL: <http://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp>