

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO:MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2015 (THAILAND)
(COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS)

MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) offers scholarships to international students who wish to study at a Japanese college of technology under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program for 2015 as follows.

1. FIELDS OF STUDY

Fields of Study	Majors and Related Key Terms
1. Mechanical Engineering	Machine Elements and Material Processing, Material Science and Mechanics, Fluid and Thermal Engineering, Mechanical System Design and Control, Computer Aided Design/ Computer Aided Manufacturing, Mechatronics, Robotics, etc.
2. Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Analog Circuits, Electric Power System, Power Electronics, Digital Circuits, Integrated Circuits, Electric/Electronic Materials, Electric/Electronic Device, Electric/Electronic Control, etc.
3. Information, Communication and Network Engineering	Signal/Image Processing, Cable Communication, Wireless Communication, Communication Engineering, Satellite Communication, Microwaves, Computer Software, Computer Graphics, Operating System, Peripherals and Interface Technology, Computer Network, Communication Control, etc.
4. Materials Engineering	Metallurgical Engineering, Inorganic Materials Engineering, Organic Materials Engineering, Polymer Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Biological Chemistry, Biological Engineering, Environmental Engineering in Materials Science and Engineering, etc.
5. Architecture and Civil Engineering	Architectural Design and Planning, Structural Engineering in Architecture, Building Materials and Execution Works, History of Architecture, Structural Engineering, Materials in Civil Engineering, Surveying, Hydraulics, Geotechnical Engineering, Urban Engineering, etc.
6. Maritime Engineering	Navigation, Position Fixing, Ship Maneuvering and Seamanship, Oceanography and Meteorology, Maritime Laws, Naval Architecture, Marine Diesel Engine, Marine Auxiliary Machinery, Marine Material, etc.
7. Other Fields	International Communication, Management Information Engineering, etc.

Note 1 : Applicants must select a “Field of study” and “Majors and Related Key Terms” and enter in “5. Preferred field of study in Japan” on the application form. Applicants may enter a first, second and third choice of field of study.

Note 2 : “4. Materials engineering” may not be studied in combination with other fields of study. Applicants wishing to choose more than one major, should select their first, second and third choice from within “4. Materials engineering”

Note 3 : Applicants for a major in the fields categorized as “7.Other Fields” , may have difficulties in finding colleges of technology capable of accepting them.

2. QUALIFICATIONS

- (1) Nationality:
Applicants must have Thai nationality. Stateless persons can be applicants, too. Applicants who have Japanese nationality at the time of application will not be eligible. However, applicants of dual nationality who reside outside of Japan are eligible only if they will expatriate from Japan by the time of arrival in Japan. Applicants screening will be made at the Embassy of Japan/Consulate General of Japan in Thailand.
- (2) Age:
The Applicant must be from 17 to 21 years old as of April 1, 2015 (i.e. born between April 2, 1993 and April 1, 1998).
- (3) Academic Background:
Applicants generally must have completed a school curriculum equivalent to an upper secondary school (a 11-year or longer curriculum starting at elementary school). Applicants who will meet the above qualifications by March, 2015 are included.
- (4) Academic Records (GPA):
Applicants must have more than 3.00 in cumulative average credits at an upper secondary school.
- (5) Japanese Language:
Applicants must be willing to learn the Japanese language and receive college of technology education in Japanese language.
- (6) Health:
Applicants must be mentally and physically healthy enough to pursue study at a college of technology in Japan. An applicant who wishes to major in maritime engineering must have 0.6 or more vision in either eye with or without glasses, and no color-blindness.
- (7) Arrival in Japan:
In principle, the selected applicants must be able to leave for and arrive in Japan between the 1st and 7th of April 2015.
- (8) Visa Requirement :
Selected applicants must acquire “College Student” (ryugaku,留学) visas before entering Japan. It should be issued at the Embassy of Japan/Consulate General of Japan in Thailand.
Note: Applicants who change their resident status to any status other than “College Student” after their arrival in Japan will immediately lose their status as Japanese government scholarship student.
- (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 an applicant is a service member or a civilian employee registered on the active military list at the time the scholarship period is due to begin;
 - ② Those who cannot arrive in Japan during the period designated by MEXT or the accepting university;
 - ③ If an 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, 2015 (In case where the student starts from the fall semester, the month of entrance.);
 - ④ If an applicant 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 another 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;

- ⑤ If an applicant is a grantee of a scholarship from an organization (including a governmental organization of his/her own country) other than the Japanese government (MEXT) (Prospective beneficiaries are included);
- ⑥ Applicants who are expected to graduate at the time of application and, cannot satisfy the qualifications and the conditions of academic background by the deadline given; or
- ⑦ Applicants of dual nationality who cannot prove their expatriation of the Japanese nationality by the time of arrival.

3. TERM OF SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship awards will be tenable for four years from April, 2015 to March, 2019 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 term of scholarship will be four and a half years up to September, 2019.

If a grantee graduates from a college of technology and is admitted for enrollment in an advanced course at a college of technology or 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. If a grantee completes an advanced course at a college of technology and satisfies the requirements established by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation, he/she may apply to the Institution for a bachelor's degree in engineering.

4. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

(1) Allowance:

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 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:

The recipient will be supplied generally, according to his/her itinerary and route as designated by MEXT, with an economy-class airplane ticket from the international airport nearest to his/her place of residence* to the New Tokyo International Airport (or any other international airport that the preparatory school usually uses.) Expenses such as inland transportation from his/her home address to the international airport, airport tax, airport usage fees, special taxes on travel, or inland transportation within Japan will NOT be supplied.

*The address in the country of the recipient's nationality stated in the application form is in principle regarded as the recipient's "home address."

Note: Those who cannot be reachable through the day that has been described "2. QUALIFICATIONS (7) Arrival in Japan" in shall be paid the travel expenses coming to Japan

② Transportation from Japan:

The recipient who returns to his/her home country within the fixed period after the expiration of his/her scholarship will be supplied generally, upon application, with an economy-class airplane ticket for the travel from the New Tokyo International Airport (or any other international airport that the appointed specialized training college uses as a normal route) to the international airport nearest to his/her home address.

Note 1: If a grantee returns home without an extension though having applied for extension of scholarship period, he/she will not be paid travel expenses to return home in general.

Note 2: Insurance premiums for travel to/from Japan shall be borne by the grantee.

Note 3: If a grantee stays in Japan and gets a job after the scholarship period has ended, he/she will not be paid travel expenses to return home as the temporary return.

(3) School Fees:

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

5. SELECTION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE IN THAILAND

The Embassy of Japan and the Ministry of Education of the Thai Government will perform primary screening of applicants by means of submitted application documents, interviews and academic examinations.

(1) Announcement of Application

As the Ministry of Education will decide.

(2) Distributing of Application Form

As the Ministry of Education will decide.

(3) Submitting of Application Form

Date: The period that the Ministry of Education will decide.

Place: Bureau of International Cooperation, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education

Procedure: Applicants must submit the following documents to Bureau of International Cooperation, Please refer to: 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, 2014) หนังสือรับรองสถานภาพการศึกษาจากโรงเรียน ซึ่งรับรองว่าผู้สมัครจะจบการศึกษาระดับมัธยมศึกษาตอนปลายในเดือนมีนาคมของปีถัดไป	1 original (in English)

***All 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: 27 July, 2014 (Sun.)

Time: 08:30 – 15:00 hrs.

Place: The Ministry of Education will decide.

(B) Subjects of Examination: all subjects of examination are given in English.

English, Mathematics and Physics or Chemistry

Note: All applicants wishing to study (4) “**Materials engineering**” must sit examinations in English, Mathematics and **Chemistry**.

All applicants wishing to study in fields **other than** (4) “Materials engineering” must sit examinations in English, Mathematics, and **Physics**.

(C) Japanese language test: Applicants who are in the program of Japanese language and who would like to be evaluated their Japanese language skills can sit for Japanese language test additionally.

Applicants who have passed the interview must sit for Japanese language test to be used as reference data for Japanese language instruction due to be provided upon applicants’ arrival in Japan.

(D) Examination Schedule

Time	Subjects
08:30 – 09:30	English
09:30 – 10:30	Mathematics
10:30 – 11:30	Physics or Chemistry
13:00 – 15:00	Japanese (if desired)

(5) Announcement of the result of the written examination

Date: 31 July, 2014 (Thurs.)

Time: 16:00 hrs.

Place: The Ministry of Education, the Thai Government (on website: 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: 6 August, 2014 (Wed.)

Time: 09:00 – 15:00 hrs.

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok

(7) Announcement of the result of the interview

Date: 7 August, 2014 (Thurs.)

Time: 16:00 hrs.

Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok
(on website : <http://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp>)

6. RECOMMENDATION TO MEXT

The Embassy of Japan will recommend the candidates who have passed the primary screening to MEXT.

- (1) Meeting for Recommendation Procedure to MEXT
Date: 13 August, 2014 (Wed.)
Time: 14:00 hrs.
Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok
- (2) Submitting of Formal Application to MEXT
Date: 22 August, 2014 (Fri.)
Time: 09:00-11.30 hrs.
Place: Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan in Bangkok
- (3) Japanese Language Examination
This examination is given to those who passed the interview for reference.
Date: 22 August, 2014 (Fri.)
Time: 14:00-16:00 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, 2015.**

7. EDUCATION AT COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

- (1) Preparatory Education prior to Placement in College of Technology:
Each grantee will be enrolled at a preparatory school designated by MEXT for a one-year intensive course in the Japanese language and other subjects necessary for preparation for proceeding to college of technology. The preparatory course lasts for one year, mainly consisting of education in the Japanese language as well as in Japanese Affairs, mathematics, etc. A grantee will not be allowed to proceed to college of technology 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 College of Technology:
A grantee who has completed the prescribed course at the preparatory school will go on to a college of technology designated by MEXT. The college of technology 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 college of technology operates under a five-year course requiring junior high school education for eligibility, but the grantees of this scholarship will be enrolled into a third-year class and receive specialized education for three years prior to graduation (or three years and a half for those who major in maritime engineering). A graduated grantee will be awarded a diploma and an associate degree.
- (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, and colleges of technology education in Japan as well as about the differences in the Japanese legal system and the one in their home country before they leave for Japan.
- (2) Grantees should bring the approximate equivalent of US \$2,000 to cover immediate needs after their arrival in Japan.
- (3) Dormitory
 - ① For one year after arrival each grantee will be able to live in a dormitory for preparatory school.
 - ② After entering a college of technology a grantee will be able to live in the dormitory established by the college.
- (4) The English texts attached to the Application Guideline and Application Form are for convenience only. English expressions do not change the Japanese content, so if you have any question about the content of the written text, you should inquire at the Embassy of Japan.
- (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 (สอบถามข้อมูลและส่งใบสมัคร)

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

Tel: 02-628-5646-7, 02-281-6370 ext. 113

Fax: 02-281-0953

URL: www.bic.moe.go.th

For information in details (สอบถามข้อมูล)

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

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

Fax: 02-207-8512

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

(Working Hour: 09:00-12:00 hrs. and 13:30-16:30 hrs.)