

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO:MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2015 (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 2015 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 “Preferred field of study in Japan” on the application form, and enter a 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 “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 can not 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 “Chosen field of study and subjects in Japan (First choice of subjects, Second choice of subjects)” on the application form.

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:
Applicants 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 education at a specialized training college in 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 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) Applicants who meet any or all of the following conditions are not eligible. If identified after acceptance of the scholarship grantees, the applicants 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 of his/her arrival in Japan;
 - 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 courses of study and return to their countries before the end of the current year;
 - ⑤ If an applicant is a grantee of a scholarship from any organization(including any governmental organization of his/her own country) other than the Japanese government (MEXT) (Prospective beneficiaries are included); or

- 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.
- 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 three years from April 2015 to March 2018 including one-year preparatory education in the Japanese language and other subjects due to be provided upon arrival in Japan.

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:

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 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 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, the 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 ซึ่งรับรองว่าผู้สมัครจะจบการศึกษาระดับมัธยมศึกษาตอนปลายในเดือน มีนาคมของปีถัดไป	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: 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 and Mathematics

(C) Japanese language test: Applicants who are in the program of Japanese language and who desired 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
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, 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

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. 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. 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 specialized training college 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) 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.)
