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**Press Release**

**THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO:MEXT) SCHOLARSHIPS 2015**  
**JAPANESE STUDIES & TEACHER TRAINING**

The Embassy of Japan is pleased to announce that the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho:MEXT) Scholarships for Japanese Studies and Teacher Training is now open for application until **27<sup>th</sup> February 2015**. Qualified Malaysian nationals who would like to pursue their studies in Japan are invited to apply. During the term of scholarship, monthly allowances of approximately 117,000 yen (approx RM3,500) will be given to each Japanese Studies grantee, and 143,000 yen (approx RM4,300) to Teacher Training grantee (amount is subject to change). Fees for entrance examination, matriculation and tuition at universities will be exempted. A round-trip airplane ticket is also provided.

**Requirements:**

**1. Japanese Studies (1-year non-degree course from October 2015)**

- a) Applicants must be between 18 and 29 years of age as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 (born between 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1985 and 1<sup>st</sup> April 1997).
- b) Applicants must be **2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year** undergraduate students (must not be final year students) **majoring in Japanese Language or Japanese Culture** enrolled in non-Japanese universities.
- c) Applicants must have good command of Japanese Language.
- d) Application for Japanese Studies Scholarship must reach the Embassy of Japan **by 4:00pm on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015**. For details, please call 03-2177-2600 (ext. 157/146) or visit <http://www.my.emb-japan.go.jp/English/JIS/education/scholarship/scholarship.htm>

**2. Teacher Training (1½ year non-degree course from October 2015)**

- a) Applicants must be under 35 years of age as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 (born on or after 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1980)
- b) Applicants must be graduates of universities or teacher training college who work as teachers in primary or secondary schools or as academic staff at TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS with **at least 5-year experience** in their terms of service.
- c) Applicants must have good command of English language and are willing to learn Japanese language.
- d) Application for Teacher Training Scholarship should be made to the Public Service Department (PSD) of Malaysia. For details, please visit <http://www.jpa.gov.my> or contact Puan Siti Norraifana binti Hamidon (Tel: 03-03-8885 3518 Email: raifana.hamidon@jpa.gov.my) or Cik Nurhafizah binti Sidik (Tel: 03-8885 3462 Email: fizah.sidik@jpa.gov.my).

The interviews for both programmes are scheduled on middle of March 2015. The Embassy of Japan will notify qualified candidates only (by email and letter) to attend the interview.