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Press Release

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIPS 2015 **Undergraduate & Postgraduate**

The Embassy of Japan is pleased to announce that the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarships for the academic year 2015 is opened for application now. Malaysian nationals who would like to pursue their studies in Japan are invited to apply for the scholarship. During the term of the scholarship, monthly allowances of approximately 117,000 yen (approx RM3,800) will be given to undergraduate grantee and 143,000 yen (approx RM4,600) to postgraduate grantee (amount subject to change). Fees of the entrance examination, matriculation and tuition at universities will be exempted. A round-trip airplane ticket is also provided.

There are two (2) categories available under the scholarships:

1. Undergraduate (5 ~ 7 years bachelor degree course from April 2015)

- a) Applicants must be between 17 and 22 years of age as of 1st April 2015 (i.e. born between 2nd April 1993 and 1st April 1998)
- b) Applicants must have completed SPM or O-Level with at least 11 years of formal education (excluding remove class). Students who have completed STPM, UEC, Matriculation or Diploma may also apply with STPM, UEC, Matriculation or Diploma results.
- c) Applicants must have good command of English or Japanese with excellent result in other major subjects.
- d) Application due date: **10th April 2014** (Thursday), before 4:00pm

2. Postgraduate (1½ or 2 years course from April or October 2015)

- a) Applicants must be under 35 years of age as of 1st April 2015 (i.e. born on or after 2nd April 1980)
- b) Applicants must be a Bachelor's or Master's degree holder (minimum CGPA 3.4) with 16 years of formal education (excluding remove class). Undergraduates or Master's students who are in the final year at their respective universities are eligible to apply.
- c) Applicants who are **civil servants** must apply through the **Public Service Department of Malaysia (JPA)**. For further details, please visit www.jpa.gov.my or contact Pn. Anna Izwana bt Rorzali (Tel: 03-8885 3408/ 3468 Email: anna.rorzali.jpa@1govuc.gov.my) or Pn. Nazrina bt Abdul Malik (Tel: 03-8885-3438 Email: nazrina.malik.jpa@1govuc.gov.my)
- d) Application due date (for non civil servants): **10th April 2014** (Thursday), before 4:00pm
Application due date (for civil servants): **3rd April 2014** (Thursday)

Application forms and guidelines can be collected from the Embassy of Japan or printed out from the Embassy of Japan's website (www.my.emb-japan.go.jp). Late submissions will not be considered. For further information, please access to www.my.emb-japan.go.jp or contact the embassy at 03-2177-2600 (ext. 146 [undergraduate] / 157 [postgraduate]).

An Education Counsellor is stationed at Japan Information Centre (1st Floor, Embassy of Japan) every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (excluding embassy holidays) from 10am-12noon. Applicants are welcome to make use of the service here or make telephone enquiries to 03-2177-2600 (ext. 185) during this period.