JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2018

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

The Monbukagakusho:MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Government of Japan) offers scholarships to Malaysian students who wish to study at Japanese universities as undergraduate students under the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship Program for the academic year 2018. Applicants must be Malaysian citizens and meet the qualifications stated below:

1. FIELD OF STUDY

| Social Sciences and Humanities | Law, Politics, Economics, Business Administration, Pedagogy, Sociology, Literature, History, Finance, Japanese Language and et cetera. |
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| Natural Sciences A | Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Electronics, Electrical Engineering, Information Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture, Agriculture Engineering, Civil Engineering, Architecture, Environmental Engineering, Applied Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Industrial Chemistry, Textile Engineering, Metallurgical Engineering, Mining Engineering, Mercantile Marine, Biotechnology and et cetera. |
| Natural Sciences B | Agriculture, Agricultural Chemistry, Animal Science, Veterinary Medicine, Forestry, Food Science, Fisheries, Pharmacy, Hygienic, Nursing, and Biology |
| Natural Science C | Medicine, Dentistry and et cetera. |

2. TENURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The tenure of scholarship is 5 years except for Medicine and Dentistry 7 years as from April 2018 inclusive of 1-year intensive Japanese language Course. The grantee who has graduated and been admitted into the master's course of a graduate school during the term of scholarship could have his/her term of scholarship extended as a result of selection. Scholarship term will be extended for two years at the maximum, and no extension shall be made beyond this period.

3. QUALIFICATIONS

- Age: Applicants must be Malaysian passport holders' age between 17 to 22 years old as of 1
 April 2018 (i.e. born between 2 April 1996 and 1 April 2001). Applicants must have Malaysian
 address.
- Academic Background: Applicants must have completed SPM or UEC with at least eleven (11) years of formal education (excluding remove class). STPM students (lower or upper) and those who will sit for A-Level, Diploma, or Matriculation examination this year may also apply, provided that the results will be known by March 2018. Use your SPM result to apply.
- Academic requirement.

| Academic level | Natural Science A, B & C | Social Science |
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| SPM / UEC | 9A (A+ or A) including both Mathematics & Add Math, English, Chemistry, Physics/Biology | 9A (A+ or A) including Mathematics and English |
| STPM | A- or GPA 3.6 in Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics/ Biology and Band 5 in MUET | A- or GPA 3.6 in Mathematics and Band 5 in MUET |
| A-Level/ Matriculation | A in Mathematics, English, Chemistry, Physics/ Biology | A in Mathematics and English |
| Diploma | CGPA 3.4 and above in related field of study | CGPA 3.4 and above in related field of study |

• Japanese Language: Applicants must (be willing to) learn the Japanese language and (to) receive university education in the Japanese language.

4. ALLOWANCES

Estimated monthly allowances of **117**, **000 yen** (subject to change) will be given to each grantee during the term of his / her scholarship. Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation and tuition at universities will be exempted.

5. EXAMINATION

Only qualified applicants will be notified to sit for a written examination in Kuala Lumpur **tentatively on 21 May 2017** (subject to change). Short-listed candidates will be called for an interview based on the results of the written examination.

[Subjects for Examination (in English)]

| Social Sciences and Humanities | English, Mathematics A and Japanese Language |
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| Natural Science A | English, Mathematics B, Chemistry, Physics and Japanese Language |
| Natural Science B & C | English, Mathematics B, Chemistry, Biology and Japanese Language |

6. APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND IMPORTANT NOTE

- Attachment: Please attach a certified copy of SPM or STPM+MUET or A-Level+MUET or UEC or Matriculation examination result (certified by issuer only) with the fully completed form. Do not send any documents other than application form and copy of result.
- Field of Study: Applicants must state very clearly either {Social Science & Humanities}, {Natural Science A}, {Natural Science B} or {Natural Science C} on the top right-hand of the application form.
- Educational Background: Please fill in ALL columns, DO NOT leave any column BLANK.
- Number of Submission: Only ONE (1) application per individual. Two applications will be disqualified immediately.
- Closing Date: Your application form must reach the Embassy of Japan <u>before 4:00 p.m.</u>
 7 April 2017 (Friday) to qualify. Late applications will not be considered.
- Submitting of Application Form: All applications should be submitted directly to:

MEXT 2018 - UNDERGRADUATE JAPAN INFORMATION SERVICE EMBASSY OF JAPAN NO.11, PERSIARAN STONOR, OFF JALAN TUN RAZAK 50450 KUALA LUMPUR

- Envelope containing application form must indicate "MEXT SCHOLARSHIP 2018 –
 UNDERGRADUATE" on the top left-hand corner. Use only A4 size envelope.
- No correspondence can be entered into as to why an applicant has not been short-listed. No request related to this matter will be entertain.

7. OTHER NOTES

The simplified guidelines and application form provided by the Embassy of Japan in Malaysia in March are provisional. Applicants short-listed for interview are required to submit new official application forms and adhere to the official guidelines compiled by the MEXT which will be provided along with the interview notification letter.