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Press Release

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIPS 2026 **Undergraduate, College of Technology (KOSEN) Specialized Training College &** **Postgraduate**

The Embassy of Japan is pleased to announce that the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarships for the academic year 2026 is open 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 will be given to undergraduate, college of technology and specialized training college grantee and 143,000 yen 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 four (4) categories available under the scholarships:

1. Undergraduate (5 ~ 7 years bachelor degree course from April 2026)

- a) Applicants must be between 18 and 25 years of age of 1st April 2026 (i.e., born on or after 2nd April 2001)
- b) Applicants must have completed SPM 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.

2. College of Technology (KOSEN) (4 years diploma course from April 2026)

- a) Applicants must be between 18 and 25 years of age of 1st April 2026 (i.e., born on or after 2nd April 2001)
- b) Applicants must have completed SPM 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.

3. Specialized Training College (3 years diploma course from April 2026)

- a) Applicants must be between 18 and 25 years of age of 1st April 2026 (i.e., born on or after 2nd April 2001)
- b) Applicants must have completed SPM 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.

4. Postgraduate (1½ or 2 years course from April or October 2026)

- a) Applicants must be under 35 years of age as of 1st April 2026 (i.e., born on or after 2nd April 1991)
- 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 details, please visit <http://www.jpa.gov.my> , or contact "Unit Pengurusan Penawaran Dalam Perkhidmatan" at 03-8885-3569 or penawaranldp@jpa.gov.my

Application due date for the undergraduate, college of technology and specialized training college is on 9 April 2025 (Wednesday), before 4:00pm. For postgraduate, due date is on 16 April 2025 (Wednesday), before 4.00pm.

Application forms and guidelines can be 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 03-2177-2600 (ext. 138 [undergraduate] /146 [College of Technology and Specialized Training College]/ 157 [postgraduate]) or email to edu@kl.mofa.go.jp

An online education counselling session is offered to those who is interested to know more about study in Japan. Please email your reservation slot to edu@kl.mofa.go.jp