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Press Release

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP 2027

YOUNG LEADERS' PROGRAM (YLP)

The Embassy of Japan is pleased to announce that the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship for the Young Leaders' Program (YLP) is now open for application until **18 September 2026**. Malaysian nationals who would like to pursue their Master's degree courses in Japan are invited to apply for the scholarships. During the term of the scholarship, a monthly allowance of approximately 242,000 yen (subject to change) will be given. Fees for the entrance examination, matriculation and tuition at the universities will be exempted. A round-trip airplane ticket is also provided.

Course duration is principally one (1) year from October 2027 to September 2028 (except for Business Administration Course, the commencement of the program is from September 2027 to August 2028). Courses will be conducted in English language.

There are five (5) courses available under the Young Leaders' Program:

- A. **Business Administration Course** (Master of Business Administration) at Hitotsubashi University
- B. **Law Course** (Master of Law) at Kyushu University
- C. **School of Government Course** (Master in Public Administration or Master in Public Policy) at National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)
- D. **School of Local Governance Course** (Master in Public Administration or Master in Public Policy) at National Graduate Institute for Foreign Policy (GRIPS)
- E. **Healthcare Administration Course** (Master of Healthcare Administration) at Nagoya University

Requirements:

- 1. Malaysian citizens with degrees.
- 2. For **Business Administration Course**, applicants must:-
 - (a) be below 40 years old as of 1st September 2027;
 - (b) have good command of English language (minimum TOEFL-iBT score of 100, TOEFL-PBT score of 600, TOEFL-CBT score of 250, IELTS Academic score of 7.0 or equivalent) with highly desirable GMAT/GRE score result; and
 - (c) have at least 2 years' working experience.
- 3. For **Law Course**, applicants must:-
 - (a) be below 40 years old as of 1st October 2027;
 - (b) have good command of English language (minimum TOEFL-iBT score of 4.5/ IELTS 6.5 or equivalent); and
 - (c) at least 4 years' working experience including experience of handling law-related affairs in Malaysia.
- 4. For the **other 3 courses**, applicants must:-
 - (a) be below 40 years old as of 1st October 2027;
 - (b) have good command of English language (minimum TOEFL-iBT score of 80/ IELTS 6.0 or equivalent); and
 - (c) have at least 3 years' working experience in government offices (for the **Health Administration Course**, working experience in Ministry of Health Malaysia)

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Application is to be made through our recommending Malaysian authorities:

Business Administration Course, please contact the National Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Malaysia at Tel: 03-6204 9811 or email to admin@nccim.org.my & kathy.musa@nccim.org.my (Ms. Kathy Musa).

Health Administration course, please contact Ministry of Health Malaysia at Tel: 03-8883 1090 or email to badruridzwan@moh.gov.my (Dr. Ahmad Badruridzwanullah).

The other 3 courses, for government servant, please contact the Public Service Department of Malaysia at Tel: 03-8885 3053 or email to penawaranldp@jpa.gov.my (Mr. Mohd Kamarul).

Law Course, application for non-government servant can be made through Kulliyah of Laws, International Islamic University Malaysia at Tel: 03-6421 4226 or email to ramizah@iium.edu.my (Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ramizah Wan Muhammad)

For further details, please contact the Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan at 03-2177 2600 ext. 138 or visit https://www.my.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/youngleaders.html.

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