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08<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2017

Attn: Officer In-charge of  
 Foreign Training

Secretaries/ All Line Ministries  
 Secretaries/ All State Ministries  
 Chief Secretaries/ All Provincial Councils  
 All Heads of Departments

Dear Sir/Madam

IMF Macroeconomic Policy Programme (GRIPS)  
 - From 2018 - 2019 - Japan

The IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (OAP) has invited nominations from eligible Government Officials in Sri Lanka for the above programme. Application Form and the Course Details in this regard are enclosed. The application form and the programme details can be downloaded from the website <http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/adminssions/index/orhttp://www.grips.ac.jp/en/adminssions/apply/> and ERD Form 2 can be downloaded from <http://www.erd.gov.lk/>

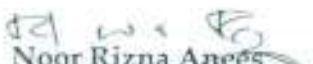
You are kindly requested to submit nominations along with the following documents on or before 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

1. Application Form and other required documents with an additional copy of each document
2. Copy of the relevant pages of the passport
3. ERD Form 2 (Original only)

The Government clearance to leave the country to participate in this programme has to be obtained only after the offer is granted to the nominee.

Your early response in this regard is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

  
 Noor Rizna Anees  
 Addl. Director General  
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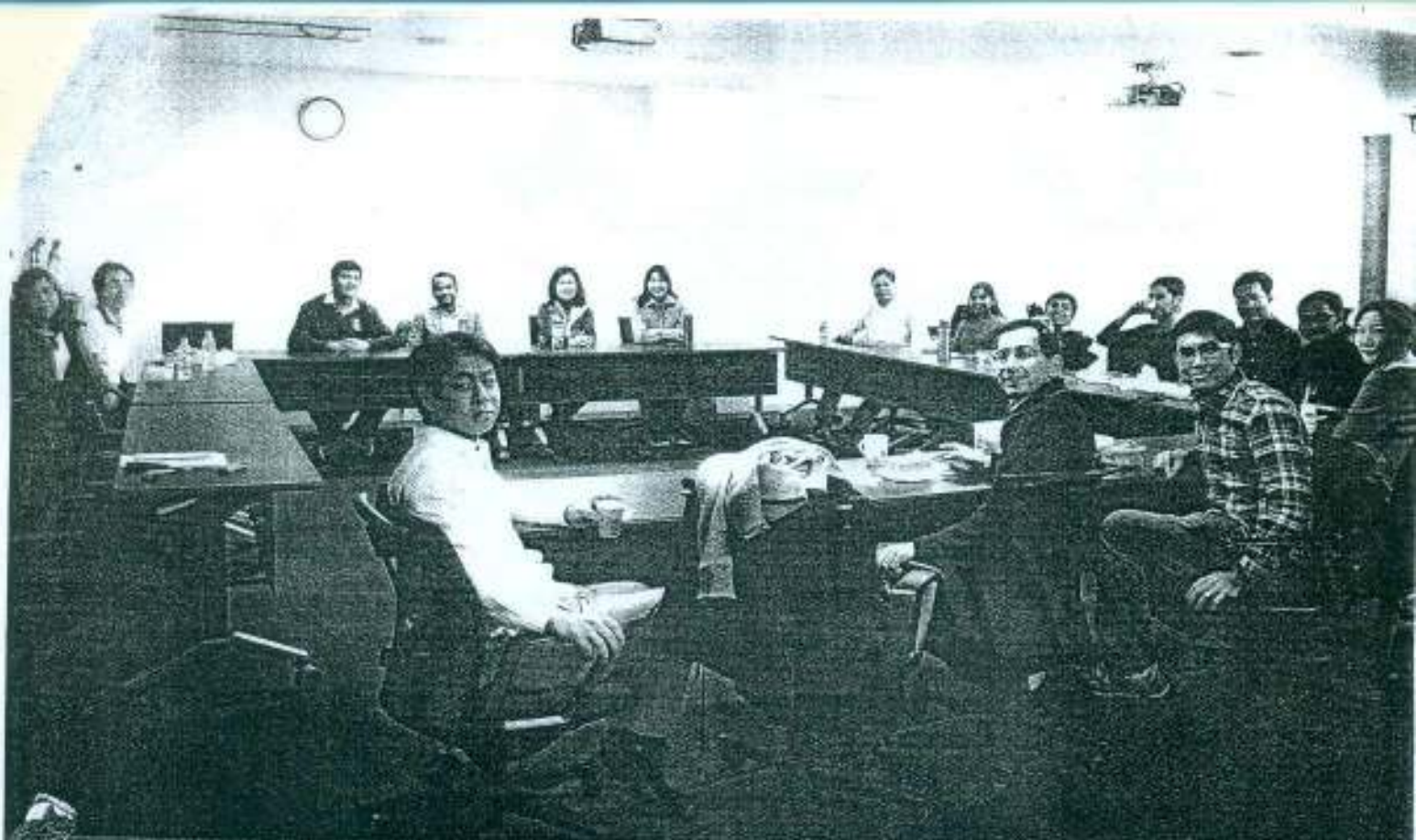
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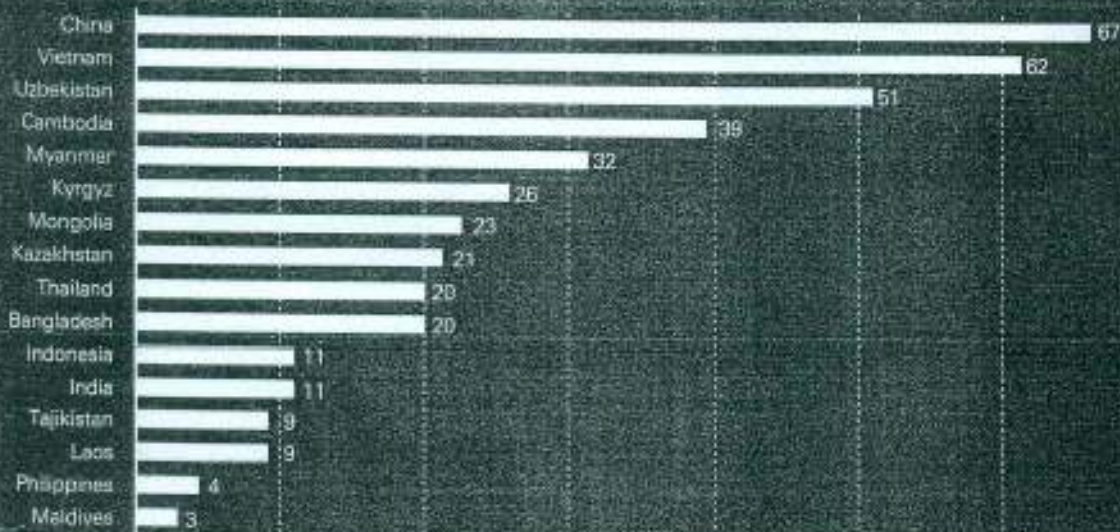
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## The Number of Graduates (As of 2015)

Macroeconomic Policy Program

(including Transition Economy Program and Asian Economic Program)



# 4 Admissions

Applications can be made either as a self-financed student or as a scholar in the Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA). For self-financed students, additional details can be found at the GRIPS Admissions website (<http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/admissions/index/>). The application deadline is typically in May.

## JISPA Scholarship

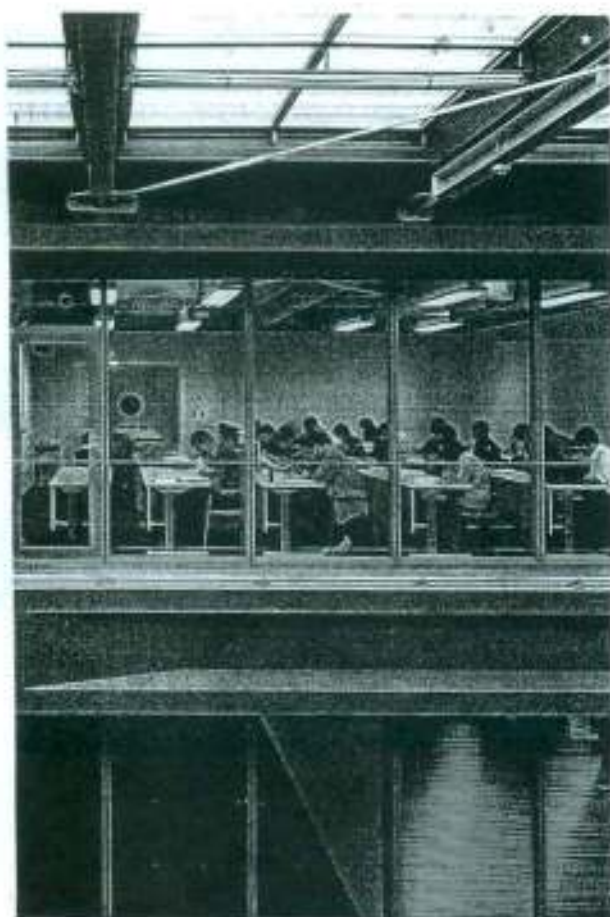
### Application

For JISPA, applications should be made through the IMF. Full details about the process are available at their website (<http://www.imf.org/external/oap/schol.htm>).

The following briefly summarizes some key points for JISPA.

### Overview

Scholarship provides for tuition fees; a monthly stipend (including the housing allowance and medical/accident insurance); one round-trip economy class air-ticket; and a lump-sum allowance to cover visa application costs, testing fees (such as TOEFL), and bookshipping costs. The scholarship covers expenses incurred by the scholar only. The scholarship covers one year. For the two-year master's programs, the scholarship can be renewed for the second year based on academic performance and the university's recommendation, together with nomination by a scholar's sponsoring agency.



## Admissions Timeline

### IMF Scholarship

Previous Year		Year of Enrollment			
11	12	1	2	3	4
November - December		January - April			
	Deadline	Screening	Exam & Interview	Final approval by IMF and re-notification	

### Self-finance

Previous Year		Year of Enrollment				
11	12	1	2	3	4	5
November - December		January - April				
						Deadline

### Qualifications

Candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree from a recognized/accredited university and must satisfy the English language requirements with a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (iBT 79-80) or IELTS 6.0. A strong undergraduate background and/or evidence of experiences with public policy issues in economic management are also required.

Under current program guidelines, candidates must be a national of one of the following countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pacific Island Countries, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, or Vietnam.

Candidates should also currently be employed by one of the following or related government agencies: central bank, ministry of economy, ministry of finance, ministry of planning/development, ministry of trade/commerce, tax administration, national statistics bureau, or financial regulatory agencies. The program will also consider officials working in other areas of government that have a significant impact on the formulation or implementation of macroeconomic policy.



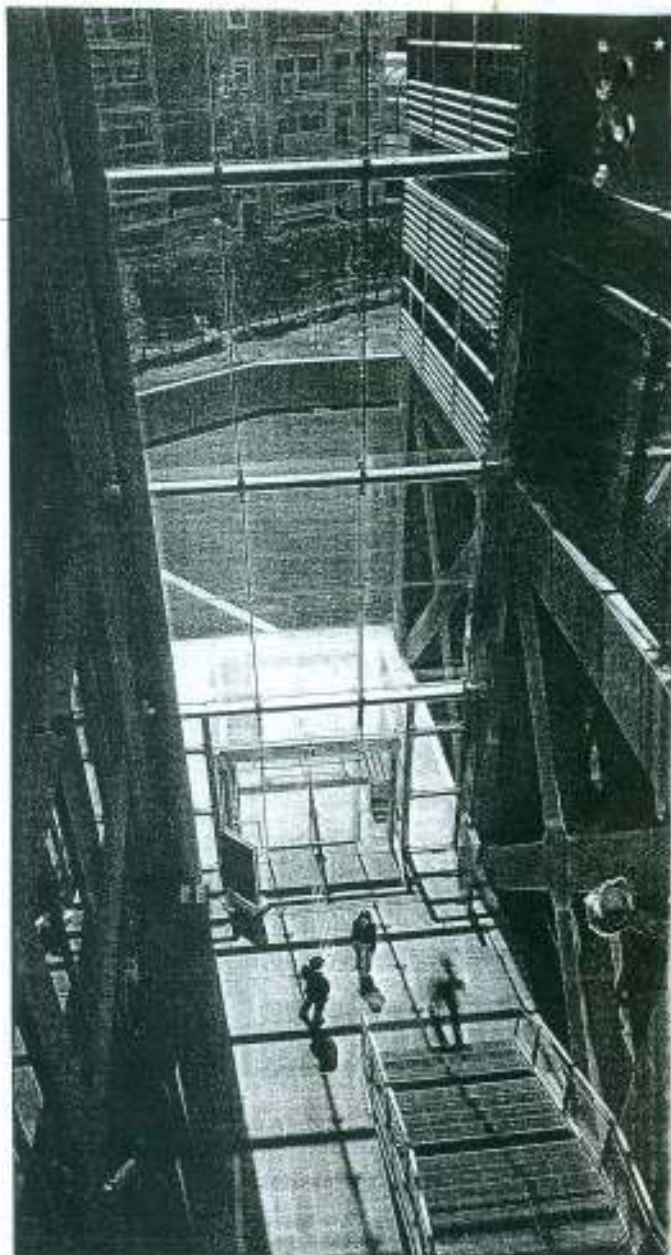
5	6	7	8	9	10
Finalizing the admissions process and pre-departure preparation (Visa application, accommodation, etc.)	IMF Orientation Program Starts in July or August, depending on current TOEFL score.			Start the program	

# 5 About GRIPS

GRIPS is a graduate school specializing in education and research for policy studies. It is located in Roppongi, one of the trendiest cultural and international districts in the heart of Tokyo. Established in 1997 by the Japanese government, GRIPS aims to produce first-class policy makers and conduct cutting-edge research in policy studies. Our slogan is, "Gateway to Global Leadership." Economics, Political Science, International Relations, Public Administration, Operations Research and Social Engineering comprise the major academic disciplines of the university.

The predecessor of GRIPS was the Graduate School of Policy Sciences established in 1977 at Saitama University. It was the first graduate school for policy studies in Japan.

GRIPS is one of the most open and internationalized graduate schools in Japan. There are more than 270 foreign students from 50 countries currently studying at GRIPS. International students comprise 64% of the student population. Most GRIPS students are professionals from central and local governments. The working and teaching language for the Macroeconomic Policy Program is English.



GRIPS has been a partner of the Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA) since the program's beginnings in 1993. In addition GRIPS has been entrusted by the Japanese government and international organizations such as the World Bank, World Customs Organization, and Asian Development Bank to train mid-career bureaucrats from emerging and developing countries.

## The Faculty

The MEP is supported by full-time faculty and visiting lecturers. About 20 full-time faculty members serve as the core faculty of the program. The core faculty includes not only Japanese professors, but also international scholars. Faculty at GRIPS include both members with solid academic training and outstanding publication records, as well as practitioners with extensive experience in civil service and public policy management. All are committed to educating a new generation of policy makers and have rich experience in teaching and thesis supervision. The expertise of GRIPS faculty in economics has been recognized globally. According to the Japan country ratings in RePEC, the economics groups at GRIPS ranks third in Japan (as of October 2011).