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19th September, 2017

Secretaries/ All Line Ministries
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 All Heads of Departments

26 SEP 2017
 Att. Officer in charge of Foreign Training
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Dear Sir/Madam

Japan - IMF Macroeconomic Seminar for Asia (JIMS) - 2018
 - From 26th February - 02nd March, 2018

The IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (OAP) has invited nominations from eligible Government Officials in Sri Lanka for the above program. Application Form and the Course Details in this regard are enclosed. The application form and the program details can be downloaded from the website <http://www.grips.ac.jp/jims/how-to-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 07th November, 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 program 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
 for Director General

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PST closing date 16-10-2017

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Japan-IMF

Macroeconomic Seminar for Asia

JIMS

An Executive Training Program for Macroeconomic Policy Makers in Asia

The seventh JIMS will be held

February 26 – March 2, 2018 at GRIPS



Introduction to JIMS

"Japan-IMF Macroeconomic Seminar" (JIMS) is an executive training program specifically designed for senior government officials from ministries of finance, central banks and other relevant agencies of emerging Asian countries. It is a collaborative project between IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), with the generous financial support of the Japanese government. It is a one-week training program and held once a year at GRIPS campus, which is located at Roppongi, a trendy business center of Tokyo. Since its inception in 2011, there are more than 180 senior government officials from more than twenty countries of emerging Asia attended JIMS. Every year, JIMS invites distinguished academic scholars, senior economists of the IMF, Japanese government officials and practitioners of private sectors, to share their views and experiences on macroeconomic policy design and implementation, and provide in-depth analysis on challenges and perspectives of the global economy. JIMS also functions as a macroeconomic policy dialogues platform for the participants, who have first-hand experiences on macroeconomic policy formulation and implementation, to share their country experiences for enhancing regional economic integration and growth.

Besides in-class discussions, JIMS arranges a half day field trip for the participants to explore the Tokyo Stock Exchange, visit the Bank of Japan (BOJ), to have a face to face discussion with officials of BOJ. Every year, there are senior government officials from more than 20 countries to participate in JIMS. It is an excellent opportunity for developing networks among government officials of emerging Asia.

Since its inception, JIMS has been highly demanded and appreciated by government officials of emerging Asian countries. To continuously support the capacity building of these countries, JIMS will start the second phase in 2018. For a better, more prosperous and stronger Asian economy, we welcome all qualified senior government official to apply for JIMS 2018!



Yuqing Xing
JIMS Director
Professor, GRIPS
Ph.D. in Economics, University
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Distinguished Speakers



Kenichiro Kashiwase
Deputy Head of Office,
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Toshitaka Sekine
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Hitotsubashi University



Naoyuki Yoshino
Professor Emeritus, Keio
University
Dean of ADB Institute



Seminar Schedule

Morning Session: 9:30-12:00; Afternoon Session: 13:00-16:00

Feb. 25 Sun.	Arrival in Japan
Feb. 26 Mon. Morning	Session 1: The World Economic Outlook Speaker: Dr. Kenichiro Kashiwase, Deputy Head, the IMF/OAP
Afternoon	Session 2: Monetary Policies of Advanced Economies and Impacts on Emerging Asia Speaker: Dr. Toshitaka Sekine, Director-General, Research and Statistics Department, Bank of Japan
Evening	Welcome Reception
Feb. 27 Tue. Morning	Session 3: The Integration of Asian Financial Market Speaker: Prof. Masahiro Kawai, University of Tokyo
Afternoon	Session 4: Roundtable Discussion Facilitator: Prof. Masahiro Kawai, University of Tokyo
Feb. 28 Wed. Morning	Session 5: Trends in Fiscal Policy and Debt Sustainability Speaker: Prof. Takaro Doi, Keio University
Afternoon	Field Trip Faculty Leader: Faculty GRIPS 1. Visiting Japanese Stock Exchange 2. Visiting the Bank of Japan (BOJ) 3. Roundtable discussion "Japanese Monetary Policy and the Impacts on Emerging Asia" with officials of BOJ
Mar. 1 Thu. Morning	Session 6: Exchange Rate Management and Foreign Exchange Policy Speaker: Prof. Junko Shimizu, Gakushuin University
Afternoon	Session 7: Trade and Industrial Policy Under Global Value Chains Speaker: Prof. Yuqing Xing, GRIPS
Mar. 2 Fri. Morning	Session 8: Promoting SME for Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Growth Speaker: Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino, the Dean of Asian Development Bank Institute
Afternoon	Session 9: Roundtable Discussion: Managing Macroeconomic Policy: the Experiences of Emerging Asian Countries Facilitator: Prof. Yuqing Xing, GRIPS
	Completion Ceremony Farewell Reception
Mar. 3 Sat.	Return to home country

How to Apply

JIMS welcomes applications from senior officials who have more than 10 years of experiences in the macroeconomic policy-making field at finance ministries and central banks, as well as relevant agencies such as planning and financial regulatory agencies.

The minimum requirements for participating in JIMS are

- Senior official (e.g., department director) from the Asian countries below*
- Fluent in English
- Endorsement by the applicant's supervisor (submitted on Sponsor's Nomination and Certification form)

* 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, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

Submit following 3 documents through Online Application, before November 9, 2017

1. Application Form
2. Sponsor's Nomination and Certification Form
3. Copy of Degree Certificate of the academic degree

For detailed information, please visit <http://www.grips.ac.jp/jims/>

You can also submit these documents by email or fax to GRIPS

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International Liaison Office
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)

Financial Support

The IMF will provide financial support to seminar participants to cover

- A round-trip discount economy-class air ticket to Japan
- Accommodation in Japan
- Daily allowance during stay in Japan
- Travel insurance
- Visa to Japan

* Participants from the Republic of Korea and Singapore are not entitled to the financial support.



Logistics

Seminar Venue:

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
7-22-1 Roppongi, Minato-Ku, Tokyo, Japan

Accommodation:

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remm Roppongi is 5-minute walk from GRIPS.

Visa to Japan:

The JIMS committee will assist participants in applying for the visa to Japan.

Flight Arrangements:

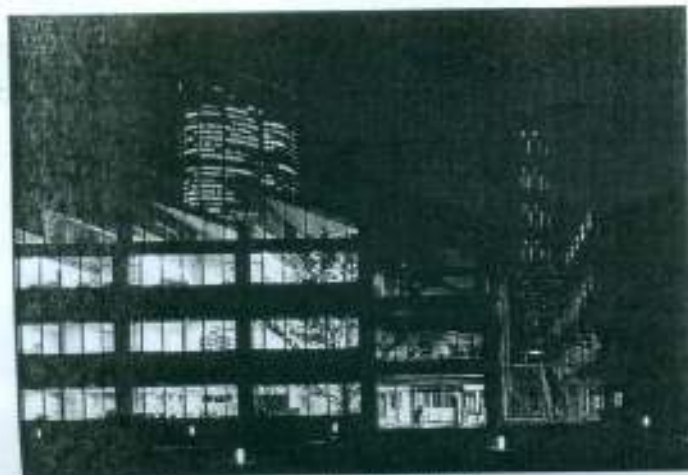
The JIMS committee will arrange participants' flights to and from Japan.

Meals:

Lunch and drinks will be provided during the seminar.

Library:

All participants may use GRIPS' library during the seminar.



The GRIPS campus, Roppongi, Tokyo. (Photo by Masao Makiwara)

Contact

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Japan-IMF Macroeconomic Seminar for Asia (JIMS) Application Form

Name (as in passport)

First Name		Middle Name		
Family Name		Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)		
Nationality	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Single <input type="checkbox"/>	Married <input type="checkbox"/>

CURRENT JOB INFORMATION

Job Title	Agency Country
Section/Division	Work Phone (General)
Department	Work Phone (Direct)
Agency Name	Work Fax
Agency Street Address	E-Mail Address (Work)
Agency City and Postal Code	E-Mail Address (Private)

**Summarize your present duties and responsibilities:

In case we need to contact your assistant/secretary for communication

Name		
Tel	Fax	E-mail Address

EXPERIENCE

Previous Job Title & Department			
Name of Agency			
Dates Employed	From	To	From To

EDUCATION

Degree/Diploma Received			
Major Subject			
Dates Attended	From	To	From To
Institution/University			
Country of Institution			
Language of Institution			

PROFICIENCY

Self Evaluation	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Average <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Poor <input type="checkbox"/>
English Testing					

TOEFL Test	Score	Date of test
IELTS Test	Score	Date of test
Date	Applicant's Signature	

Sponsor's Nomination and Certification

I, the undersigned (name of sponsor) _____,
Surname Given name

acting on behalf of (name of agency) _____
hereby:

1. nominate (name of applicant) _____,
Surname Given name

to participate in the Japan-IMF Macroeconomic Seminar for Asia;

2. certify that the information supplied by the applicant is correct to the best of my knowledge;

3. certify that my agency will assist in the applicant's repatriation if any personal difficulties or circumstances arise during the seminar that make repatriation desirable or necessary;

4. certify that participants (and accompanying spouse or child) are in good health and free of any contagious disease, pre-existing medical condition, or physical or mental disability that may prevent regular attendance in the seminar.

5. re-nominate a new person to replace the nominated participant in case that the nominated participant cancels his/her participation before the seminar, and send the replaced participant to the seminar in a timely manner;

6. guarantee that GRIPS will be reimbursed promptly by my agency for all expenses incurred as a result of any of the conditions mentioned in 3 and 4 above, as well as for any medical expenses not covered by medical insurance.

Date: _____ Sponsor's Signature: _____

Official Seal

Sponsor's Name Dr./Mr./Ms. _____

Sponsor's Job Title _____

City and Country _____

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