Voice from a JDS Returned Fellows

Mr. Mohammad Akbar Hossain Patwary

University: : Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation (IDEC), Hiroshima University (August 2006 – September 2008)
Degree: Master of Engineering
Title of Thesis: Modelling Road Traffic Injury Severities for Highway Intersections Considering Endogeneity Effect of Collision Types
Work Place: : Additional Project Director (Superintending Engineer), Roads and Highways Department (RHD), Dhaka

I am proud of being a fellow of JDS Program for its innovative educational program which aims at providing opportunities especially for young government officials. I strongly believe that JDS Program will enable us to learn how we can better address the development challenges as an aspiring development leaders in our country. This program will also facilitate us to upgrade our knowledge and analytical skills in the proposed fields of studies. I obtained my Master of Engineering degree from Hiroshima University, Japan. The educational program in IDEC is compatible to JDS Program theme which aims at providing opportunities for students to learn about the interdisciplinary and practical courses necessary for international development and cooperation. The administrative support towards student in IDEC is excellent. A lot of activities, various parties and tours organized by IDEC were very helpful for me to know the Japanese enrich culture and custom. Honestly speaking, Japanese people were very helpful and kind. So I had no problem during my stay in Japan. I have never seen such a nice nation and also a peaceful country like Japan. I am a life member of IDEC Alumni Association (IDECAA). It provides me the advantage of keeping contact with my academic supervisors and getting advices for policy analysis and formulation through e-mail and occasionally their visit to my country after JDS Program. As a result, I have two publications in International Journal since after my return. I availed the opportunity as a member of IDECAA for attending two summer courses in Beijing, China (2011) and Manila, Philippines (2012) with financial assistance from "Global Environmental Leaders Program" of IDEC, Hiroshima University. I am now working as an Additional Project Director (Superintending Engineer, RHD) in "the Kanchpur, Meghna and Gumti 2nd Bridges Construction and Existing Bridges Rehabilitation Project" with financial assistance from JICA. Working as a client representative with many leading national and international consultants and contractors, I have the opportunity to work with reputed Japanese Consulting and Construction firms and thereby practicing Japanese Language as well. It also reminds me to recall my sweet memories in Japan. Finally, I would like to express my deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks to JDS Authority for their constant support during my study at Hiroshima University.

Ms. Syeda Masuma Khanam

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Degree: Master of Environmental Sciences
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I was blessed with an opportunity to visit Japan in 2006 while working in Barisal DC office. I was so spell bound seeing the disciplined, punctual, polite and aesthetic Japanese. Japanese people have respect for other cultures and maintain own culture as well. My husband did his PhD in Japan. He motivated me to study in Japan mentioning Japan's social security and natural beauty and suggesting Japan is the safest place for any lady for staying or studying. I studied environmental policies in University of Tsukuba. My supervisor was a good mentor. Every faculty was student friendly. The university library provided online connectivity with renowned libraries of the USA and Canada. There was cafeterias with so many varieties of food including 'Halal' food. For international students there was an office with English speaking staffs who were there only for helping. I got chance to visit Kenya and Kyrgyz Republic and some wonderful cities of Japan as part of my curriculum and research. I could not bring my kids in Japan as we did not want to hamper their academic schedule in Bangladesh. My husband took care of my kids for two years as one of the best fathers and husbands so that I could study smoothly. Other JDS fellows who brought their family, stayed so happily because elementary schools were free there. And Japan is a heaven for kids. Everything is so systematic. You will find bus and train at a regular interval on time, supermarkets are full of fresh foods with very reasonable price, parks at every block of residential area, beautiful places were well managed to be visited by. We went to the Disneyland, Hakone, and some cities in Japan with my kids when they came to visit me for two months. The first good feature of JDS is just after getting short listed, the authority helps you all along properly. The JDS coordinators were always there to take care. JDS fellows get special attention in university. JDS helped me develop professionalism and negotiation skill. I learnt how to deliver my best as a public servant to the people who are the stakeholders of our government.

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Application Deadline

6 October, 2016

Application guidelines/documents and university information can be downloaded at JDS official website:

http://jds-scholarship.org/

Please submit your application documents by local post, courier or hand to:

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The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) in Bangladesh 2016 (for AY2017-2018)

What is JDS

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS) has been implementing in the People's Republic of Bangladesh since 2001, funded by the Government of Japan. The objective of JDS is to support human resources development of Bangladesh targeting young government officials (BCS cadre and Bangladesh Bank's Class 1 officer) to study Master Degree (2 years') in Japan. Participants of JDS are expected to contribute in formulating and implementing social and economic development polices of Bangladesh.

Eligible Applicants

(1) Citizen of Bangladesh.
(2) Age below 40 years as of 1 April, 2017
(3) **BCS Cadre Officials/Class-1 Officer of Bangladesh Bank**
(4) At the time of application, at least 2 years work experience as BCS Cadre Officials or, Class-1 Officer of Bangladesh Bank
(5) Completed 16 years education with at least Bachelor's Degree (no Third Division and at least two First Divisions or equivalent)
(6) Has a good command of both written and spoken English
(7) Has not been awarded any other scholarship for Master's degree in any foreign country;
(8) Military personnel cannot apply for JDS.

Benefits of JDS Participants

JDS covers cost for full tuition fees, monthly living expenses, air fare, other designated expenses as per JDS Rules and Guidelines. Support from JICE also available like finding accommodation, initial settlement of life in Japan, emergency situation etc.

Selection Process & Schedule (Tentative)

1st Selection	**＜Late Oct, 2016＞** English Proficiency (IELTS) & Math Test **< Late Nov to Middle Dec, 2016＞** Screening of Application Documents by Japanese University Professors
2nd Selection	**< Late Jan to Early Feb, 2017＞** • Medical Examination • Technical Interview by Japanese University Professors in Bangladesh
3rd Selection	**＜Late Feb, 2017＞** Comprehensive Interview by Operating Committee Members for final selection
Pre-departure Orientation	**Jul-Aug. 2017**
Departure for Japan	**Aug. 2017**
Entrance to University	**Sep- Oct 2017**
Return to Bangladesh	**Summer 2019**

Field of Study

The framework of the JDS program consists of **"Sub-Program"** and **"Component"**, which correspond to and deal with the selected target priority area and development issues of Bangladesh. The participants of the program are selected from **"Target Organizations"** whose mission is closely related to "sub-program" and "component". Accepting Japanese university offers educational programs corresponded to the needs. The degree to be obtained is **Master's Degree.** The Medium of Instruction is **English.**

Framework of the JDS

Sub-Program (Target Priority Areas)	Components (Development Issues)	Target Organization *	Accepting University	Graduate School	Course/Program	Degree to be Obtained	Slot
1. Administrative capacity improvement	1-1 Development of Capacity for Public Administrative Government	・All Ministries (BCS Cadre Officials)	Yamaguchi University	Graduate School of Economics	Public Administration Course	Master of Economics (with certificate of completion of Public Administration Course)	5
			Meiji University	Graduate School of Governance Studies	Major in Governance Studies (1) Public Policy Program (2) International Development Policy Program (3) Community Planning and Management Program	Master of Public Policy	5
	1-2 Development of Capacity for Economics Planning and Policy	・All Ministries (BCS Cadre Officials) ・Bangladesh Bank (Class-1 Officers)	Hitotsubashi University	School of International and Public Policy	Asian Public Policy Program	Master of Public Policy (Public Economics)	2
			Ritsumeikan University	Graduate School of Economics	Master's Program in Economic Development (MPED)	Master of Economics	4
			Hiroshima University	Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation	Division of Development Science Development Policy Course	(i) Master of Arts (ii) Master of Science (iii) Master of International Cooperation Studies	2
	1-3 Development of Legal Capacity and Policy	・All Ministries (BCS Cadre Officials)	Kyushu University	Graduate School of Law	LL.M.Program in International Economic and Business Law	Master of Laws	2
	1-4 Development of Capacity for Urban and Rural Planning and Policy	・All Ministries (BCS Cadre Officials)	University of Tsukuba	Graduate School of Life and Environmental Sciences	Master's Program in Environmental Sciences (SUSTEP Program)	Master of Environmental Sciences	4
			Yokohama National University	Graduate School of Urban Innovation	International Graduate School of Infrastructure(IGSI)	(i) Master of Engineering (ii) Master of Philosophy	2
	1-5 Development of Capacity for Public Finance and Investment Management	・All Ministries (BCS Cadre Officials) ・Bangladesh Bank (Class-1 Officers)	International University of Japan	Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR)	(i) International Development Program(IDP) (ii) Public Management and Policy Analysis Program (PMPP)	(i) Master of Arts in International Development or Economics (ii) Master of Arts in Public Management	4
Total							**30**