ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR: HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES, DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS, AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

SUBJECT: Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS)

The Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) Project Office in the Philippines is pleased to announce that the application for 2-year Master's Degree program covering Japanese Academic Years (AY) 2020 – 2021, and 3-year Ph.D. program covering AY2020 and AY2022 under the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS) is now open.

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by JDS was established by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines with the assistance of the Government of Japan in 2002. The objective of JDS is to support human resources development of the Philippines, targeting young officials, who are expected to be leaders of the country, and to engage in formulating and implementing social and economic development policies after return. Participants of the JDS Project shall contribute to an expanded and enhanced foundation for bilateral relations between the Philippines and Japan.

Interested applicants must meet the following required qualifications:

1) A Filipino Citizen;
2) Between 22 and 39 years old as of April 1, 2020 (Born on/after April 2nd, 1980 and born on/before April 1st, 1998);
3) Must be an employee of the Philippine Government and NOT a member of the military;
4) Currently employed in the Philippine Government, have permanent status, have at least 2 (two) years of work experience particularly in work relevant to the selected Component, at the time of application;
5) Have a bachelor's degree relevant to the target fields;
6) Have a performance rating of at least "Very Satisfactory" from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in the organization;
7) English Proficiency of TOEFL PBT 550/ iBT 79-80 or IELTS 6.5 or higher;
8) 16 Years of formal education is required (in principle), however, relevant academic/research career or working experience can be considered as an alternative to meet the requirement; and,

9) Have not been awarded any foreign scholarship for obtaining a Master's degree.

In line with this, Promotion Seminars are scheduled on **November 18 – December 3, 2019** to provide detailed information on the JDS Project and on how to prepare application documents for prospective applicants. The schedule of the JDS Promotion Seminars is as follows:

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Application guidelines/documents and university information can be downloaded at the JDS website (http://jds-scholarship.org). Accomplished form and all other required supporting documents must be submitted on or before **December 6, 2019** to the JICE JDS Project Office located at unit 2-F1, Island Plaza Salcedo, 105 L.P. Leviste Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City, Philippines.

For further details and information, interested participants may coordinate with **Ms. Ivy Pelemiano**, JICE JDS Project Office, at telephone number (02) 7753-3261 or through mobile number 0927-3959819.

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Chairperson
15 NOV 2019