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On the cover: Young men and women from all over Asia and the Pacific who received quality education through the ADB-Japan Scholarship Program (photos by ADB-JSP scholars).

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Abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AIM	Asian Institute of Management
AIT	Asian Institute of Technology
DMC	developing member country
DRR	disaster risk reduction
EWC	East-West Center
ICT	information and communication technology
IUJ	International University of Japan
JMOF	Japanese Ministry of Finance
JSP	Japan Scholarship Program
MBA	master in business administration
NGO	nongovernment organization
PhD	doctor of philosophy
UOT	The University of Tokyo

Foreword

Japan, not blessed with natural resources, has traditionally considered human resources to be the foundation of building a nation. Based on this belief, the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) was launched in 1988 to promote nation-building of developing countries in Asia and the Pacific by fostering outstanding youth to be the leaders in their countries. The alumni of the program already work in senior positions in government, business, and civil society, truly leading their country’s transformation. As the countries in the region achieve development, they face more complex challenges. The more the alumni are expected to apply and share their knowledge and skills to address them, the more the ADB–JSP’s importance increases.

On behalf of the Government of Japan, I wish to thank ADB, through its Office of Cofinancing Operations, for its support to the ADB–JSP. I look forward to more years of successful partnership.

Takeshi Kurihara
Executive Director for Japan
Asian Development Bank



Introduction

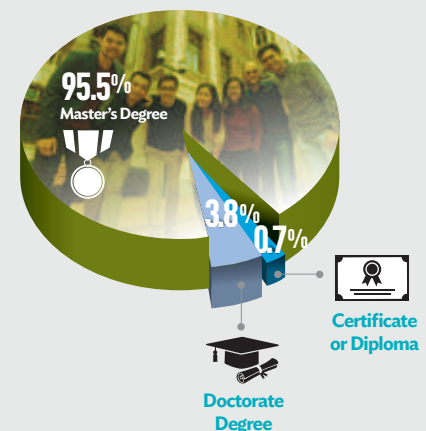
Photo by Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

In 1988, the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) was established to encourage and strengthen human resource development. It aims to give qualified citizens of ADB’s developing member countries (DMCs) opportunities to pursue postgraduate studies in economics, business and management, science and technology, and other development-related fields at selected educational institutions in Asia and the Pacific. After their studies, the scholars are expected to return to their home countries to apply and share their new knowledge and skills to promote socioeconomic development.

The Government of Japan has provided \$178 million in funding for the program over the last 29 years. The funding covers tuition fees, subsistence (including housing allowance), book allowance, medical insurance, travel, and research subsidies. It also includes the costs of administering the ADB–JSP at the 29 designated institutions in 10 countries in the region. The designated institutions and the ADB–JSP coordinators are listed in Appendix 1.

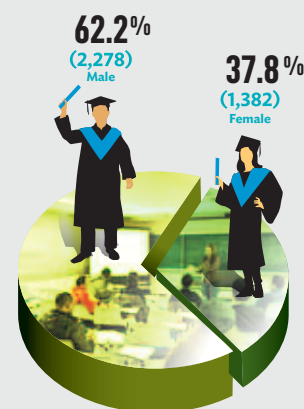
The ADB–JSP has awarded 3,660 scholarships to students from 37 ADB member countries. More than 91% of the scholars were from 15 DMCs where most of the poor in Asia live. Nepal, Bangladesh, and Viet Nam are the top three participating DMCs. Appendix 2 provides data on the scholarships awarded and completed, by country. Figure 1 shows the distribution of scholarships by degree program. A total of 1,382 scholarships, or 37.8% of the total, were awarded to women (Figure 2). Female scholars have historically been outnumbered by male scholars, but

Figure 1: Number of Scholars by Degree Program, 1988–2017



Source: Asian Development Bank.

Figure 2: Number of Scholars by Gender, 1988–2017



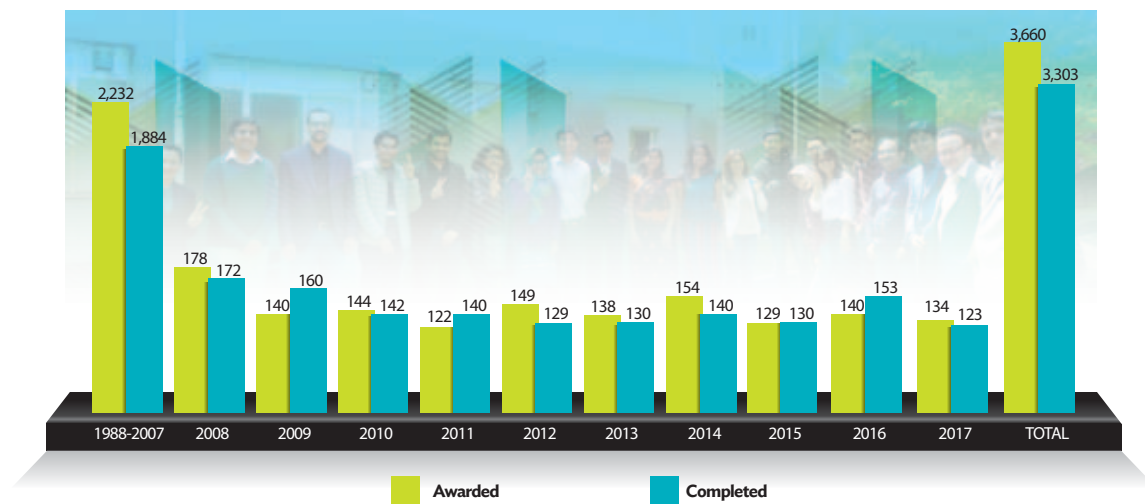
Source: Asian Development Bank.

efforts to promote the program among women have led to an increase in the proportion of female scholars, from 17.4% in 1988 to 48.5% in 2017. Appendix 3 gives a profile of the ADB–JSP scholars and graduates so far.

In the past 10 years of the program, there has been an average of 143 new scholarships a year. Of the 3,660 ADB–JSP recipients since 1988, 3,303 have completed

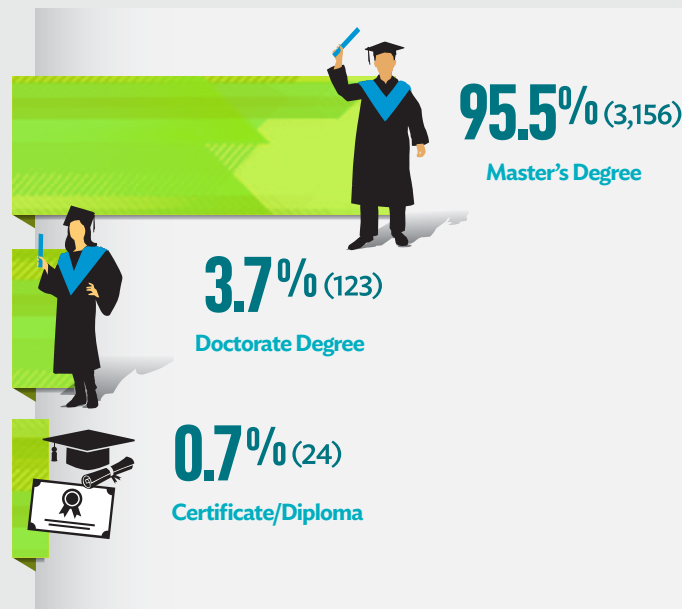
their coursework. Figure 3 contains annual data on scholarships awarded and completed. The number of ADB–JSP recipients who have graduated by degree program is given in Figure 4, and by field of study in Figure 5. The ADB–JSP will ensure an increasing number of fields of study in addition to economics, international public health, environment, agriculture, and gender studies.

Figure 3: Scholarships Awarded and Completed, 1988–2017



Source: Asian Development Bank.

Figure 4: Number of Graduates by Degree Program, 1989–2017



Source: Asian Development Bank.

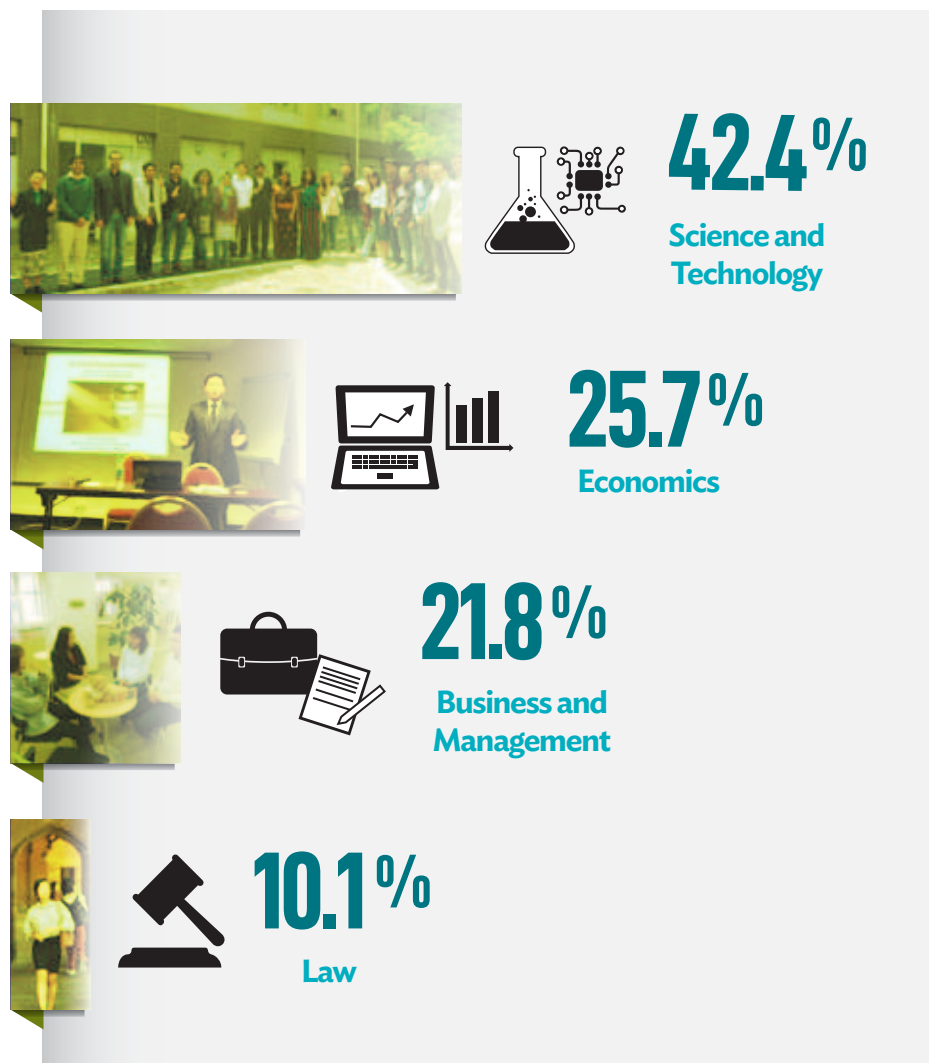
In 1988–2017, the Asian Institute of Management in the Philippines had the highest number of ADB–JSP recipients (515, or 14%), followed by the International University of Japan (382, or 10.4%) and the Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand (366, or 10%). Appendix 4 shows the scholarships awarded and completed at each designated institution since 1988.

Photo by Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University



Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University House dormitory

Figure 5: Number of Graduates by Field of Study, 1989–2017



Source: Asian Development Bank.



2017 Program and Activities



Photo by East-West Center

A. Scholarship Budget

In 2017, the Government of Japan contributed \$5.6 million in funding to the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP). Of the 279 scholarships programmed for the year, 63.1% were allotted to designated institutions in Japan; 20.8% to India, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Thailand; 7.5% to Singapore and Hong Kong, China; and 8.6% to Australia, New Zealand, and the United States. Audited financial statements of the ADB–JSP as of 31 December 2017 are given in Appendix 5.

B. Scholarship Statistics

A total of 127 scholarships for master’s degree programs and 7 for doctor of philosophy (PhD) programs were awarded to recipients from 18 developing member countries (DMCs). The top three recipient countries were the Philippines (21), Bangladesh and Indonesia (16 each), and Nepal (13). Figure 6 shows the distribution of scholarships awarded by nationality in 2017. The ADB–JSP also ensures to qualify all eligible candidates from all DMCs.

The designated institutions in Japan admitted 80 new scholars (59.7% of the total) in 2017; institutions in other developed countries (Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and the United States), 20 (14.9%); and institutions in

DMCs, 34 (25.4%). The University of Tokyo in Japan admitted 17 new scholars, followed by the Asian Institute of Management (Philippines) with 13 new scholars, and the International University of Japan with 12 new scholars.

The proportion of female ADB–JSP recipients among new scholars decreased from 55.7% in 2016 to 48.5% in 2017. ADB–JSP will strive to continue to give priority to the recruitment of female candidates in support of ADB’s policy on gender and development (1998).

The scholarship recipients chose development-related fields of study consistent with ADB’s Strategy 2030.¹ The fields of study were mainly in the five core operational areas of the ADB-wide strategic framework.

Science and technology was the most popular field of study with 55 scholars (41%), followed by economics with 37 (27.6%), business and management with 23 (17.2%), and law with 19 scholars (14.2%). The scholarships awarded and completed in 2017—classified according to institution, gender, program, and field of study—are summarized in Appendix 6.

In 2017, 123 ADB–JSP scholars completed their studies. Figure 7 shows the number of graduates by designated institution in 2017. Of these graduates, 66 (53.7%) were women.

¹ ADB. 2018. *Strategy 2030: Achieving a Prosperous, Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable Asia and the Pacific*. Manila.

Figure 6: Scholarships Awarded by Nationality, 2017



Source: Asian Development Bank.

Figure 7: Number of Graduates by Designated Institutions, 2017



AIM = Asian Institute of Management; AIT = Asian Institute of Technology; ANU-CSEG = Australian National University, Crawford School of Public Policy; APU = Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University; EWC = East–West Center; GRIPS = National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies; HKU = University of Hong Kong; IITD = Indian Institute of Technology Delhi; IRRI = International Rice Research Institute; IUJ = International University of Japan; Kobe = Kobe University; Kyoto = Kyoto University; Kyushu = Kyushu University; NTU-NBS = Nanyang Technological University, Nanyang Business School; NU-GSID = Nagoya University, Graduate School of International Development; NUS = National University of Singapore; RU = Ritsumeikan University; SU = Saitama University, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering; Tokyo Tech = Tokyo Institute of Technology; Tsukuba = University of Tsukuba; TU = Thammasat University; UNU-IAS = United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability; UOA = The University of Auckland; UOM = The University of Melbourne; UOS = The University of Sydney; UOT-Civ Eng = The University of Tokyo, Department of Civil Engineering; UOT-Env = The University of Tokyo, Division of Environmental Studies; UOT-GraSPP = University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Public Policy; UOT-Int'l Health = The University of Tokyo, School of International Health; UOT-Urban = The University of Tokyo, Department of Urban Engineering

Source: Asian Development Bank.

C. New Developments

ADB–JSP missions in 2017. The ADB–JSP continued to engage with the designated institutions to improve the understanding of the objectives of the program. Regular consultations and meetings with faculty members and scholars are essential to promote shared responsibility among the administrators and the scholarship recipients. The ADB–JSP missions visited nine designated universities during the year (Table 1).

The missions (i) confirmed the ADB–JSP objectives with the institutions and determined whether the program’s policies, including those for selecting scholars, needed to be modified; (ii) reviewed the latest developments in the universities; and (iii) directly obtained feedback from university officials and scholars of any problems encountered in relation to the program. The universities offer high-quality education in their respective fields and opportunities to students from all ADB DMCs. The officials, scholarship administrators, and scholars expressed appreciation for the ADB–JSP, and recognized it as a leading source of financial aid for graduate students

at the designated institutions. The missions also visited university facilities to confirm that scholars are provided with suitable environments for living and learning.

The Tenth ADB–JSP Scholars’ Research Forum.

The forum, with the theme “Building Together the Prosperity of Asia – The Role of Asia’s Future Leaders,” was held on Friday, 16 June 2017, at the ADB Institute. It brought together 104 participants, including officials from the Japanese Ministry of Finance (JMOF); ADB; and professors, staff members, and scholars from the 15 designated institutions in Japan.

Masashi Tanabe, ADB Alternate Executive Director for Japan and Akihiro Tsuchiya, Director, Multilateral Development Banks Division, International Bureau, JMOF delivered the welcome remarks.

Thirteen scholars presented their theses covering diverse subjects such as agriculture, fiscal policies, infrastructure, economic development, health, and disaster risk management. Through their research, the scholars can share their knowledge to universities and domestic firms, as well as promote new technologies in their countries.

Table 1: Universities Visited by Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program Missions in 2017

University	Location	Date Visited
Ritsumeikan University	Shiga, Japan	5 April
Kyoto University	Kyoto, Japan	5 April
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies	Tokyo, Japan	6 April
University of Tokyo - Department of Civil Engineering	Tokyo, Japan	7 April
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University	Oita, Japan	13 June
Kyushu University	Fukuoka, Japan	14 June
University of Tokyo - Department of Civil Engineering	Tokyo, Japan	20 September
University of Tokyo - School of International Health	Tokyo, Japan	20 September
University of Tokyo - Graduate School of Public Policy	Tokyo, Japan	20 September
Ritsumeikan University	Shiga, Japan	16 November
Kobe University	Kobe, Japan	16 November
Kyoto University	Kyoto, Japan	17 November

Source: Asian Development Bank.



The participants of the Tenth ADB–JSP Scholars' Research Forum held in June 2017 at the ADB Institute in Tokyo, Japan

The scholars were also grouped together by country, and presented their vision of the future of their country as well as the region. They identified the issues which they wanted to address, and how they propose to contribute to its resolution.

The Second ADB–Japan Scholarship Program

Welcome Gathering. The gathering, held on 27 October 2017, brought together 105 participants comprising staff from ADB's Japanese Representative Office and ADB headquarters, as well as professors, coordinators, and scholars from the 15 designated institutions in Japan. The objective of the gathering was to introduce the incoming scholars to the goals and objectives of the ADB–JSP, facilitate their meeting with fellow awardees, and establish a close network at an early stage. It also aimed to encourage them to be more engaged in connecting their learning to the development of their home countries and provide them with strategies for the success of their academic life in Japan. Hideaki Imamura, Director, Multilateral Development Banks Division, International Bureau, JMOF; and Takeshi Kurihara, Executive Director for Japan, ADB Board of Directors, delivered the welcome remarks.

Xianbin Yao, Special Senior Advisor to the President, Office of the President, in his presentation, urged the scholars to build their futures now and make it real. The scholars also gave brief presentations to provide some personal background and to introduce themselves to their future cooperation partners. Carolyn Dedolph-Cabrera moderated the panel session discussing how the scholars

can maximize their potential as future leaders from their learnings and experiences during their graduate studies. In the closing remarks, Kai Preugschat, Head, Office of Cofinancing Operations, ADB urged the scholars to take the opportunity to network and constantly enrich and maximize their experience while learning and living in Japan. He also highlighted their unique role as contributors to the development of their home countries, and reminded them to stay humble and recognize the privilege to be part of the program.

ADB–JSP Alumni Gatherings. ADB–JSP Alumni Gatherings, with the assistance of ADB's resident missions, were arranged as part of the executive director for Japan's missions under the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction. Former scholars of the ADB–JSP were invited to meet and share success stories with fellow alumni, and strengthen their network as partners in the development of their home countries. Table 2 provides the list of countries where the gatherings were organized.

Table 2: List of Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program Alumni Gatherings in 2017

Country	Date
Manila, Philippines	24 March
Yangon, Myanmar	25 August
Timor-Leste	18 October
Kathmandu, Nepal	24 October

Source: Asian Development Bank



The participants of the Second ADB-JSP Welcome Gathering held in October 2017 at the ADB Institute in Tokyo, Japan

Photo by Eloise Valerie Martinez

D. Theses and Research Papers Completed in 2017

The theses and research papers submitted during the year generally promote an issue of development or generate new knowledge in their fields. The designated institutions make sure that the research work of the scholars is useful and related to the sustainable economic growth and social development of the scholars' home countries. The list of theses and research papers completed in 2017 is in Appendix 7.



Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program Helps Students and Alumni Achieve Their Career Aspirations



The Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) is focused on building the capacity of countries to make well-informed decisions and carry out effective socioeconomic reforms. The program is an invaluable resource for building the skills and capabilities needed to prosper in a highly interconnected global economy. ADB–JSP scholars are potential leaders who are expected to tackle development challenges in their home countries. The following are some success stories of ADB–JSP scholars and alumni.

The program is an invaluable resource for building skills and capabilities.





ADITI PODDAR (India)
Asian Institute of Management
Master of Business Administration
September 2014–December 2015

From writing a scholarship application that exemplifies my need to obtain a master in business administration (MBA) degree and acquire financial support for such, to this day when I am to pen my success story, all I can say is, “Thank you ADB–JSP for bridging the funding gap.”

I recall the Tuesday morning of July 2014 when, because of insufficient savings, I had to sideline my Asian Institute of Management (AIM) MBA offer letter and instead go on a job search in Mumbai. Like an angel answering my secret wishes, I received a call from AIM’s admissions official to announce that the Asian Development Bank had awarded me their prestigious full scholarship program. Since then, there has been no looking back.

I graduated from AIM in December 2015 and had a chance to attain a diploma from the Yale School of Management (United States) in the same year. Honing my passion for social change, I led the Philanthropic Activities Society at AIM as its president and worked with organizations like the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Philippine Red Cross, and the United States Embassy in the Philippines, in creating social impact. I was later conferred with the 2015 AIM Student Leadership Award for my innovations in community service.

Post AIM, I successfully managed independent strategy–consulting projects for international clients, and then went on board for a financial technology start-up in India as a full-time consultant. When I was asked to step down because I chose to exercise my principles and corporate ethics, I drifted away from the corporate sector and decided to steer my career journey toward my passion for writing, philanthropy, and entrepreneurship.

Woman Ambassadors is an organization that was born to support independent, self-confident women through the making of silver accessories, allowing an avenue for self-expression through jewelry.

We are proud promoters of Make in India and believe in the value of handcrafted art pieces over machine production in an effort to secure employment and recognition for lower-income groups. Additionally, we also share the success stories of common women in this venture that otherwise would get lost due to limited publicity.

The venture further aims to create long-term impact among 1,000 lives across Asia by March 2019 through a sustainable design framework centered on education and financial inclusion. In this regard, nearly 5% of all sales revenue (against the industry average of 2% of net profits) is directed toward livelihood campaigns in India’s West Bengal and Tamil Nadu districts.

Almost a year into the venture, I can only say that this is just the beginning. My life journey still evolves despite downsides and failures, as I continue to leverage my learnings so I can soar higher and my stakeholders can go further in their quest for a better future.

Again, most sincere thanks to the ADB–JSP for giving me a much-needed launchpad for both my professional and personal growth. I am forever grateful.

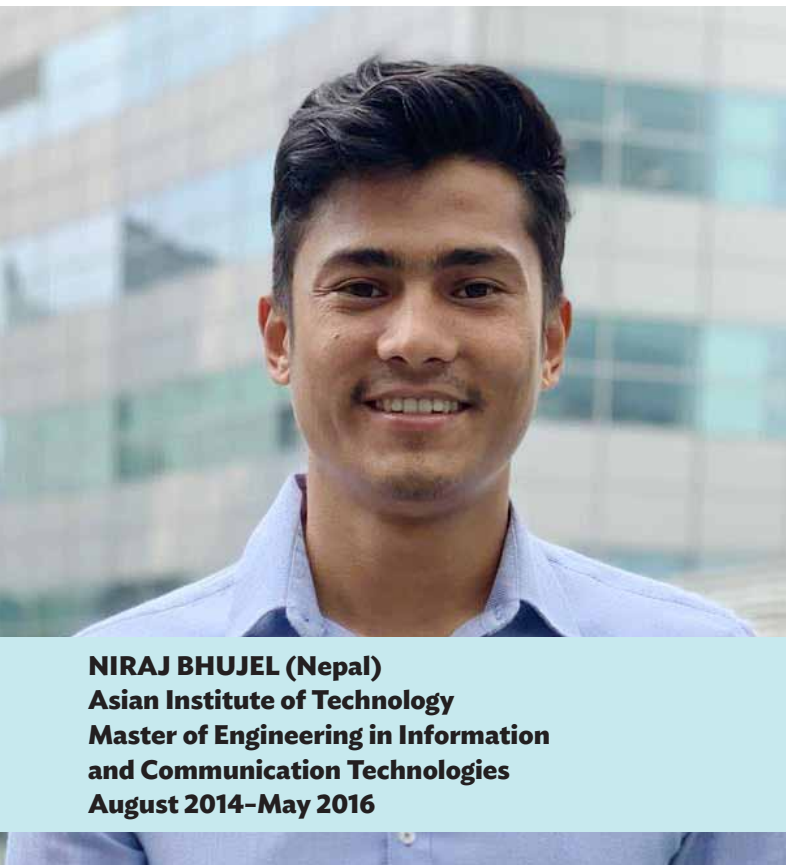


RANJIKA LALANI PERERA (Sri Lanka)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master of Business Administration
August 2014–May 2016

As a lecturer at a state university in Sri Lanka, my ambition was to complete a master's degree soon. It was thus a dream for me to take up an internationally recognized master's degree in the field of technology management, which is my research interest. I was also fortunate to be selected as an ADB–JSP scholarship recipient for a master of business administration (MBA) degree at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), a world-renowned international university in Thailand.

This selection was a turning point in my life. I was able to complete my studies with the second highest grade point average in the batch and received the Wilhelm Hill Prize for most outstanding academic performance in the field of business administration in May 2016. I also published two Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers conference papers from my MBA research. This scholarship clearly added vibrant color to my academic life.

After my graduation from AIT, I resumed my job at the Faculty of Engineering, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. The knowledge and exposure I gained as a graduate scholar made me a very confident teacher, and I was able to add new management concepts in my teaching. The research rigor in AIT made me an active researcher in the fields of technology management and entrepreneurship, which are the most significant areas that Sri Lanka needs for its socioeconomic development. My stay in AIT proved an advantage not only for me, but also for my university students as well as Sri Lanka's entrepreneurs. I thus convey my heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Japan and the ADB–JSP for helping me become the person who I am today.

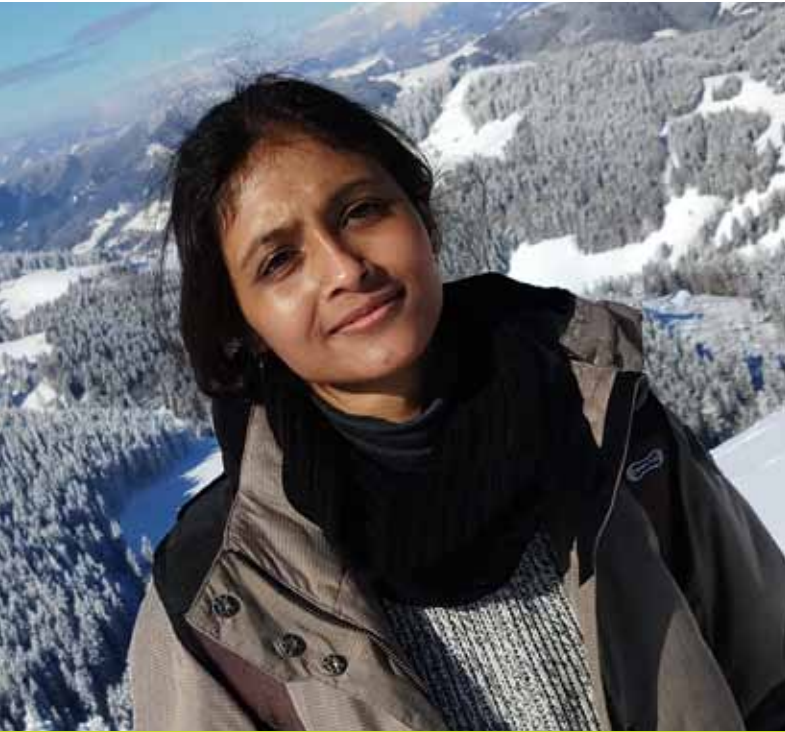


NIRAJ BHUJEL (Nepal)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master of Engineering in Information
and Communication Technologies
August 2014–May 2016

It was a tremendous honor for me to receive the highly competitive scholarship from ADB–JSP in order to pursue master of engineering in information and communication technology (ICT) at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand. The 2-year study period was a life-enriching experience in my academic career that helped foster my professional growth and development in international arena. The graduate program provided me the breadth of knowledge and skills training in ICT. Moreover, I was given the opportunity to get involved with international organizations like the Korea Water Resource Cooperation (Republic of Korea), Orange Telecom (France), and Telecom SansFrontier (Thailand) through AIT's global internship program.

I will always remember my wise supervisors and faculty who stimulated my intellect and helped me to anticipate and deliver excellent research output. I developed interpersonal skills to work in a team from different backgrounds, and established a network of international friends. With students from different backgrounds coming from around the globe, AIT fosters a unique multicultural environment in Southeast Asia where people meet, interact, learn, and get inspired.

I am much obliged to the ADB–JSP and the Government of Japan, and extend my sincere gratitude to AIT for lending valuable support in completing my graduate program in ICT. I look forward to applying this knowledge in building the foundation for ICT development in my country in the near future.

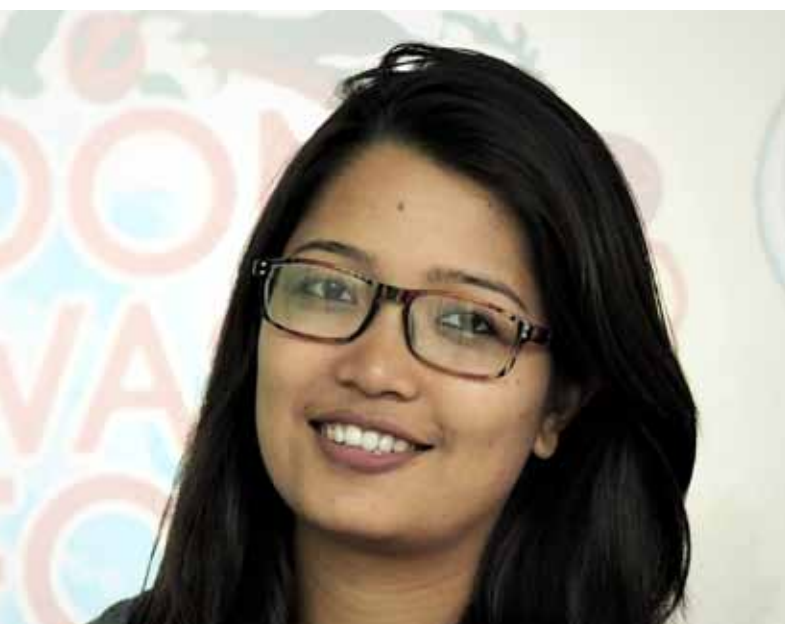


RAFIA ZAMAN (Bangladesh)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master of Business Administration
August 2014–May 2016

My learning spirit and research inquisitiveness were nurtured during my MBA study period (2014–2016) as an ADB–JSP scholar at AIT’s School of Management. These enabled me to be recognized as “School Best Graduate” as well as “School Best Female Graduate” in my program. With the ADB–JSP’s research grant, I conducted a master’s thesis on the existing energy sector challenges of my home country, entitled “An Application of AHP in Prioritizing Critical Factors of Coal-based Power Generation: A Case of Bangladesh.” The committee members highly appreciated my work, and I received an excellent grade for it. I am earnestly grateful to the authorities presiding over the ADB–JSP for providing me with financial resources at the outset of my academic career.

I was also able to achieve a competitive research grant (Ernst Mach Grant-worldwide) for 9 months. At present, I am working as a guest postgraduate researcher (2017–2018) at the Institute of Systems Sciences, Innovation, and Sustainability Research (SIS), University of Graz, Austria. This OeAD–GmbH scholarship has been another significant step in fulfilling my dreams of being an academic researcher. My research focus is on social science energy studies, particularly the complex energy problems of developing countries. With my continuous endeavors and excellent guidance from my supervisor, Dr. Thomas Brudermann, I was able to publish peer-reviewed articles in reputable international energy journals (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.enpol.2018.01.053>; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.egypro.2017.12.171>). I am now working on energy transition perspectives with an intense focus on both developing and developed countries.

I believe I can significantly contribute experience-based insights to the energy policy-making discourse in Bangladesh given my ongoing research activities.



MANISHA SINGH (Nepal)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master of Science in Food Engineering
and Bioprocess Technology
August 2014–May 2016

On 14 July 2014, I was offered the prestigious ADB–JSP scholarship to pursue my master’s degree in food engineering and bioprocess technology at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT). Prior to joining the program, I was working as a quality control officer in a leading dairy company in Nepal, which gave me an opportunity to appreciate real industrial applications of theoretical knowledge. However, I always wanted to earn my graduate degree overseas so I can broaden both my knowledge and experience that can be utilized for the overall development of Nepal’s food sector.

I made learning and sharing my motto when I joined AIT, and spending those 2 years in graduate school has strengthened my academic and research skills in food and bioprocess technology, given AIT’s reputation as an institution that values research. Moreover, the experience has also allowed me to become a mature individual with a high degree of motivation and self-confidence. This master’s program has thus left an immensely positive impact on me, and I am proud to be part of it.

Currently, I am working on projects related to the reduction of food waste, processing, and valorization of food waste, along with the exploration of novel biodegradable food packaging. In the future, I would like to focus more on technological development in the food industry, food value chain, food safety, and food security issues in Nepal and the rest of the world. I am sincerely honored to have received the ADB–JSP scholarship and I wish to thank the ADB–JSP and AIT for providing me this great opportunity for postgraduate studies.



ANITA GAUTAM (Nepal)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master of Science in Climate Change
and Sustainable Development
August 2014–May 2016

It is my immense pleasure to have received the prestigious ADB–JSP scholarship, as this gave me the platform to realize my dream of pursuing a master’s degree in climate change and sustainable development from one of the premier learning institutions in Asia, the Asian Institute of Technology.

This scholarship has helped me develop my ability in research, analysis, and critical thinking. The courses offered at the Graduate Institute for Policy Studies were so enriching. I was very fortunate as I could choose several courses which were of interest to me and relevant to my work. Additionally, the scholarship helped me develop as a global citizen due to interactions with fellow students of different nationalities.

After graduating from AIT, I returned to my home country and started teaching at the Himalayan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology in Kathmandu. I am happy to disclose that I have been effectively applying the lessons, training methods, and working behaviors that I was taught in Thailand to train my students. I have a strong belief that the culture of continuous learning and applied use of science toward making a difference in people’s lives, which I acquired during my participation in this program, will always guide me in the future.



MD MUSTIAFIZ AL MAMUN (Bangladesh)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master of Science in Urban Environmental Management
August 2014–May 2016

Before I was awarded the scholarship, I was working at the Department of Architecture at the Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET) in Bangladesh. Over and above the required research and teaching assignments on architecture and urban planning, however, I felt the need to seek further knowledge and experience in these fields, and applying for this scholarship provided access to such.

After completing my graduate studies, I returned to Bangladesh and continued work at the university. Soon after, I was able to present my research on “Green Tourism and UNESCO World Heritage Site: the case of Sukhothai city, Thailand” in an international forum, as well as publish two conference papers and an additional two journal papers. Currently, I am doing research on urban and peri-urban water management issues in Chittagong city, which is the trade capital of Bangladesh. I also obtained full membership in the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) and the Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA).

As an alumnus of AIT and a scholar of the ADB–JSP, I have led discussions with my students and colleagues in the faculty of architecture and urban planning about developing knowledge and skills by pursuing advanced studies supported by world-renowned scholarships like the ADB–JSP.



PRADEEP BARAL (Nepal)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master of Science in Natural Resources Management
August 2014–May 2016

Studying abroad had always been my desire. It was indeed a dream come true for an aspirant like me to be selected among a coveted squad of young leaders from all across Asia and the Pacific. From a lower middle-income family back in Nepal to bustling Bangkok, the journey had never been easy. Without external financial support, I was in no position to finance my university degree abroad. I am therefore eternally grateful to the ADB–JSP for awarding me this scholarship. But with privilege comes responsibility. I believe contribution, no matter how small a scale it may be, toward making this world a better place to live should be my way of returning the favor.

I am currently doing my postgraduate degree in forest economics and management at Beijing Forestry University in China. My 2 years of study abroad at AIT really helped me establish in my new country and overcome culture shock. Next semester, I will do research on forest resources management in Nepal with a focus on pro-poor livelihoods. I hope my research will be able to single out and address various crosscutting issues in pro-poor-oriented forest resources management in the country. Besides my studies, I am also involved in a forest and livelihood-related project hosted by Beijing Forestry University. The skills learned while at AIT have helped me become a competitive individual with high career ambitions. My sincere gratitude to the ADB–JSP and AIT for helping me unleash my inner potential and propel myself toward a successful future.

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KALUMITH UPEKA MADHAVI DE SILVA (Sri Lanka)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master of Engineering in Information
and Communication Technology
August 2014–May 2016

Right after completing my first degree in electronics and telecommunication in 2006, I joined Mobitel (Pvt) Ltd, which is the national mobile service provider in Sri Lanka. Working there for more than 7 years, I felt the need to get out of my comfort zone to explore the latest technology breakthroughs while in an academic environment. After doing some research on appropriate programs and institutions, I found the Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand and decided that it will be home for my next journey in academics.

Realizing my wish, I was awarded a full scholarship from the ADB–JSP to support my pursuit of a master in engineering in information and communication technology. I humbly thank the ADB–JSP for this opportunity, since I would hardly be able to complete my journey without the scholarship. Life at AIT was a remarkable period in my life indeed. I cherished the academic know-how I obtained from the program, thanks to the excellent academics. Moreover, my colleagues—whom I consider my brothers and sisters—provided a truly multicultural experience to my graduate life. During the program, I participated in several events including the Asian Internet Engineering Conference (AINTEC) 2015 held in Bangkok, and a workshop on Internet of Things organized by the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), held in Italy. I published my thesis research as a poster in ACM SIGCOMM 2016, which is one of the most prestigious industry conferences that also allowed me networking for career opportunities. I completed my postgraduate degree with two prizes and was honored to deliver the valedictory speech during our graduation ceremony, remarkable milestones in my academic life.

Coming back to my country, my graduate degree opened for me several career opportunities not only in the industry but also in academic institutions. I joined a local company as a consulting engineer and started contributing cutting edge IT projects in Sri Lanka's telco industry. I do believe that the discipline and professionalism I learned from AIT helped me grow into my career, and I gratefully give respect to the whole AIT community for being my extended family and for being the setting for the dearest memories in my life.

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HASAN TARIQ (Pakistan)
Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)
Master in Structural Engineering
August 2014–May 2016

Being born and raised in Pakistan where the fear of earthquakes forms part of my childhood memory, I recall back in 2005 a devastating earthquake of magnitude 7.8 that turned towns and villages of major areas of Pakistan into graveyards where thousands were buried under rubble. This experience was one of the reasons that urged me to pursue my graduate studies in the field of structural engineering. And the Asian Development Bank served as the bridge that let me fulfill my dream in the form of granting me a full scholarship to complete my master's degree at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT).

My academic experience at AIT covered a broad range of relevant topics, out of which my interest focused on the dynamics of structure and earthquake engineering. I believe that this program not only fulfilled my passion of applying mathematical theories to real-world problems, but also gave me the opportunity to leverage my analytical skills toward professional growth.

Moreover, AIT gave me the opportunity to connect with my soul, since it was here where I also had a chance to perform on cultural shows and group dances. I was lucky enough to become the master of ceremonies for various events at AIT, and this helped me improve my communication skills.

Currently, I am working for a multinational firm in my country where I am responsible for retrofitting seismically deficient buildings by utilizing several techniques. I am lucky enough to gain such diverse technological experience from that university, which has helped me stand out among co-workers in my company.



VO PHUONG OANH (Viet Nam)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master of Business Administration
August 2014–May 2016

It has been nearly 3 years since the day I got the e-mail to confirm that ADB offered a scholarship to support my MBA program in AIT. ADB gave me a great chance to study in one of the prestigious institutes in Asia—the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in Thailand—where I could gain knowledge in management, and learn useful soft skills such as working with teams, presentation, and negotiation. Further, meeting friends from many Asian countries also helped me learn from them priceless, diverse life experiences. I recognized that the differences in our languages, ethnicity, religions, and cultures were not barriers to our friendship since the key of true friendship is honesty.

After finishing the MBA program, luckily, I was hired as a business development specialist in the Thai Reinsurance Public Limited Company, which was seeking out opportunities to invest and cooperate with domestic insurance companies in Viet Nam. They aimed to develop a health-care insurance program that enables Vietnamese people to access modern Thai hospitals for affordable treatment, cashless payment, and professional claim management along with current insurance programs in Viet Nam. I am quite satisfied with my work because I can do my part to contribute to cooperation between Viet Nam and Thailand as well as bring better chances for Vietnamese people to access high-quality, world-class health-care services in Thailand. I am really grateful to ADB for my study sponsorship since this support has changed my life in an amazing way.



NGUYEN TRUONG GIANG (Viet Nam)
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Master of Science in International Relations
September 2017–September 2019

Thanks to the invaluable support from ADB, I was able to commence graduate study at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, which is one of the major international “hubs” and research institutes in Japan. I am so into the environment here where I can interact, share ideas, and learn from many students around the world. Also, doing research projects is one of the memorable experiences during my study here. With ardent support from my professors and other staff of the university, I actually feel that my research and critical thinking skills are remarkably growing and being polished day by day. In addition to my outstanding fulfillment of all the course work in the previous semester, another one of my achievements was the opportunity to present my research topic at the Asian Competition Forum 2017, a conference hosted by the Asian Competition Forum in Hong Kong, China. Thanks to the allowance from ADB, I was able to travel to Hong Kong, China and deliver a presentation about my research called “The Impact of Public Procurement Rules and the Administrative Practices of Public Procurers on Bid Rigging: The Case of Viet Nam.” This was a precious opportunity because not only did I improve my research skill and my technical expertise, but I also expanded my horizon by connecting with superiors and experts in the field. After the conference, my worldview changed drastically: now I wish to channel my efforts to improve and make significant changes in Asia in terms of helping establish a legal framework for improved regional cooperation, given the new era of globalization.



DIAN MITRAYANI (Indonesia)
University of Hawai‘i at Manoa/East-West Center
Master in Urban and Regional Planning
August 2006–August 2008

I am very grateful for the opportunity that the ADB–JSP provided through the funding of my master’s degree in urban and regional planning at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. During that experience, I connected my passion of working with young people to my interest in academic research. I conducted participatory assessment projects and did my thesis research at Ke Ola Hou, a native Hawaiian youth mentoring organization. I continue to work and conduct research with young people around the world, including in Indonesia, through the Play for Peace organization where I develop assessment tools for its youth leadership training program. I am currently a doctoral candidate in social foundations of education at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. My dissertation topic focuses on children’s rights in Indonesia and examines the development of youth civic participation and leadership skills in a children’s forum. My passion for youth-related research and evaluation has earned for me several awards and other recognition. In 2017, I received the American Education Studies Association–Taylor & Francis Past President’s Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Research, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Graduate Student Excellence Fellowship Award, and University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Chancellor’s Graduate Student Award. I have published my research as a book chapter in “Creating a Sustainable Vision of Nonviolence in School and Society” as well as in journals (i.e., Studies in Social Justice, Journal of International Students). The awards and publications are a form of acknowledgement of the importance of youth-related research in today’s world, both in Indonesia and in a global setting.



JAMES PATRICK ALONZO (Philippines)
University of Hawai'i at Manoa/East-West Center
Master in Public Administration
August 2016–May 2018

Prior to taking my master's degree in public administration from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, I worked for years in the investment banking industry. Despite it being a lucrative industry, I felt empty as it was not a field which would allow me to create ripples of change, especially in terms of poverty alleviation in my home country, the Philippines. Thanks to the ADB–JSP, I was given the chance to shift gears and pursue the advocacy I am passionate about.

I am currently in my final year of the MPA program and it has been a very fruitful journey for me. Through this opportunity, I got the chance to travel to Brazil to do an internship with a local nonprofit in Rio de Janeiro that helps underprivileged kids in the favelas (shantytowns). It was such an eye-opening and life-changing experience! Also, I presented research papers at conferences held in Paris and Cape Town, which further broadened my view about worldwide issues. Currently, I am finishing a master capstone project that tackles the current state of school-based health services in the State of Hawaii.

Besides academics, I have also been actively engaged in community service here. The East-West Center, being the partner of ADB in Hawaii, has been a great institution in which to rear ADB–JSP scholars and instill the value of volunteer service. I currently serve as the President of the East-West Center Participants Association (EWCPA), which is an organization of international scholars taking up their graduate studies at UH Manoa via EWC-sponsored or EWC-administered scholarships. Building lifelong friendships and experiencing so much cultural diversity in one place has really helped me to become a “global citizen.”

I am truly grateful to the Government of Japan, Asian Development Bank, East-West Center, and University of Hawai'i at Manoa for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. I have made so many fun memories and learned invaluable lessons which all the more inspire me to make a difference in this world once I finish my graduate studies.

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VO THI BICH NGAN (Viet Nam)
University of Hawai'i at Manoa/East-West Center
Master in Public Administration
August 2016 – May 2018

I was awarded a generous ADB–JSP scholarship for 2016–2018 to pursue an MBA degree at Shidler College of Business, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. The ADB–JSP gave me a great opportunity to upgrade my business knowledge and broaden my network in business, academic, and even non-academic spheres.

Joining in small class settings with 11 other MBA students that comprise my cohort, I was able to interact in depth with them to analyze case studies and do group projects more effectively. I was also given unique opportunities to meet and talk with C-suite level individuals, especially women, who serve important roles in commerce in Hawaii. Experiencing firsthand the role of women in Hawaii's business sector has made me aspire to be more successful in my professional life later.

Living in a diverse East-West Center (EWC) community, I joined community activities conducted by the EWC's student body, including the International Potluck, East-West Fest, International Night, and the weekly Wednesday Evening Seminar where EWC students meet to discuss different Asia Pacific perspectives on music, the arts, languages, politics, social issues, and other regional concerns. In addition, I had the opportunity to participate in the EWC Leadership Certificate Program through which I came to understand various prominent issues and challenges facing the state, such as homelessness, energy, land use, the media's role in modern life, nature preservation, native Hawaiian sovereignty, and crisis in leadership. Together with the other members of my leadership certificate cohort, we examined and discussed possible solutions to these topics, and how this knowledge might apply back in our own home countries.

During the 2016–2017 academic year, I was fortunate to receive another scholarship from the Center for Japanese Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa to join the 69th Japan–America Student Conference, which took place in Japan from 3 to 28 August 2017. I travelled together with other American and Japanese students to four very different cities of Tokyo, Kyoto, Ehime, and Mie. During the trip, we met with top leaders and policy makers in each of these cities, and had roundtable discussions with them about multiple approaches to managing big cities, media, global warming, education, and other major challenges that both Japan and the United States must cope with. By joining the 69th Japan–America Student Conference, I was able to leverage my knowledge, deepen my professional experience, and most especially build long-lasting friendships with American and Japanese peers.

I am so grateful to be an ADB–JSP scholar as it has allowed me to explore my full potential. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank the ADB–JSP and the East-West Center for giving me this great opportunity to learn more about myself and this world.



ZHONGXIA JIN (People's Republic of China)
University of Hawai'i at Manoa/East-West Center
Doctor of Philosophy in International Finance
August 1991–July 1994

After graduating from Peking University with a bachelor of arts in international economics and working for a few years in related fields, the ADB–JSP scholarship gave me the opportunity to pursue further my interests. With this scholarship, I earned a doctorate degree in international finance, with a focus on exchange rate, at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, East-West Center. In the subsequent years, I worked and conducted research at the World Bank, the International Department of the People's Bank of China, and the International Monetary Fund. Prior to becoming the executive director for China at the IMF, I was director general of the Research Institute at the People's Bank of China. I am grateful that the ADB–JSP scholarship has helped pave my career path.

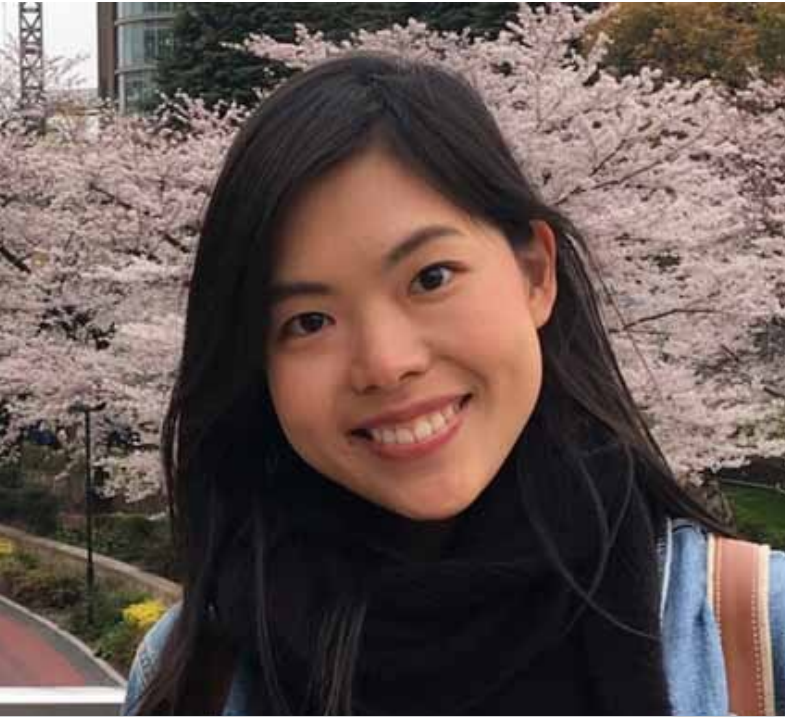


DON JEFFERY A. QUEBRAL (Philippines)
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
Master of Public Administration
October 2016–September 2017

There are four things I really love doing: studying, travelling to and exploring new places, getting immersed in different cultures, and of course, putting into meaningful use the learning I gain in the process. Pursuing graduate studies in Japan through the ADB–JSP has given me the perfect opportunity to do all of these. My sincerest gratitude goes to the ADB–JSP for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

At the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), not only have I learned from professors who are among the best in their fields, I have also interacted with students from different parts of the globe, each with a lot of ideas to share. I was also elected to serve in the student council, further honing my leadership skills. Through study visits, seminars, conferences, and other knowledge-sharing fora organized by my school, I have gained insights that inspire me to be a better public servant, researcher, and a budding academician.

Now that I have resumed my post at the Center for Local and Regional Governance, National College of Public Administration and Governance, University of the Philippines, I feel eager to lead and take part in research, training, and extension efforts for the betterment of local governance and citizen participation in the Philippines. My first major assignment is to head a research on institutional mechanisms to ensure the implementation of programs and services for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in provinces, cities, and municipalities all over the country. I believe that my education and training have renewed my spirit and enthusiasm to pursue endeavors toward a more inclusive society.



KANSUCHAYA TECHARUVICHIT (Thailand)
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
Master in Public Policy
October 2015–September 2017

Studying at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Japan was one of the best decisions I had ever made in my life, given that it was a challenge to myself to adapt to new experiences that differ from my own. I was able to gain a lot of knowledge by listening to many experts in class, but more importantly, studying abroad provided a chance to make friends with people from different countries. This helped me to understand cross-cultural attitudes, and allowed me to share my own culture with others. Moreover, living on my own for almost 2 years and dealing with situations without the help of family really helped me build character. These experiences made me more confident in myself and greatly helped me in my work life, and were experiences worth keeping. My life in Japan would not have succeeded without support from the ADB–JSP. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to enhance my capabilities via the graduate program conducted in Japan.



SOM RAJ RANA (Nepal)
The University of Hong Kong
Master of Urban Design
September 2016–September 2017

It was really a great opportunity to study in a world-class university in a smart city like Hong Kong. Currently, I am doing my thesis on “Bicycle Urbanism” in order to make Kathmandu a more sustainable and livable city and let others know the power of two wheels. My experience has always been great both within and outside the university. Moreover, the ADB–JSP has increased my confidence in dealing with different problems in our society. In fact, attending the program has helped me to grow from being an architect and designing individual buildings to becoming an urban designer and designing a city. With the guidance of my teachers, I have surprised myself when it comes to how my perception has significantly changed: today, I believe I can analyze the critical issues of a city and formulate different design strategies to cope with them.

I am eager to use this knowledge in my home country. Apart from the unique study environment, I made many international friends with whom I shared cultures, ideas, and memories. This participation in the world stage could not have been successful without the ADB–JSP. I would like to thank again ADB–JSP and The University of Hong Kong for providing me this golden opportunity.



KLERVIN JOHN BRAGANZA COLLADO (Philippines)
The University of Hong Kong
Master of Science in Urban Planning
September 2016–August 2018

Prior to my studies, I worked as an architect and was involved in the planning of residential estates. This spurred my interest to pursue a master's degree in urban planning and I decided to apply for the ADB–JSP. As I look back, this has been one of the best decisions I have made. I am beyond grateful and forever indebted to the program.

Studying in Hong Kong, China has equipped me with the necessary skills to become a leader in my field, with both local and global perspectives. I am fortunate to receive education from The University of Hong Kong, one of Asia's finest universities. Through ADB–JSP's support, I took up an internship with the United Nations, attend a conference at Harvard University, and a summer program at the University of Amsterdam. These experiences enabled me to see new places and foster friendships with young professionals across the globe.

As I return to my country, I am keen in joining the government sector as an urban and transport planner. I also intend to teach at university and become a policy maker someday. Ultimately, it is my goal to contribute to the sustainable development of the Philippines, particularly in promoting sustainable transport systems and urban spaces.



SUBRATA DAS (Bangladesh)
The University of Hong Kong
Master of Science in Urban Planning
September 2014–August 2016

When I recall the best memories of my life, I remember the moment I read the email about being selected for the ADB–JSP. Previously I completed a bachelor's degree in architecture from SUST, Bangladesh. Dreaming of pursuing a PhD, I needed to get a master's degree from an internationally reputable university. It was one step to realize my dream, but there were very few fully funded scholarships which support taught master's programs. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Government of Japan for allowing me to continue my journey toward the dream.

The learning environment at The University of Hong Kong was excellent and the city itself was like a living classroom for me. For my dissertation, I worked on a possible solution to urban flooding in Bangladesh. With excellent support from my supervisor, Professor Bo Sin Tang, and other faculty members, I received the "Final Year Student with Best Dissertation" award for academic year 2015–2016. Currently, I am working as a full-time faculty member in a public university of Bangladesh. I am also engaged in planning and development work with a local municipality. I believe the ADB–JSP is not only supporting Bangladeshi students, but also indirectly helping the sustainable development of my country.



YI ZHU (People's Republic of China)
The University of Hong Kong
Master of Science in Urban Planning
September 2015–August 2017

Two years ago, when I applied for ADB–JSP, I never thought that I would come this far: I am about to complete my 2-year master of science in urban planning at The University of Hong Kong.

During this time, I was introduced to a broader field of urban planning, acquiring knowledge in many aspects that are valuable to me. In a transitional economy like China, urban planning is undergoing transformation. The key concerns in planning are shifting from the material environment to broader social and economic aspects. It is also increasingly being recognized that, in addition to tackling local challenges, planning should respond to regional and global trends. Since such a transitional process takes a long time, planners always need to keep learning and get themselves well-prepared. I am really lucky to have the opportunity to study at The University of Hong Kong, which has provided a wonderful learning platform connecting China to a global context.

I sincerely thank ADB for offering me this scholarship, which has enabled me to improve myself through quality higher education. I now feel more confident about my knowledge and future career than I ever have. After graduation, I plan to obtain qualification as a registered urban planner, which will enable me to better contribute my knowledge toward the urban development of China.

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SHAILESH KUMAR MISHRA (Nepal)
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
Master of Technology in Energy Studies
July 2015–June 2017

At the outset please accept my sincere greetings.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the ADB–JSP for this wonderful opportunity, without which my most cherished dream of pursuing my master’s degree from a premier institute would not have materialized.

Prior to joining the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, I worked for 8+ years in different industries, including 6 years with The Coca-Cola Company. I would also like to underscore, for your reference here, that I had the honor of having been selected to participate in the most prestigious US Government program—the International Visitor Leadership Program in 2014.

I have gained rigorous planning, organization, and communication skills through working on different assignments, which would definitely help Nepal as it utilizes its huge hydroelectric potential as the driving engine for economic development. My professional experience and studies (this program in particular) have given me a clear perspective of the major issues and underlying challenges that keep Nepal’s energy sector from reaching its full potential. These issues involve power trade with potential buyers, cross-border transmission lines, and foreign direct investment in the energy sector. I also have a good grasp over the social, cultural, and political aspects of these problems, which are often as critical as the technical ones.

I would like to reiterate my sincere gratitude to the ADB–JSP for the scholarship opportunity.



CHINARA ESENGUL (Kyrgyz Republic)
International University of Japan
Master of Arts in International Relations
September 2005–June 2007

After completing my studies, I returned home to contribute to peace and development in my country. At present, I work for the PeaceNexus Foundation as regional advisor for Central Asia and country manager for the Kyrgyz Republic. In February 2014, I completed the requirements to qualify as a candidate of the political science program and received a PhD in political science from the Kyrgyz National University, where I have been teaching and doing research for the Department of International Relations from 2007 until 2016.

From 2012 to 2015, I worked for the National Institute of Strategic Studies of the Kyrgyz Republic as a deputy director and was involved in the design, implementation, and management of research projects to inform government policies and decisions on security and foreign policy issues.

From 2016 until now, I have worked for PeaceNexus to support peace-building activities of various partners, including government agencies, the United Nations, nongovernment organizations, and the private sector.

In November 2017, I was given the Certificate of Recognition, a state award presented by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, for my work and contribution to peace and state building in the Kyrgyz Republic.



FERUZA FURKATOVNA MADAMINOVA (Uzbekistan)
International University of Japan
Master of Arts in International Relations
September 2017–June 2019

The International University of Japan is a unique place where the “world gathers” and where you have a chance to dive into different cultures simultaneously. This environment of diversity gradually transformed into an idea to share with others the language I speak—the Russian language. I soon discovered that other international students wanted to understand the Russian language. Therefore, inspired by the wish of my classmates, I decided to create the Russian Club.

The uniqueness of this club is that the students have a great opportunity to learn both the Russian language and culture through different activities such as Russian movie nights, cooking Russian food, listening to Russian songs, and many others. Nearly 20 students have already joined the club, and they come from different countries such as Japan, Indonesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, South Africa, Somalia, India, Bangladesh, Cote d’Ivoire, and Nigeria. I do believe that we all will enjoy our joint activity and hope that other students will also show interest in our club.



NGUYEN THUY DUONG (Viet Nam)
International University of Japan
Master of Business Administration
September 2017–June 2019

I am tremendously grateful for the precious opportunity that the ADB–JSP has given me to get an MBA degree from the International University of Japan (IUJ). These 2 years of study have made me grow into a better individual.

Coming to Japan so far has been a life-changing experience for me in many different aspects. First of all, I am enjoying the opportunity to learn about my host country's rich culture and amazing economic development.

Moreover, networking at the IUJ is a remarkable opportunity in itself. In my batch, I was fortunate to have rich discussions and healthy academic challenge from students coming from more than 50 countries all over the world.

In addition, I had the chance to team up with IUJ's brilliant students, especially Vu Man Tuan, and received invaluable feedback from IUJ's prominent professors Jay and Ito when we presented our business model for "Fresh Deli" and won in the Japan Business Model Competition–Niigata round. We are working hard to refine our business model and test our hypothesis when we compete in the more challenging national round in Tokyo, and we hope for the best.

I am certain that this MBA program is the keystone which will help me build a strong foundation to advance my professional life. Further, I believe I will be able to apply the knowledge that I accumulate through this amazing 2-year journey in developing my country Viet Nam in the future.



NGUYEN TRA MY (Viet Nam)
International University of Japan
Master of Arts in International Relations
September 2016–June 2018

"Good luck is when opportunity meets preparation." I would say that, without a doubt, the ADB–JSP scholarship is my good luck, and I try my best to be one of its outstanding scholars. From the bottom of my heart, I say thanks to the ADB–JSP for this priceless opportunity to pursue academic excellence and gain life experiences that help in forming my character and my career.

Living on campus with schoolmates from more than 50 countries all over the world whose different cultures I assimilate make me feel that I am becoming a global citizen. Yet I proudly represented my country in discussions about gender imbalance—an emerging issue in Viet Nam—during the First International Sustainable Development Goals Forum and the second open forum on "Connecting to the World" held in the International University of Japan in late January 2018. I also had the chance to join the monitoring tour of Uonuma city in Niigata, which is being promoted for its local tourism. The experience has given me ideas for promoting tourism in Unomashi.

With my graduate degree, I believe I can be a positive factor for the development of my country as well as be a bridge to promote cooperation with Japan in terms of economic activities, human resources, and cultural exchanges after my graduation. Thank you again ADB–JSP for opening this new path for me.



SADIA TASNIM (Bangladesh)
Kobe University
Master in International Studies
October 2016–September 2018

After completing my bachelor's degree, I dreamed of getting higher education yet found it difficult to maintain a job while earning my master's degree. I had no choice but to keep working. But my eagerness to do higher studies drove me to seek funding and led me to the ADB–JSP. The journey of a thousand miles thus began with my scholarship grant from the ADB–JSP.

I come from a fabulous country, Bangladesh, which is also a developing and highly populated country that is struggling with various natural disasters. While studying disaster management in Kobe University, I visited some disaster-affected prefectures in Japan and saw both the beauty of nature and its cruelty. From these field visits, as well as the graduate workshops, classroom sessions, and other opportunities for learning provided by the program, I gained theoretical knowledge, multiple skills, and practical experience. These I will incessantly implement for the people of my country. I am very grateful to the ADB–JSP for believing in me so I can eventually believe in myself.



THIN HLAING OO (Myanmar)
Kyoto University
Master in Global Environmental Studies
April 2015–March 2017

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the ADB–JSP for fully supporting my 2-year master's study in Kyoto University, Japan. Before joining the university, I was working for an international nongovernment organization (NGO) in Myanmar focused on disaster risk reduction (DRR). During the course of my work, I realized that I needed to enhance my capacity and broaden my perspective regarding DRR. It was then that I decided to apply for the scholarship program of the ADB–JSP so I can study environmental management, which is linked to DRR. During my study, I met many new friends from other countries, and learned from their country-based initiatives in environmental management and DRR. I was also able to enjoy the lifestyle, food, and culture of Japan as well as the hospitality of my fellow international students. To summarize, my experience in Japan was made up of not only learning new things for my career, but also fostering networks and relishing experiences.

After graduation in 2017, I found my dream job with the Pillar of Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Country Office in Myanmar. During my employment, I applied what I learned during my study in Japan, sharing these with my colleagues. I have also participated in many workshops and seminars on implementation of policies regarding DRR and climate change adaptation in Myanmar. From this year, I began working as DRR specialist with the UNDP Country Office, trying to contribute to making Myanmar a disaster-resilient country. I could not have realized my dream without the ADB–JSP and the supportive persons from the university.



PAOLO NICHOLAS PADERANGA (Philippines)
Kyoto University
Master in Business Administration
April 2015–March 2017

I had been blessed with the chance to study in the Kyoto University Graduate School of Management. It has been an experience like no other, and has given me an opportunity that I would not be able to have otherwise. I have returned home with broader horizons and knowledge that I now have the opportunity to share with my countrymen. The multiple paradigm perspectives that my university has instilled in me afford me unique perspective and approach that I feel are necessary to tackle the issues of the developing world.

I have done my best to return to my roots as an educator to better share the fruits of my tenure at Kyoto University. I am trying to engage different avenues to reach the broadest audience, and share what I have learned abroad. I am also pursuing different opportunities in NGOs to help address the many issues that plague my home country, including the chance to be part of a team that will launch a new NGO.



THANT ZIN MAW (Myanmar)
Kyoto University
Master in Agricultural Science
October 2016–September 2018

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Asian Development Bank for granting me the ADB–JSP scholarship that made my studies possible at Kyoto University, Japan, one of Asia’s highest ranked universities.

I earned my bachelor’s degree in 2009, studying forest management, silvicultural operations, and wood technology. After graduation, I worked for 6 years in remote sensing and geographic information system section at the headquarters of Myanmar’s Forest Department prior to receiving the ADB–JSP scholarship. I wanted to pursue a master’s degree in a developed country to see and experience first-hand how differently forest management is done there. I was happy when I received the grant to study agricultural sciences at the intersection of forest resource use and society. I decided to investigate the quantity of forest area change, and analyze the determinants of such change, especially in tropical rainforests of Myanmar, because it is related to my previous work experience and what I want to do in the future. At Kyoto University, I learned about the use of high technologies and the need for extensive research on how to manage the forest and regulate the forest ecosystem, the situation of forests in relation to changes in land use, the importance of local livelihood patterns that are dependent on forests, and the importance of private sector cooperation in forest conservation. I want to pursue my research interest during the program’s second year, and I am excited to reap the fruits from my research.

Once I complete my master’s thesis, I want to be able to provide the scientific information essential to policy formulation, biodiversity conservation planning, and land resource management. In this regard, I want to consider the appropriate regional drivers for tropical rainforest management, since this knowledge should be utilized not only in my department but also in the country as well. Equipped with what I have learned, I am eager to do more research and contribute to investigating the forest management practices appropriate for my country.



I was a public servant at the National Economic and Development Authority in the Philippines when I was awarded the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP).

The ADB–JSP, thru Kyoto University, provides a satisfying experience as it employs a holistic approach in helping me succeed in my chosen career path. It gives me a clear direction in creating a sustainable relationship toward society. It did not only hone my leadership and technical skills, but it also allows me to establish ties with new colleagues in the academic and private sectors. My social interactions have deepened my understanding of society. I met with various chief executive officers and social entrepreneurs through our global entrepreneurship class and discovered their experiences in what it takes to be successful in creating inclusive business models. These opportunities were especially inspiring for me. These interactions have allowed me to learn new things about other people, their ideas, and where they come from, which has been an eye-opening experience. Besides classroom learning, my academic experience is also enriched as I won awards in the recent 2017 Foundation for the Advancement of Life and Insurance Around the World. Moreover, my academic papers were given best presentation awards in academic conferences in several universities in Japan, France, and Spain. In Kyoto University, I was also awarded a slot in Kyoto University Spring School for Future Global Leaders 2018. I am hoping that this will help me further refine my fundamental skill sets to become an effective public servant when I go back to the Philippines as this focuses on real-life application of leadership concepts and the available socio-policy framework. I am thankful for these opportunities and involvements that will lead me on my future career path.

MA. JOSEPHINE THERESE EMILY TEVES (Philippines)
Kyoto University
Master in Business Administration
April 2017–March 2019

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WATCHARIN ARUNSAKULCHAI (Thailand)
Kyushu University
Master in Agricultural and Resource Economics
October 2017–September 2019

I worked as a senior chemist and also on managing intellectual property, during which I realized that the combination of my science background and skills in economic analysis is a practical ability in business. This is why I became interested in an international course on quantitative food economic analysis in Kyushu University, since this course is specific to the food industry which I paid attention to since I began working. I received a precious chance to study abroad at Kyushu University from the ADB–JSP. After I knew I got this award, I had an accident with my knee that required surgery and made me unable to enroll as scheduled. I was afraid that I would lose my scholarship because of the circumstances, but all persons in charge at the ADB–JSP and Kyushu University, including my professors, encouraged me despite this setback and made me appreciate the support group that prevailed in the university.

During my first semester here, I gained much knowledge from several lecturers who also kept in touch with their students, making me feel free to inquire and consult with them on subject concerns. I also loved group discussion classes because all students are allowed to share their ideas with each other and with lecturers who then provide pointers on good research methodologies and various options for research activities. Besides my studies, I had the chance to meet new friends from all over the globe and exchange multicultural cuisines, languages, and experiences with each other. I also interacted with the Japanese people who always showed me kindness on every occasion.

More than the degree granted because of this scholarship, what remains as a valuable and memorable lesson is the experience of connecting with people and realizing that such connections will support you as you go through life. So, the ADB–JSP is not only a scholarship fund but also an opportunity to make positive impacts on your profession, others, communities, and the wider society. Finally, I sincerely hope that I will have an opportunity to join ADB so I can share my knowledge and inspiring story with others.



ZHYLDYZ MUKTAROVNA TAGAEVA (Kyrgyz Republic)
Kyushu University
Master in International Economic and Business Law
October 2017–September 2018

When I look back, I realize that in the winter of 2017 I made a right decision. All my expectations from the Latin Legrem Magister (LL.M) or Master of Laws program in international economic and business law at Kyushu University were met.

During the first semester of my studies, I had the opportunity to attend lectures given by prominent professors and practicing lawyers with extensive experience that provided the curriculum not only with academic rigor, but also a real-world perspective that made it interesting. I am currently working on my thesis, which is devoted to balancing investors' rights and state interests as a legal precondition for investing in the mining industry of the Kyrgyz Republic. I truly believe that the outcome of the thesis paper will be used in my home country in the future.

In addition, the student body of the LL.M. program impresses me with its diversity. My classmates come from a variety of cultural backgrounds and living in a multicultural community allows us to exchange not only professional knowledge and experience, but also aspects of our cultures. Getting to know each other here may someday be incredibly useful in our international legal practices.

Besides the academic life, I have been enjoying and feeling impressed by the unique Japanese culture. One of these splendid moments include experiencing the Japanese lifestyle when I visited and communicated with my host family whom I got to meet with the help of the Fukuoka International Student Support Center. Also, I am trying to learn the Japanese language, which I hope to use in my work with Japanese partners and clients in the future.

Nothing of the foregoing would be possible without the generous ADB–JSP scholarship. I am grateful to the ADB–JSP for the opportunity to pursue my master's degree in Japan.



NAYEEN-AL AMIN (Bangladesh)
Kyushu University
Master of Agro-Environmental Science
October 2017–September 2019

After spending more than 8 years managing information and communication technology (ICT) projects in government and the private sector, it was my dream to introduce ICT in the agriculture sector in Bangladesh. I was thus looking for an advanced lab and study for realizing my dream. And dreams do come true; the ADB–JSP fulfilled my dream by giving me the opportunity to study in Japan, especially at the Kyushu University.

In conducting research at the Agricultural Machinery and Production Systems Design Laboratory in Kyushu University, my objective was to develop LPWAN (Low Power Wide Area Network)-based Smart Irrigation Management System to enhance the irrigation using Ubiquitous Environmental Control System, which hopefully will enhance agricultural production in Bangladesh and other countries also.

Domo arigatou gozaimashita to the ADB–JSP authorities for making all of this possible, for giving me the opportunity to expand my knowledge and widen my experience, and to upgrade my professional qualifications for the future. I also would like to express my deepest gratitude to my professor, Dr. Takashi Okayasu for selecting me to study in his laboratory at Kyushu University. Again, many thanks to the ADB–JSP for helping me dream all the way.



DIYORA KARABAEVA (Uzbekistan)
Nanyang Technological University
Nanyang-Waseda Double MBA Programme
July 2014–July 2015

Selecting the right MBA program was one of the most important decisions in my professional development. The Nanyang-Waseda Double MBA program was my first choice as it offered me the opportunity to attend two top institutions in Singapore and Japan, and I am interested in courses related to technology management.

In 2014, I was accepted into the program and received the ADB-JSP scholarship. Upon completing the program, I was offered a project development expert job at Mitsubishi Corporation Tashkent Representative Office. Mitsubishi Corporation was one of a few global companies present in Uzbekistan at the time and hiring was highly competitive. An MBA from Asia's top MBA programs (NTU and Waseda), coupled with my experience of living and studying in Japan, were deciding factors in getting the job. I was interviewed by both the local management in Tashkent and their counterpart in Tokyo, and was excited about career opportunities with the company.

My job in Mitsubishi Corporation far exceeded my expectations as, over the past 2 years, I was given the opportunity to work on various projects in areas I have never worked in before, and was very excited to learn about petrochemical, oil and gas, energy, and commercial, to name a few. The job is challenging and motivating and, moreover, I felt that the company management is supportive of professional growth and creating equal opportunities for personal and professional development. I was sent to trainings in Dubai and Tokyo, encouraged to learn the Japanese language with company support, and constantly motivated by local management and headquarters. I am confident about my bright future with the company, and looking forward to further exploring, growing, and learning.



SANGAY THINLEY (Bhutan)
Nagoya University–Graduate School
of International Development
Master of Arts in International Development
April 2015–March 2017

I am able to understand rural areas much better after having studied rural and regional development at Graduate School of International Development with the support of the ADB-JSP.

During my dissertation fieldwork in Bongo village in Southwest Bhutan, I observed that lack of basic hygiene was one of its many pressing problems.

After a detailed situation analysis and a resulting project proposal, I approached the Rotary Club of Thimphu (RCT), which agreed to coordinate the project fundraising effort. Soon the rotary clubs from Malaysia and India committed to fund the entire project.

Bongo Toilet Project, as it came to be known, consisted of constructing 36 pour-flush toilets. The project implementation mechanism mirrored best practices in rural development, but also closely drew from the people's traditional social organization models for carrying out similar programs. The results were extraordinary—36 toilets were built in 33 days!

At the inauguration of the toilets by the home minister of Bhutan, a parliamentary representative from the district, the rotary club with its reputation for expeditious and efficient delivery of similar projects proclaimed the project to be its "signature project."

I thank the ADB-JSP and the Graduate School of International Development professors for making it possible for me to feel for, learn, and work in the rural areas.



BANGKIT ADITYA WIRYAWAN (Indonesia)
Nagoya University–Graduate School
of International Development
Master of Arts in International Development
April 2014–March 2016

I studied economic development with focus on regional development policy. After graduation, I resumed my position as public policy researcher in the Center for Policy Studies and Technology Application in the Ministry of Public Works and Housing of Indonesia. My latest research includes studying the feasibility of appropriate technology for the community.

Having the opportunity to pursue my master’s degree in one of the best universities in Japan has helped me a lot in furthering my career. I have produced more scientific publications and policy recommendations for the ministry, and was selected as one of the ministry’s best young researchers in December 2017. I wish to keep up the good work this year, and to continue to contribute to the development of my country using the knowledge and experiences I obtained during my time as an ADB–JSP scholar in Nagoya.



DWINITA AYU KHRISENDI (Indonesia)
Ritsumeikan University
Master in Economics
September 2014–September 2016

Back in the day when I applied for the ADB–JSP scholarship, ADB asked me “what would I imagine myself to be 5 years from now.” I saw a wiser me contribute my knowledge and power to the betterment of a larger society. Though I would like to fast forward to that moment, I knew I could not, and I am glad that I could not. If I did, I will not remember the day that my colleagues and I went for a study tour of Japan’s prestigious companies such as Fujitec, Toyota, and Toto. Or the day when I was able to present my thesis at the ADB–JSP conference and at the Japan Society for International Development conference. I would like to thank ADB for trusting me as a scholarship awardee, without which I would not be able to get an opportunity to carry out my research and present it to the world. And I would not spend my summer as a United Nations Environment Programme–International Environmental Technology Centre (UNEP–IETC) intern, directly contributing to solve the waste crisis in Lebanon and assisting in the UNEP ASIA mercury waste conference.

After graduation, I changed my career path from banking, where I worked for 4 years, to social infrastructure-related business concerns of one of the world’s top cable company. I am in charge of the firm’s power plant, MRT transportation, oil and gas refinery, and renewable energy enhancement projects in Southeast Asia and the Middle East. It has been a year after my graduation. My success story is still a work in progress. But I am enjoying the wonderful journey and marking milestones and new achievements along the way.



JEFFREY SOMINTAC PEREZ (Philippines)
Saitama University
Master of Engineering in Civil
and Environmental Engineering
April 2002–March 2004

It was in my early stage of my professional career that I have received the ADB–JSP scholarship in Saitama University. This scholarship gave me the first opportunity to travel outside of the Philippines and my first time to be outside the comfort of my family. My 2-year stay in Japan was very challenging because of the adjustments of living alone, differences in culture, and I have to study harder since my undergraduate course is different from my graduate course.

After finishing my graduate studies, I was involved in different earthquake and disaster risk reduction researches in the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology. I have also attended different trainings and conferences in different parts of the world. Aside from publishing our studies in different international scientific journals, I am also involved in communicating geohazard information and disaster risk reduction researches to various stakeholders through engaging lectures and seminars for communities to be proactive in earthquake and tsunami preparedness.

In recognition of my significant research contributions in the field of geology, specifically active tectonics and paleoseismic studies along the different segments of the Philippine Fault in eastern Mindanao, I was awarded the 2017 Outstanding Young Scientists (OYS). This recognition was given by the National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines (NAST, Ph) of the Department of Science and Technology. NAST, Ph is the Philippines' premier recognition and advisory body on science and technology and they are awarding the OYS to young Filipino scientists (must not be 41 years old within January–December in the year of the awarding) who have made significant contributions to science and technology. The scholarships and recognitions I have received motivated me to continue my service to the Filipino people and pursue excellence in my scientific research.

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TULAJA GURUNG (Nepal)
Saitama University
**Master of Engineering in Hydraulic
and Environmental Engineering**
April 2017–March 2019

After working in remote parts of Nepal, I felt a need for enhancing my capacity by upgrading my education. I always dreamed of studying abroad, but relying on personal funds was not an option. I felt blessed and very lucky when I was awarded the ADB–JSP scholarship for a master’s degree in hydraulic and environmental engineering at Saitama University in 2017.

I feel privileged for the golden opportunity to study in an ideal academic environment in Saitama University. I have made the effort to be fully engaged in the program to gain knowledge and build my skills. The well-designed courses delivered by professional lecturers have furnished me with a new perspective. Currently, I am a second year student focusing my research on stock water quality management of reservoir for drinking water. During my first year, I was able to visit different multipurpose reservoirs in Japan and learn drinking water supply management and its quality control system. Apart from the academic aspect, I also had the chance to learn from and interact with people who have different cultures, religions, and approaches to managing development, which may provide the proper tools for my own country’s development.

After completing my degree, I wish to return to my home country and extend the knowledge and experience gained for the betterment of Nepal. My sincere thanks to the ADB–JSP and Saitama University for making my dream come true. Finally, I also would like to express gratitude to my professor, Dr. Eiichi Furusato, for his continuous guidance and supervision.

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FAJAR FAUZIE RAKHMAN (Indonesia)
Tokyo Institute of Technology
Master in International Development Engineering
October 2015–September 2017

I have always wanted to establish a career in the fields of transport and infrastructure development, and continuing my master's studies at the Department of International Development Engineering at Tokyo Institute of Technology provided me with valuable experiences and lessons that supported my goal.

During the study period, I learned a lot of things, especially the importance of transportation and infrastructure in developing the economy and ensuring prosperity. Since the department consists of students from various academic backgrounds, I was able to get much insight from diverse perspectives and ideas toward related issues.

In my first year with the program, we discussed many case studies about transportation and infrastructure in developing countries with all my classmates, as well as learned fundamental theories such as economics, project management, and financial accounting where it can support my analysis about transportation and infrastructure sector. Further, I am grateful that I can apply all the knowledge I learned before as a background in doing my thesis in Indonesia in the second year. The topic addressed the role of airlines and airports in giving consumers option of choices.

Currently, I can directly contribute myself to help all stakeholders related with transportation and infrastructure development in Indonesia.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program and Tokyo Institute of Technology to make this happen to me.



SYED ZULQERNAIN HUSSAIN (Pakistan)
University of Tsukuba
Master of Arts in Economics
October 2017–March 2019

Born in a country where half the population cannot read and write their own names; one-tenth of the youth is unemployed, 25% of people do not eat two meals a day, I consider myself “lucky” and “successful” that I have achieved what only a very small proportion of the population achieves in Pakistan. When I was a kid, I only had one “naïve” dream: that I wanted my signatures on the domestic currency. My father told me for that I need to study finance or economics and get recruited in the central bank of Pakistan as the governor of the central bank gets his name stamped on currency notes. That “naïve” and perhaps “shallow” dream made me study economics in high school and college and, after sheer hard work, I was recruited at the central bank of Pakistan. I was happy that I achieved the first step of becoming the governor. However, after 8 years of experience at the central bank and getting excellent appraisals over the years, I realized that still a lot must be done.

The ADB–JSP scholarship came at that point in time when it was necessary for me to get foreign exposure and quality education, which would help me excel in my professional career. My childhood naïve dream of becoming the governor of the central bank is still there; however, not only to get my name on the currency notes, but to do “something” for the common people of my beloved Pakistan.



LE THI THANH BINH (Viet Nam)
Thammasat University
Master of Arts in Economics
August 2015–July 2017

After my master's degree in economics at the Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University in Thailand in 2017, I returned to my home country and worked as a lecturer in Faculty of Economics, Quy Nhon University in Viet Nam. Currently, I am enrolled in the PhD program in economics at the Department of Economics, University of Hawai'i at Manoa in the United States.

During my master's studies, I had the opportunity to work as a teaching assistant for the CLMV countries subject which focused on the economy of Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, and Viet Nam. I also had the chance to work as a research assistant for the project that evaluates the impact of economic reform on the industry and international trade in countries in the East–West Economic Corridor. When I was in Thammasat, I also had the opportunity to be an exchange student in Kyoto University, where I become more familiar with the academic environment.

In Viet Nam, I am the co-founder of the Oscar club, which helps students learn English and presentation skills in my university that is located in a less-advantaged region in Viet Nam.

The ADB–JSP scholarship is my stepping stone in my academic career as an economist. Without ADB support for my studies in Thammasat University, I would not have these kinds of invaluable experiences in my life.



MARY JANE ALVAREZ (Philippines)
United Nations University-Institute for Advanced Study of Sustainability
Master of Science in Sustainability
September 2015–July 2017

I was serving in the lead economic and development planning agency of the Philippines when I was given the opportunity to further my study under the master of science program in sustainability of the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) with a scholarship assistance from the ADB–JSP. In addition to attendance on the academic courses, I was also given chances to present my researches/thesis on various international conferences (both in Japan and outside the country), as well as participate on cultural exchanges and discussions. Way beyond fulfilling my desire to upgrade my technical know-how, my learnings and experiences created lifelong impact, which redounded well to my personal values and organizational benefits. They have improved my research and analytical skills, which are essential in delivering quality outputs in my field of work. At the same time, they made me into a more confident, well-rounded, and considerate individual.

The generous assistance from the ADB–JSP and the dedication of the UNU's program administration pushed my desire to give back to my country. Right after graduation, I went back in assisting my country in achieving its goal of maintaining environmental integrity amidst pursuit of economic progress. Finishing advance study in a field I am passionate at and being a recipient of a prestigious scholarship program are definitely included in the list of my proud achievements. They are blessings which I hope to share with others by transforming them into results beneficial to my organization and country.



DEKI YANGZOM (Bhutan)
The University of Auckland
Master of Public Health
March 2015–February 2017

I am very fortunate to have been one of the grantees of the ADB–JSP scholarship from Bhutan so I can study at the University of Auckland, New Zealand from March 2015 to February 2017. I was given an opportunity to take up a master in public health (MPH) degree to contribute to health, safety, and social care in my country.

I have been given a new position as quality manager at the National Referral Hospital of Bhutan after my MPH studies. That has been a great shift in my career, which has provided me a really good platform to manage and implement quality improvement programs in the health-care services. While the position is very challenging, I feel well-equipped to deal with any situation. I am able to provide insightful suggestions and recommendations to improve the quality of patient care delivery. Further, the research and data analysis skills I have acquired have played a great role in evidence-based decision making in the hospital I am working for.

I am very proud and forever grateful to the ADB–JSP for showering me with this noble scholarship to study at the renowned institute. It was a lifetime opportunity for me to groom myself and harness skills and knowledge to support and contribute in my home country Bhutan. Thank you to all the ADB–JSP officials for your continued support during my time in Auckland.



KRITSADA HONGSASURATH (Thailand)
The University of Melbourne
Master of International Business
July 2017–June 2019

Being awarded an ADB–JSP scholarship was one of the big changes in my professional life. Before coming to the University of Melbourne, I had been working in advertising and marketing communications with American and Thai companies. Over that 4-year experience, my work had centered on planning strategic directions to ensure company growth in domestic and Southeast Asian markets. I realized that I am keen to develop my business skills in cross-national contexts. Hence, I decided to study master of international business and, thankfully, the ADB–JSP scholarship gave me a great opportunity to pursue my intention.

At the University of Melbourne, my life is totally different from the past. Every day, I learn new things not only from the theories in the classrooms but also from discussions and hands-on experiences. Moreover, studying at Melbourne Business School gives me precious chances to exchange ideas with talented people around the world. These will equip me with a global mindset and the skills to promptly establish a career in international business. Once I graduate in 2019, I will return to Thailand to contribute to the betterment of the country's economy and society.



RASHMINA DHAKAL SHARMA (Nepal)
University of Melbourne
Master of Public Health
July 2017–June 2019

My dream of pursuing a master's degree only turned into reality with the prestigious scholarship awarded by the ADB–JSP, which would otherwise never have been fulfilled. I am now pursuing my master's degree in public health in the University of Melbourne, which is ranked as the number one university in Australia.

The public health graduate program in the University of Melbourne has a range of subject options and also offers opportunities to specialize in the advanced public health stream. The program provides theoretical and practical knowledge and skills required for public health practice. Along with the academic knowledge, I am getting chance to interact with people from different countries, cultures, and languages, with diverse academic backgrounds and professional experiences. I am confident that completing this course will provide me a unique experience, skill set, knowledge, and techniques which I can utilize to contribute to improving public health back in my country.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the ADB–JSP program for providing me with this life-changing opportunity.



ATTA E MUSTAFA (Pakistan)
The University of Tokyo - Department
of Civil Engineering
Master of Engineering in Bridge
and Structure Engineering
October 2015–September 2017

“Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.” – Winston Churchill

A person who failed at his high school completed his master in civil engineering from the University of Tokyo, Japan on an ADB–JSP scholarship. Yes, it is true! I started my high school with pre-medical subjects because I wanted to become a doctor, but I could not get admission in medical collage even in my second try. I was forced to switch fields and signed up to do diploma of associate engineering (DAE) in civil technology. Finding a job right after DAE seemed to have been my final destination, a destiny which I did not want.

However, I discovered that I can go for a bachelor of science in civil engineering after my DAE, but competition would be fierce because only five diploma students from all over Pakistan will be given university admission. My hard work resulted in my getting first position in my province (Punjab) and admission in university for bachelor of science in engineering, as well as first position for bachelor of science in civil engineering.

The University of Tokyo's research rigor appealed to me, but I failed to get in on my first attempt. In fact, it was only on my fifth attempt that I was able to succeed and get admitted to the university. Thank you very much to the ADB–JSP for granting the scholarship that led the way to my success.

The University of Tokyo not only provided me fertile ground to do my research, but also industrial interaction and multicultural experiences through lab and department study tours and cultural events like May festivals. I was also able join the International Student Association in Civil Engineering as vice-president, which helped improve my managerial skills. I would love to join the University of Tokyo for my eventual PhD studies.



MUHAMMAD UMAR FAROOQ (Pakistan)
The University of Tokyo–Department
of Civil Engineering
Master of Engineering in Construction Management
and Infrastructure Systems
October 2011–September 2013

It was a great honor for me to be selected as an ADB–JSP scholar and to be admitted to such a prestigious and globally recognized university. I am a citizen of a nation which has enormous potential that unfortunately remains untapped. We always needed a platform to strengthen our skills, abilities, and academic qualifications so that we could make a better contribution to society. My stay in Japan had a fruitful impact on my life in terms of my character, faith, cross-cultural relations, and personal growth because I was lucky enough to play a part in different international student associations apart from my graduate school activities.

I also presented my research work entitled “Aviation Business Model and Its Acceptability for Pakistan International Airline” at the Third International Conference on Governance and Accountability from 23 to 26 September 2014 held in Edirne, Turkey with the support of my supervisor. My research was quite helpful for the betterment of my country in terms of fast-tracking its way to development and progress. Nowadays, I manage an engineering team for many projects that are of national interest, such as metro trains and power plants. I would like to express my gratitude to the Government of Japan and ADB through the ADB–JSP for their financial assistance. The scholarship has made my dream come true and made it possible to complete my master’s degree.



MUHAMMAD SHAHID IQBAL (Pakistan)
The University of Tokyo–Department
of Civil Engineering
Master of Engineering in Geotechnical Engineering
October 2015–September 2017

An earthquake [*Jishin* (じしん) in Japanese] is a natural phenomenon caused by movement in the earth’s crust. Engineers and scientists are struggling to tackle its devastating outcomes. Japan is well-known for its innovative engineering and scientific techniques to deal with such a natural hazard. Pakistan has similar threats of natural hazards related to earthquakes.

The Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) for higher studies provided me an opportunity to study as graduate student at The University of Tokyo, a globally reputable institute. The 2 years of my life spent at the university not only fostered my engineering and scientific skills, but also gave me a chance to look closely and learn from the Japanese society. The norms of the Japanese society and culture are now embedded into my personality.

The master’s degree in civil engineering enabled me to think critically about any engineering issue and come up with economical and best-suited solution for it. At The University of Tokyo, I had a chance to work practically on earthquake-induced natural hazards and coming up with successful findings for their mitigation. Now, I am serving in a geotechnical and geo-environmental consultancy firm in Pakistan, and the skills I mastered at The University of Tokyo are a great asset that allows me to deal with such engineering issues. I am grateful to the ADB–JSP for this outstanding opportunity.



ALI JAVED (Pakistan)
**The University of Tokyo–Department
of Civil Engineering**
**Master of Engineering in Disaster Mitigation
Engineering and Disaster Management**
October 2015–September 2017

I believe that human beings are born with an inalienable urge to strive for perfection.

Winning the ADB–JSP scholarship was an important key for me to exercise this urge. The scholarship not only helped me to accomplish targets I previously believed were unachievable, but also led me to discover my potential and unleash my capabilities. I studied disaster mitigation engineering and disaster management from The University of Tokyo, which is one of the best universities to gain quality education in such a field, with its superior research facilities coupled with distinguished and dedicated supervisors.

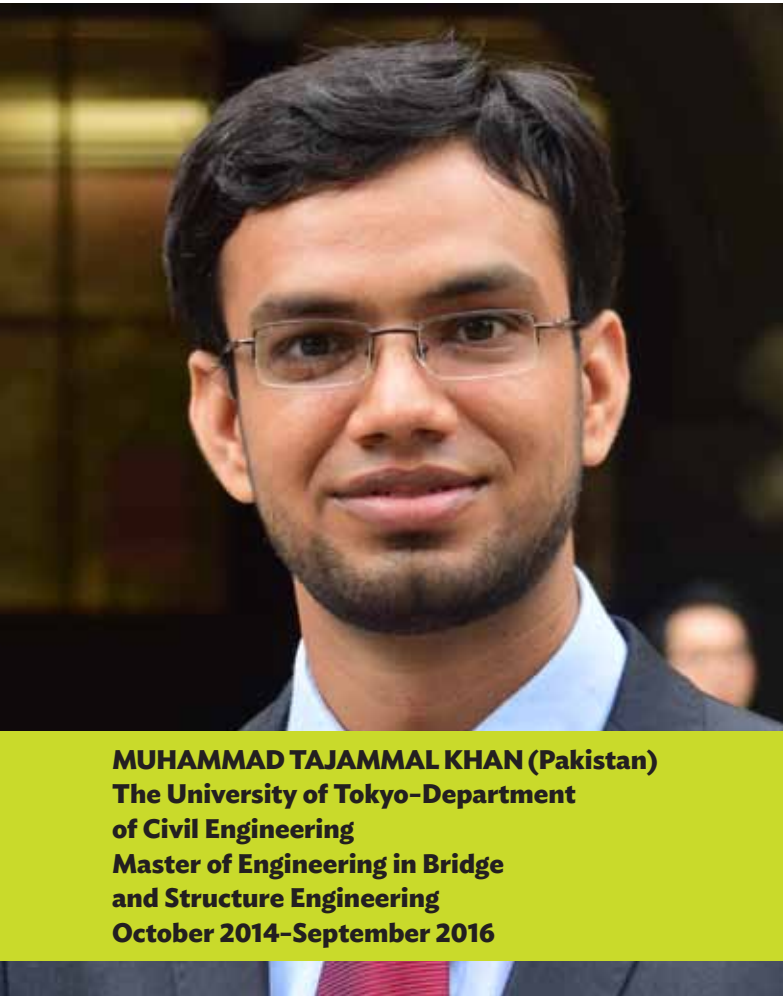
At the university, I learned about disaster-resilient societies with disaster-resilient infrastructure. I was also able to carry out independent research in a conducive working environment, which helped me in winning the Furuichi Kimitake Award in the Department of Civil Engineering.

Besides conducting my main research, I was also able to work on a 1-year G-SPASE project, a geo-spatial and space technology consortium for innovative social services. The project allowed me to present my work in different educational forums in Thailand, the Philippines, and the Lao People's Democratic Republic. This was the first time for me to present my work internationally, and it helped me a lot in improving my knowledge and making me confident to achieve my career aspirations. Thank you, ADB–JSP, for providing me such a wonderful prospect for my life.



JOHN PHILLIP BARTOLOME LAPIDEZ (Philippines)
**The University of Tokyo–Department
of Civil Engineering**
Master of Engineering in Coastal Engineering
October 2015–September 2017

I completed my master's degree in civil engineering at The University of Tokyo through the ADB–JSP. I am very thankful for the opportunity granted to me by the ADB–JSP. Because of this program, I was able to study and do research in a world-renowned institution. I was also able to work with professors who are leading experts in my field of study, which is coastal engineering. I also had the chance to present my work in international and local conferences through the generous support of the ADB–JSP. Most importantly, I was able to apply what I have learned to help my home country, the Philippines. My graduate thesis is about coastal flooding and storm waves brought by a typhoon. This work is important for my country because we are frequently visited by strong typhoons. Many coastal communities are vulnerable to coastal disasters such as flooding. Doing research on coastal disasters can help future disaster risk mitigation efforts.



MUHAMMAD TAJAMMAL KHAN (Pakistan)
The University of Tokyo–Department
of Civil Engineering
Master of Engineering in Bridge
and Structure Engineering
October 2014–September 2016

Before coming to Japan for my master's studies through the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP), I was working at the Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority, one of the renowned public sector organizations responsible for development of economical water and power resources in the country. My responsibilities in the organization mandate for both the technical and leadership skills to make superior decisions and effective administration.

The ADB–JSP provided me the unique opportunity to pursue a master's degree in civil engineering at The University of Tokyo. During that period, I experienced a profound change in professional thinking, social life, and personality progression. There were excellent lectures on recent civil engineering, enhancing my technical expertise. Being vice-president at the International Student Association in Civil Engineering, I cherished the management and leadership skills I learned as a result of the position. The international environment imparted the message to socialize, support each other, and accept and work with differences. Graduation was the signal that new skills and capabilities were ready to be utilized in professional life.

After reassuming my duties, I was given decent recognition in the organization due to the skills I acquired while abroad. I was promoted to deputy director, and provided with a leading role to accomplish the organizational goal for prosperity of the country.

Change is the only constant in life. Life does not offer a smooth path and there are successes as well as failures. In the journey of higher studies, it was a given that the ADB–JSP was aiding me financially. More importantly however, the ADB–JSP helped me to think differently by teaching me to find opportunity in every difficulty. I express my sincere gratitude toward the ADB–JSP for the continuous support during my master's studies in Japan.

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SAMPATHAWADUGE VIMARSHA ADRIAN SILVA
(Sri Lanka)
**The University of Tokyo–Department
of Civil Engineering**
**Master of Engineering in Infrastructure Development
and Management**
October 2015–September 2017

My determination in pursuing higher studies became a reality in 2015 through the ADB–JSP. With academic track record and the work experience in hand, I was able to enter the most prestigious The University of Tokyo under the Department of Civil Engineering. With the guidance and blessings of all around me, I was able to commence this 24-month master's degree program without much trouble.

During my stay in Japan, ADB along with The University of Tokyo Foreign Student Office, helped me a lot in my day-to-day life as well as I was able to study many courses, which are not part of the usual academic curriculum in Sri Lanka. This helped me to enhance my knowledge in civil engineering and its trending developments around the world, which would be useful when applied to my home country.

After discussing with my supervisor, I carried out research on agricultural land acquisition and expressway development related to an ADB-funded Sri Lanka project, and I was able to interact with many stakeholders. A main reason for selecting such a topic was to express gratitude to the ADB–JSP as well as pay the Sri Lankan free education system forward, since it helped me to come this far in life.

Upon graduation, I forwarded my thesis and proposal to implementing agencies and hope to present such to the Institution of Engineers in the upcoming Annual Sessions 2018. Finally, I would like to thank the ADB–JSP for making it all possible, and I wish my fellow scholars good luck for carrying out their endeavors for the betterment of their respective countries, as they are all deserving of this opportunity to study under the scholarship program.



TIWANIJ PONPUNTIN (Thailand)
**The University of Tokyo–Department
of Civil Engineering**
Master of Engineering in Concrete Engineering
October 2012–September 2014

I currently work as a project engineer for civil works in the Yellow Line Monorail Project, which is the first monorail system infrastructure in Bangkok. After graduation from my master's program in Japan, I worked as a structural engineer in design and construction management for 120-megawatt gas-fired combined cycle power plants in the eastern part of Thailand. I joined the Orange Line Mass Rapid Transit Project, as part of the largest scale infrastructure and urban development scheme in Thailand in 2016. My responsibilities include civil interface work and detailed design of underground subway stations, shaft tunnel, cut-and-cover, and elevated structures. Although the underground infrastructure design as well as track alignment, passenger flow, and land expropriation management were new career experiences, I eventually understood and coped with these assignments. I was able to apply the comprehensive knowledge and skills I obtained during my graduate study so I can provide trusted technical support and coordinate with international experts and local professionals in executing tasks successfully.

It was a great opportunity in my life to study in Japan, in the world's top civil engineering school. As I remember correctly, when I first entered the master's degree program in October 2012, the Department of Civil Engineering at The University of Tokyo ranked second in the world. I could thus draw from the program's acknowledged specialization in research and innovations for the effective mitigation of natural disasters in infrastructure design in the exercise of my own efforts at building resilient infrastructure for Bangkok. I would like to thank the ADB–JSP for its long-running initiative to provide full scholarships for thousands of students and determination to enhance human life, society, and economy in developing countries.



**TIPPALA GAMAGE UPULI PRABUDDHIKA PERERA
(Sri Lanka)**

**The University of Tokyo–Department
of Urban Engineering
Master of Engineering in Urban/Environmental
Engineering
October 2006–September 2008**

I received the ADB–JSP scholarship in 2006 to study the master in engineering (urban) at Japan’s most prestigious tertiary institution, The University of Tokyo (UOT).

Having a degree and practicing real estate planning and land management since 2002, I always had a keen interest in applying myself to change people’s lives for the better. Being a married woman with children, on the other hand, makes such career goals challenging. Being a grantee of the ADB–JSP was the turning point in my life however, as it instilled in me the confidence to pursue these goals and face such challenges. When I worked on my master’s thesis on land management practices in Sri Lanka, I was fortunate to be guided by the renowned UOT academics and practitioners in the field. The mutual learning between peer scholars with varying backgrounds at UOT further refined my research project. At UOT, I also had plentiful opportunities to participate in all kinds of academic conferences. Such an academic ambience enabled me to more effectively address some of the prevailing critical issues in urban land tenure and housing market regulation in Sri Lanka, and these proposed solutions are still relevant today. To add, studying in Japan was a joyful thing, as international students like me had several opportunities to engage in cultural activities and social events.

The strong academic foundation I had built with UOT subsequently paved the path for me to obtain another scholarship and join the University of Birmingham, UK as a doctoral researcher. There, I sharpened my research capabilities by undertaking a project on the affordability of sustainable housing in England. In 2016, I was selected as the University of Birmingham’s student delegate to the Chicago Forum on Global Studies. To date, I have published my work in peer-reviewed journals and as book chapters and conference proceedings, and have gained the confidence to share and disseminate such knowledge on any platform that can make a positive impact to society. At present, I am a senior lecturer at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, where I am contributing to the development of my home country by disseminating knowledge through teaching and working toward sustainable real estate planning in Sri Lanka.

On this note, I am extending my gratitude to the ADB–JSP for the key role that they have been playing over the years to develop human resources in Asia and transform the world for the better. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of it.



J. MIKHAIL ROXAS NACINO (Philippines)
The University of Tokyo–Graduate School
of Public Policy
Master of Public Policy
September 2012–August 2014

It has been 4 years since I graduated from the master of public policy program of The University of Tokyo, through the auspices of the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP). Upon completion of my degree in 2014, I returned to my country to continue working as a legislative officer at the Philippine Senate. Thereafter, I sought for greater challenge beyond the public sector, while pursuing my interest in influencing public policy for good.

The culmination of my immersion to a multicultural learning environment provided by the university, with the support of the ADB–JSP, molded my mind and strengthened my resolve to understand the bigger picture and contribute to building relationships among policy actors and stakeholders for development. Further, the networks among my peers at the university and in the ADB–JSP has opened countless avenues for collaboration beyond borders.

Four years hence and I have initiated and led numerous policy advocacy and stakeholder engagement work for various local and international entities in the Philippines as a public affairs specialist. I am thankful to The University of Tokyo and the ADB–JSP for the opportunity to broaden my horizons and establish my linkages, which have proven invaluable in this type of vocation. As I continue to lead in building relationships and pursuing mutually beneficial goals, I remain committed to further contribute to development efforts in my country, the region, and beyond.



NUNTINEE KITTIPHONGPHAT (Thailand)
The University of Tokyo–Graduate School
of Public Policy
Master of Public Policy
September 2016–August 2018

I am pleased with this great opportunity from the ADB–JSP to be able to pursue a master degree’s at the Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP) in The University of Tokyo. Before studying in Japan, I never imagined that I would have an opportunity to study abroad. Studying at GraSPP allowed me to widen and deepen my knowledge and skills in economics, law, politics, and apply them in the policy-making process.

Besides academic knowledge, studying in Japan also broadened my social network. I have friends from all over the world. This multicultural environment not only allowed me to be inspired by others, but also motivated me to work harder. Thanks to kind and sincere professors, faculty staff, and friends, I felt that we were all family. All these experiences helped me to develop new perspectives, better understand my abilities, and even expand my limit under such a challenging environment. During my stay in Japan, I was able to do many things which I had never done. My experience reminds me of the phrase “Where there’s a will, there’s a way.” Experience in Japan was beyond my expectation. I am positive that all my knowledge and experience will not only allow me to provide a unique perspective in policy making, but also prepare myself to be of dignified service to my country.



KAY KHAING MAW (Myanmar)
The University of Tokyo–School of International Health
Master of Public Health (Global Health Policy)
April 2015–March 2017

After medical school, I worked for a Myanmar Medical Association (sexual and reproductive health project) as a medical doctor, where I got my motivation to learn more about public health. Being accepted as a scholar was one of the greatest opportunities to enhance my career. With the help of the ADB–JSP scholarship, I was able to join The University of Tokyo, one of the best schools in Japan, as a master’s student in global health policy. Studying in Japan gave me not only knowledge about global health, but also international networking opportunities. I had fantastic experiences in Japan thanks to the ADB–JSP program.

After returning to Myanmar, I worked as a team leader for Medical Action Myanmar (an international nongovernment organization) in Yangon. I am responsible for treating and counseling HIV patients, hospital management, and financial management. I am beyond grateful for the generous support provided by the ADB–JSP. With the lessons from Japan, I truly believe that I can expand my horizons and help people in need in the future.



MYAT WINT THAN (Myanmar)
The University of Tokyo–School of International Health
Master of Public Health (Community and Global Health Policy)
April 2016–March 2018

First, I would like to thank the ADB–JSP and the people of Japan for fulfilling my goal and allowing me a wonderful experience in Japan. As a public health professional in Myanmar, it was difficult to find opportunities to study in a developed country. During my 2 years’ stay in Japan, I nurtured my skills in research methodology, leadership, and management. Moreover, I was able to build a strong network, not only among the Japanese people but also with among people of other nationalities. The ADB–JSP equipped me in many ways that I cannot learn in books.

For my master’s thesis, I conducted a research project entitled “The Role of Self-Help Groups in Mitigating Depression Symptoms among People Living with HIV in Yangon, Myanmar” under the supervision of well-experienced mentors at The University of Tokyo. Throughout my study, I had a chance to learn how vulnerable communities stand together to fight for their rights. I will publish this study in international journals to share my findings with others.

This master’s degree program had a great impact on me, and I want to continue my career as a public health researcher in my country, doing my part to improve public health outcomes in Myanmar. Last, I would like to thank my professor who supported me during my study in Japan.



RICHA SHAH (Nepal)
The University of Tokyo–School of International Health
Master of Public Health
(Community and Global Health Policy)
April 2015–March 2017

I am thankful to the ADB–JSP for giving me a wonderful opportunity to study at one of the most prestigious universities in the world, The University of Tokyo. Studying at the Department of Community and Global Health opened many avenues for me, both academically and professionally. For my master’s research, I conducted a study on the use of modern contraceptive methods and its association with quality of life among Nepalese female migrants in Japan, a study that was recently accepted by PLOS ONE for publication. The aim of my study was to improve the reproductive health and access to health-care of female migrants. I hope to extend my future research on migrants from other nationalities too.

Studying in Japan has broadened my perspective on community and global health. I also learned a lot about different cultures and backgrounds, as the ADB–JSP enabled me to study in a multicultural and diverse environment. My goal is to become a global health leader and bridge the gap between preventive social medicine and clinical medicine, and the ADB–JSP has made my goal achievable.

IV

Summary and Conclusion



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Since 1988, the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) has been helping enable ADB’s developing member countries (DMCs) to participate in regional cooperation for socioeconomic development—a key element for success in the fight against poverty. The ADB–JSP has awarded scholarships to 3,660 mid-career professionals from 37 DMCs. Through graduate studies at 29 well-known universities in Asia and the Pacific, ADB–JSP recipients acquired the necessary skills for the implementation of sound policies aimed at enhancing economic growth, improving access to basic services, and promoting good governance. As economies in the region grow more complex and become more integrated, cross-border higher education, such as the ADB–JSP, plays a key role in human resource development and workforce mobility. The ADB–JSP also facilitates capacity building in DMCs with innovation, knowledge, and technology needed to compete in a rapidly changing global community.

During the academic year 2017, the ADB–JSP supported 234 scholars (134 new scholars and 112 continuing scholars). At the end of the academic year 2017, 123

recipients completed their studies and graduated from their host universities. The ADB–JSP will continue to focus on socioeconomic development fields at the master’s degree level and ensure that degree courses will be relevant to ADB’s Strategy 2030 (footnote 1). The ADB–JSP will also continue to prioritize the selection of candidates who have limited finances, are female, or are nationals of underrepresented DMCs. The final awards will be based on geographic and gender balance as well as the socioeconomic backgrounds of applicants.

The ADB–JSP will continue to monitor the performance of its scholars and alumni, as well as developments concerning the designated institutions. The program will engage in more activities to raise Japan’s profile in the region, supporting intensified Japanese visibility and increasing opportunities for candidates from DMCs. The ADB–JSP will progressively strengthen the partnership with its designated institutions, to advance program objectives and program quality through a shared vision and common action. The program will strengthen the network among ADB scholars, alumni, institutions, and ADB to support future collaboration.

APPENDIX 1

Designated Institutions and Program Coordinators, Asian Development Bank– Japan Scholarship Program

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Institution	Location	Date Designated	Program Coordinator and Contact Details
Asian Institute of Management	Philippines	May 1988	Normita Silvestre Staff Assistant, Student Services Admissions and Registration Joseph R. McMicking Campus 123 Paseo de Roxas, MCPO Box 2095, Makati City 1260, Metro Manila, Philippines Tel +63 2 893 7631/892 4011 Fax +63 2 893 7631/817 9240/894 1407 admissions@aim.edu
Asian Institute of Technology	Thailand	May 1988	Tenzin Rabgyal Coordinator, Admissions and Scholarships Office PO Box 4, Klong Luang, Pathumthani 12120, Thailand Tel +66 2 524 5024 Fax +66 2 524 5069 admissions@ait.ac.th
The Australian National University Crawford School of Public Policy	Australia	April 1990	Elizabeth Ingram Acting Manager, International Student Recruitment, Alumni, and Scholarships ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, JG Crawford Building No. 13, Canberra ACT 0200, Australia Tel +61 2 6125 3914 Fax +61 2 6125 5570 liz.ingram@anu.edu.au
East–West Center University of Hawai‘i at Manoa	United States	August 1988	Stella Kolinski ADB–JSP and EWC Scholarship Assistant 1601 East–West Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96848–1601, United States Tel +1 808 944 7738 Fax +1 808 944 7070/944 7730 adbjsp@eastwestcenter.org

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Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	India	December 1988	Atul Vyas Joint Registrar (Academics) Hauz Khas, New Delhi 110 016, India Tel +91 11 2659 1737 Fax +91 11 2658 2032 drpgsr@admin.iitd.ac.in
International Rice Research Institute University of the Philippines, Los Baños	Philippines	May 1988	Anilyn Maningas Associate Manager, IRRI Education Suite 1009, 10th Floor, Security Bank Center, 6776 Ayala Avenue, Makati City 1226 Metro Manila, Philippines Tel +63 2 580 5600 Fax +63 2 580 5699 scholarship@irri.org
International University of Japan	Japan	September 1988	Rumiko Anazawa Administrative Staff, Office of Student Services 777 Kokusai-cho, Minami Uonuma-shi, Niigata 949- 7277, Japan Tel +81 25 779 1103 Fax +81 25 779 1180 oss@iuj.ac.jp
Keio University International Graduate Programs on Advanced Science and Technology Graduate School of Economics Graduate School of System Design and Management	Japan	December 2004 June 2010 June 2010	Kenjiro Takemura Chair, Committee for International Affairs Associate Professor, Faculty of Science and Technology 3-14-1 Hiyoshi, Kohoku-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa 223- 8522, Japan Tel +81 45 566 1468 Fax +81 45 566 1469 yg-international@adst.keio.ac.jp, ic-yagami@adst.keio. ac.jp
Kobe University Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies	Japan	May 2010	Michiyo Tanaka Academic Affairs Office of Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies 2-1 Rokkodai-cho, Nada-ku, Kobe 657-8501, Japan Tel +81 78 803 7267 Fax +81 78 803 7297 gsics-adb-jsp@office.kobe-u.ac.jp

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Kyushu University Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences Graduate School of Law	Japan	June 2010	Tomonari Takahara Administrative Staff 6-10-1, Hakozaki, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka 812-8581, Japan Tel (81)92-642-2788 Fax 81 92 642 2144 adb-jsp.ku@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp
Lahore University of Management Sciences	Pakistan	August 1988	Ahmad Saad Qureshi Assistant Manager, Grants and Major Gifts Office of Development Opposite Sector "U," DHA, Lahore Cantt., Lahore 54792, Pakistan Tel +92 42 3560 8182 UAN +92 42 111-11-LUMS Ext: 8182 ahmad.qureshi@lums.edu.pk
Nagoya University Graduate School of International Development	Japan	August 2000	Akihiro Asakawa ADB-JSP Coordinator Furo-cho, Chikusa-ku, Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture 466- 8601, Japan Tel +81 52 789 5076 Fax +81 52 789 5075 adb@gsid.nagoya-u.ac.jp
Nanyang Technological University Nanyang Business School	Singapore	June 2010	Damon Hon Admissions Manager, Graduate Studies Nanyang-Waseda Double MBA Block S3, B3A-01, Nanyang Avenue, Singapore 639798 Tel + (65)6513 8543 Fax +65 6791 3561 mba.admissions@ntu.edu.sg
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies	Japan	August 2000	Yuuko Uemura Program Coordinator, International Programs Team Academic and Student Affairs Division 7-22-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-8677, Japan Tel +81 3 6439 6044 Fax +81 3 6439 6040 mpp@grips.ac.jp

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Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies	Japan	May 2010	Tomoyuki Satou Manager, APU Admissions Office 1-1 Jumonjibaru, Beppu City, Oita Prefecture, 874-8577, Japan Tel +81-977-78-1119 Fax +81-977-78-1121 apugrad@apu.ac.jp
Ritsumeikan University Graduate School of Economics	Japan	January 2005	Toshie Shukuri International Center at Biwako Kusatsu Campus 1-1-1 Noji-higashi, Kusatsu, Shiga 525-8577, Japan Tel +81 77 561 3946 Fax +81 77 561 3956 gs-ec@st.ritsumei.ac.jp, ru-iec@st.ritsumei.ac.jp
Saitama University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering	Japan	December 1995	Yuko Mori Administrative Assistant, Foreign Student Office 255 Shimo Okubo, Sakura-ku, Saitama-shi, Saitama 338-8570, Japan Tel +81 48 858 3555 Fax +81 48 858 3555/3825 fso@sun.civil.saitama-u.ac.jp
Thammasat University	Thailand	February 1997	Phanthiwa Chanchoengphop Office of International Affairs Rangsit Campus, Klong Luang Pathumthani, Bangkok 12121, Thailand Tel +66 2613 2046 Fax +66 2623 5289 phanthiwa@gmail.com
Tokyo Institute of Technology	Japan	May 2010	Naoya Abe Associate Professor Department of Transdisciplinary Science and Engineering, School of Environment and Society 2-12-1-14-4 Ookayama, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 152-8550, Japan Tel +81-3-5734-3797 Fax +81-3-5734-3797 inquiryadb.tokyotech@jim.titech.ac.jp
United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability	Japan	November 2013	Hikari Ogawa Program Assistant 53-70 Jingumae 5-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-8925, Japan Tel: + 81-3-5467-1212 Fax: +81-3-3406-7347 hogawa@unu.edu

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The University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong, China	June 1989	Henrietta Chan Senior Manager, Scholarships Office, The Registry 9/F Knowles Building, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong, China Tel +85 2 2219 4972 Fax +85 2 2858 5454 scholarships@hku.hk
The University of Melbourne	Australia	March 1997	Robert Westerink Manager, Melbourne Scholarships Office Parkville, Victoria 3010, Australia Tel +61 3 8344 6322 Fax +61 3 9349 1740 uom-scholarships@unimelb.edu.au
The University of Sydney	Australia	June 1988	Anne-Marie Leo Regional Coordinator Room 412, Level 4, Jane Foss Russell G02 The University of Sydney NSW 2006 Tel. No.: +612 9351 2686 Fax No.: +612 9351 7334 anne-marie.leo@sydney.edu.au
The University of Tokyo Department of Civil Engineering	Japan	March 1989	Takeshi Fuse Professor of Civil Engineering and Foreign Student Officer 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-8656, Japan Tel +81 3 5841 6141 Fax +81 3 5841 8509 fso@civil.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp
The University of Tokyo Department of Urban Engineering	Japan	February 2002	Akito Murayama Associate Professor of Urban Engineering and Foreign Student Officer 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-8656, Japan Tel +81 3 5841 6241 Fax +81 3 5841 8509 fso@civil.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp
The University of Tokyo Graduate School of Public Policy	Japan	June 2010	Aoi Ohno Coordinator #1314, International Academic Research Bldg., 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan Tel +8 13 5841 0860 Fax +8 13 5841 1714 intl-affairs@pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp

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The University of Tokyo School of International Health	Japan	April 1997	Masamine Jimba Professor, Department of International Community Health School of International Health Graduate School of Medicine 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan Tel +81 3 5841 3697/3698 Fax +81 3 5841 3422 adb@m.u-tokyo.ac.jp
University of Tsukuba Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences	Japan	February 2011	Mari Minowa Deputy Director, Economic and Public Policy Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8573, Japan Tel +81 29 853 6785 Fax +81 29 853 6785 wbgsp@dppe.tsukuba.ac.jp

Source: Asian Development Bank.

APPENDIX 2

Scholarships Awarded and Completed, by Country, 1988–2017



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Nationality	1988–2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		Total			
	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	%	C	%
Nepal	303	268	17	14	18	15	16	17	15	18	13	17	382	10.44	349	10.57
Bangladesh	282	237	21	13	18	20	16	20	18	17	16	17	371	10.14	324	9.81
Viet Nam	307	285	15	7	14	13	11	13	12	13	9	11	368	10.05	342	10.35
Philippines	262	235	14	17	19	17	14	10	27	15	21	19	357	9.75	313	9.48
Indonesia	227	196	8	16	13	10	5	7	5	14	16	3	274	7.49	246	7.45
Pakistan	198	166	13	14	12	11	8	11	10	11	10	7	251	6.86	220	6.66
People's Republic of China	203	188	3	3	1	4	3	1	0	2	0	1	210	5.74	199	6.02
Sri Lanka	170	155	5	5	9	5	5	5	5	8	2	5	196	5.36	183	5.54
India	159	153	6	2	9	3	8	9	4	10	5	5	191	5.22	182	5.51
Myanmar	123	108	12	6	16	8	8	11	12	14	7	10	178	4.86	157	4.75
Mongolia	123	103	1	7	1	4	4	1	4	1	7	5	140	3.83	121	3.66
Bhutan	99	85	6	8	5	7	11	9	9	7	7	8	137	3.74	124	3.75
Thailand	79	70	3	2	7	7	6	1	7	9	7	6	109	2.98	95	2.88
Cambodia	90	79	3	3	3	6	3	3	3	5	0	0	102	2.79	96	2.91
Kyrgyz Republic	56	50	3	2	0	4	2	2	2	0	2	2	65	1.78	60	1.82
Other nationalities	284	249	8	11	9	6	9	10	7	9	12	7	329	9	292	9
Total	2,965	2,627	138	130	154	140	129	130	140	153	134	123	3,660	100.00	3,303	100.00

A = awarded, C = completed.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

APPENDIX 3

Profile of Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program Scholars and Graduates, 1988–2017

Photo by Keith Mark Dador

Table A3.1: Number of Scholars by Gender, Degree Program, and Field of Study, 1989–2017

Academic Year	By Gender			By Degree Program				By Field of Study				
	Female	Male	Total	Certificate/ Diploma	Master's	PhD	Total	Business and Management	Economics	Law	Science and Technology	Total
1988–2005	609	1,301	1,910	22	1,778	110	1,910	518	481	115	796	1,910
2006	76	102	178	0	173	5	178	34	41	24	79	178
2007	66	78	144	0	143	1	144	24	37	20	63	144
2008	72	106	178	0	177	1	178	35	41	23	79	178
2009	55	85	140	2	134	4	140	24	41	21	54	140
2010	47	97	144	0	139	5	144	25	29	22	68	144
2011	56	66	122	0	120	2	122	18	38	20	46	122
2012	64	85	149	0	148	1	149	20	36	22	71	149
2013	56	82	138	0	138	0	138	16	44	23	55	138
2014	72	82	154	0	154	0	154	14	39	21	80	154
2015	66	63	129	0	129	0	129	17	39	22	51	129
2016	78	62	140	1	136	3	140	17	34	17	72	140
2017	65	69	134	0	127	7	134	23	37	19	55	134
Total	1,382	2,278	3,660	25	3,496	139	3,660	785	937	369	1,569	3,660

PhD = doctor of philosophy.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

Table A3.2: Number of Graduates by Gender, Degree Program, and Field of Study, 1988–2017

Academic Year	By Gender			By Degree Program				By Field of Study				
	Female	Male	Total	Certificate/ Diploma	Master's	PhD	Total	Business and Management	Economics	Law	Science and Technology	Total
1989–2005	487	1,089	1,576	21	1,457	98	1,576	443	403	89	641	1,576
2006	64	100	164	0	158	6	164	35	34	23	72	164
2007	70	74	144	0	142	2	144	24	34	24	62	144
2008	78	94	172	0	167	5	172	30	43	19	80	172
2009	67	93	160	0	159	1	160	35	36	22	67	160
2010	54	88	142	1	140	1	142	20	36	19	67	142
2011	57	83	140	1	135	4	140	34	38	20	48	140
2012	44	85	129	0	125	4	129	17	36	17	59	129
2013	56	74	130	0	128	2	130	20	39	19	52	130
2014	63	77	140	0	140	0	140	13	36	21	70	140
2015	59	71	130	0	130	0	130	14	41	24	51	130
2016	70	83	153	0	153	0	153	19	37	20	77	153
2017	66	57	123	1	122	0	123	16	37	15	55	123
Total	1,235	2,068	3,303	24	3,156	123	3,303	720	850	332	1,401	3,303

PhD = doctor of philosophy.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

APPENDIX 4

Scholarships Awarded and Completed, by Designated Institution, 1988–2017



Photo by Keio University

Institution	1988–2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		Total			
	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	%	C	%
AIM	446	426	13	14	16	13	13	12	14	12	13	12	515	14.07	489	14.80
AIT	321	293	6	6	16	15	4	5	9	16	10	4	366	10.00	339	10.26
ANU-CSEG	134	119	4	5	6	5	5	7	6	3	3	8	158	4.32	147	4.45
APU	7	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	19	0.52	15	0.45
EWC	145	133	7	8	4	3	6	7	5	4	3	4	170	4.64	159	4.81
GRIPS	219	199	13	10	10	15	12	11	5	12	9	5	268	7.32	252	7.63
HIT	4	1	3	1	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	10	0.27	6	0.18
HKU	142	124	5	6	3	6	5	3	4	6	6	4	165	4.51	149	4.51
IITD	47	34	2	0	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	57	1.56	42	1.27
IRRI	67	59	2	3	3	1	1	2	5	3	0	1	78	2.13	69	2.09
IUJ	321	285	11	11	14	13	10	11	14	15	12	11	382	10.44	346	10.48
Keio	17	11	1	2	5	3	0	1	2	5	1	0	26	0.71	22	0.67
Kobe	5	0	4	4	1	1	4	4	1	1	5	4	20	0.55	14	0.42
Kyoto	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	2	2	3	9	0.25	5	0.15
Kyushu	8	3	2	3	4	2	3	3	3	4	4	3	24	0.66	18	0.54
LUMS	82	69	4	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	88	2.40	74	2.24
NTU-NBS	6	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	16	0.44	14	0.42
NU-GSID	70	55	8	8	6	6	7	8	6	6	7	7	104	2.84	90	2.72
NUS	106	100	8	2	3	6	7	4	4	6	5	5	133	3.63	123	3.72

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Institution	1988–2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		Total			
	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	%	C	%
RU	20	14	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	33	0.90	27	0.82
SU	157	134	9	8	13	13	9	9	13	13	10	9	211	5.77	186	5.63
SU-GSPS	14	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0.38	13	0.39
Tokyo-Tech	1	0	2	0	2	1	3	2	1	2	4	3	13	0.36	8	0.24
Tsukuba	3	0	1	3	0	0	2	1	2	0	2	2	10	0.27	6	0.18
TU	40	27	0	1	3	3	1	0	1	2	0	1	45	1.23	34	1.03
UNU-IAS	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	2	2	1	7	0.19	3	0.09
UOA	74	65	3	6	4	2	3	3	2	3	2	4	88	2.40	83	2.51
UOM	66	62	4	2	2	2	3	4	2	2	2	2	79	2.16	74	2.24
UOS	126	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	3	131	3.58	122	3.69
UOT-Civ Eng	164	147	8	7	9	7	7	7	10	9	5	7	203	5.55	184	5.57
UOT-Env	51	46	2	3	5	2	2	2	3	5	2	2	65	1.78	60	1.82
UOT-GraSPP	8	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	21	0.57	15	0.45
UOT-Int'l Health	80	71	5	3	5	6	5	5	6	5	4	5	105	2.87	95	2.88
UOT-Urban	14	9	1	2	3	3	2	1	4	3	3	2	27	0.74	20	0.61
Total	2,965	2,627	138	130	154	140	129	130	140	153	134	123	3,660	100.00	3,303	100.00

A = awarded; C = completed; AIM = Asian Institute of Management; AIT = Asian Institute of Technology; ANU-CSEG = The Australian National University, Crawford School of Public Policy; APU = Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University; EWC = East-West Center; GRIPS = National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies; HIT = Hitotsubashi University; HKU = The University of Hong Kong; IITD = Indian Institute of Technology Delhi; IRRRI = International Rice Research Institute; IUJ = International University of Japan; Keio = Keio University; Kobe = Kobe University; Kyoto = Kyoto University; Kyushu = Kyushu University; LUMS = Lahore University of Management Sciences; NTU-NBS = Nanyang Technological University, Nanyang Business School; NU-GSID = Nagoya University, Graduate School of International Development; NUS = National University of Singapore; RU = Ritsumeikan University; SU = Saitama University, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering; SU-GSPS = Saitama University, Graduate School of Policy Science; Tokyo-Tech = Tokyo Institute of Technology; Tsukuba = University of Tsukuba; TU = Thammasat University; UNU-IAS = United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability; UOA = The University of Auckland; UOM = The University of Melbourne; UOS = The University of Sydney; UOT-Civ Eng = The University of Tokyo, Department of Civil Engineering; UOT-Env = The University of Tokyo, Division of Environmental Studies; UOT-GraSPP = University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Public Policy; UOT-Int'l Health = The University of Tokyo, School of International Health; UOT-Urban = The University of Tokyo, Department of Urban Engineering.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

APPENDIX 5

Asian Development Bank– Japan Scholarship Program Independent Auditors’ Report and Financial Statements for the Years Ended 31 December 2017 and 2016



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JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
(ADMINISTERED BY ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2017 AND 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Asian Development Bank – Administrator for Japan Scholarship Program

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Japan Scholarship Program administered by Asian Development Bank (ADB) (the Administrator) which comprise the statement of financial position as of 31 December 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Deloitte.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ADB – Japan Scholarship Program as of 31 December 2017 and 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Supplemental Schedule

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary schedule of statement of scholarship distributions for the year ended 31 December 2017 and cumulative as of 31 December 2017 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Administrator's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

Such schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Deloitte & Touche 

Public Accountants and
Chartered Accountants
Singapore

17 May 2018

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JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
(Administered by Asian Development Bank)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As of 31 December 2017 and 2016
Expressed in Thousands of US Dollars

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
DUE FROM BANKS	\$ 1,561	\$ 2,805
INVESTMENTS		
Time deposits (Notes C and H)	11,046	11,892
ADVANCES TO DESIGNATED INSTITUTIONS	2,527	2,364
ACCRUED REVENUE	4	2
TOTAL	\$ 15,138	\$ 17,063
LIABILITIES AND UNCOMMITTED BALANCES		
PAYABLE TO RELATED FUND (Note D)	\$ 17	\$ 17
ACCRUED EXPENSES (Note E)	16	10
UNDISBURSED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED (Notes F and H)	3,652	3,280
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,685	3,307
UNCOMMITTED BALANCES (JSP-2) (Note G), represented by:		
Unrestricted net assets	11,453	13,756
TOTAL	\$ 15,138	\$ 17,063

0 = less than \$500

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements. (JSP-5)

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JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
For the Years Ended 31 December 2017 and 2016
Expressed in Thousands of US Dollars

	2017	2016
CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
CONTRIBUTIONS (Note G)	\$ 5,569	\$ 7,017
REVENUE		
From investments		
Interest income	156	73
From other sources		
Interest income	26	8
Miscellaneous income	0	0
	<u>182</u>	<u>81</u>
Total	<u>5,751</u>	<u>7,098</u>
EXPENSES		
Scholarship distributions	(8,108)	(7,597)
Administrative expenses (Note D)	(117)	(53)
Professional fee	(24)	(17)
Other	<u>(61)</u>	<u>(63)</u>
Total	<u>(8,310)</u>	<u>(7,730)</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS AND REVENUE LESS THAN EXPENSES	(2,559)	(632)
EXCHANGE GAIN (LOSS)	<u>256</u>	<u>(38)</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(2,303)	(670)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	13,756	14,426
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 11,453	\$ 13,756

0 = less than \$500

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements. (JSP-5)

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JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Years Ended 31 December 2017 and 2016
Expressed in Thousands of US Dollars

	2017	2016
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Contributions received	\$ 5,569	\$ 7,017
Interest received on investments	154	72
Interest earned on bank account	26	8
Miscellaneous income	0	0
Scholarship distributions	(7,643)	(7,842)
Expenses paid	(196)	(126)
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	<u>(2,090)</u>	<u>(871)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Placement of time deposits	(747,091)	(850,528)
Maturities of time deposits	747,937	851,357
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>846</u>	<u>829</u>
Net Decrease in Due From Banks	(1,244)	(42)
Due from Banks at Beginning of Year	<u>2,805</u>	<u>2,847</u>
Due from Banks at End of the Year	<u>\$ 1,561</u>	<u>\$ 2,805</u>
RECONCILIATION OF DECREASE IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Decrease in net assets	\$ (2,303)	\$ (670)
Adjustments to reconcile decrease in net assets to net cash used in operating activities:		
Change in advances to designated institutions	(163)	(167)
Change in accrued revenue	(2)	(1)
Change in payable to related fund	(0)	12
Change in accrued expenses	6	(5)
Change in undisbursed scholarships awarded	372	(40)
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	<u>\$ (2,090)</u>	<u>\$ (871)</u>

0 = less than \$500

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements. (JSP-5)

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JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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STATEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS
For the Year Ended 31 December 2017 and Cumulative as of 31 December 2017
Expressed in Thousands of US Dollars

DESIGNATED INSTITUTION	Distributions During 2017	Cumulative Distributions to 31 December 2017
International University of Japan	\$ 850	\$ 24,267
University of Tokyo	838	21,319
Asian Institute of Management	461	13,508
Saitama University	622	13,654
National Center for Dev't. Studies	1,094	12,209
Asian Institute of Technology	291	9,252
East-West Center	336	9,030
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies	231	9,469
University of Sydney	228	5,802
University of Hongkong	234	6,928
Graduate School of International Development	397	6,212
University of Melbourne	126	5,241
University of Auckland	190	5,014
Institute of Environmental Studies	163	4,077
National University of Singapore	379	4,311
International Rice Research Institute	56	2,738
Lahore University of Management Sciences	9	2,403
Ritsumeikan University	141	2,151
Kelso University	80	1,631
Thammasat University	15	914
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	25	754
Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo	168	1,168
Kyushu University	171	1,124
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University	72	1,092
University of Tsukuba	182	607
Nanyang Technological University	202	979
Hitotsubashi University	60	526
Kobe University	159	964
Tokyo Institute of Technology	115	529
United Nations University - Institute for Sustainability and Peace	118	298
Kyoto University	95	358
TOTAL	\$ 8,108	\$ 168,529

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**JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 December 2017 and 2016**

NOTE A – NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Japan Scholarship Program (JSP) was established in April 1988 by agreement between the Government of Japan and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), whereby the Government of Japan agreed to make contributions and ADB agreed to act as administrator. The cumulative contributions made since inception up to 31 December 2017 were \$178,033,000 (\$172,463,000 – 2016).

JSP is intended to offer an opportunity to selected individuals from developing member countries with a public or private sector background to undertake further studies at national or international institutions renowned for their programs in management, technology or any development-related field.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Presentation of Financial Statements

The financial statements of JSP are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP), and are presented on the basis of those for not-for-profit organizations.

JSP reports donor's contribution of cash and other assets as unrestricted assets as these are made available to JSP without conditions other than for the purpose of pursuing its objectives.

Functional and Reporting Currency

The United States (US) dollar is the functional and reporting currency representing the currency of the primary economic environment of JSP.

Translation of Currencies

ADB adopts the use of daily exchange rates for accounting and financial reporting purposes. This allows transactions denominated in non-US dollar currencies to be translated to the reporting currency using exchange rates applicable at the time of transactions. Contributions included in the financial statements during the year are recognized at applicable exchange rates as of the respective dates of commitment. At the end of each accounting month, translations of assets and liabilities which are denominated in non-US dollar currencies are adjusted using the applicable rates of exchange at the end of the reporting period. Translation adjustments are accounted for as exchange gains or losses and are credited or charged to operations.

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Investments

All investment securities held by JSP are reported at fair value (FV). Realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in REVENUE From investments.

Interest income on time deposits is recognized as earned and reported as REVENUE From investments.

Contributions

Contributions by the Government of Japan are included in the financial statements from the date indicated by the Government of Japan that funds are expected to be made available. Such contributions and the net assets of JSP are restricted for the payment of scholarships and direct and identifiable expenses incurred by ADB in the administration of JSP.

Scholarship Distributions and Related Undisbursed Amounts

Scholarship distributions relating to the current academic year are recognized in the financial statements of JSP at the commencement date of the approved scholarship. Upon completion of the scholarship, any undisbursed amount is recorded as a reduction in scholarship distributions for the year and the corresponding undisbursed amounts are eliminated accordingly.

The extension of the scholarship for the second or third year of the Program is conditional on the scholar maintaining a satisfactory level of performance as determined by the concerned institution. Such extended scholarships are not reflected in the financial statements. The contingent liability for the scholars enrolled as of 31 December 2017 based on current costs is \$5,662,000 (\$5,396,000 – 2016).

Advances to designated institutions are based on the estimated expenses to be incurred by each scholar for the upcoming academic year. These advances are subject to liquidation at the end of the said academic year. Upon liquidation, an adjustment is made to properly reflect the actual scholarship grant and the balance of advances, if any.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, "Fair Value Measurement" defines FV as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability at measurement date in an orderly transaction among willing participants with an assumption that the transaction takes place in the entity's principal market, or in the absence of principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The most advantageous market is the market where the sale of the asset or transfer of the liability would maximize the amount received for the asset or minimize the amount paid to transfer the liability. The FV measurement is not adjusted for transaction costs.

Fair Value Hierarchy

ASC 820 also establishes a FV hierarchy that gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1), next priority to observable market inputs or market corroborated data (Level 2), and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs without market corroborated data (Level 3).

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The FVs of ADB's financial assets and liabilities are categorized as follows:

Level 1: FVs are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2: FVs are based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets or markets that are not active; or valuation models for which significant inputs are obtained from market-based data that are observable.

Level 3: FVs are based on prices or valuation models for which significant inputs to the model are unobservable.

Inter-level transfers from one year to another may occur due to changes in market activities affecting the availability of quoted market prices or observable market data.

ADB's policy is to recognize transfers in and transfers out of levels as of the end of the reporting period in which they occur.

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make reasonable estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and uncommitted balances as of the end of the year and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. The actual results could differ from those estimates.

Accounting and Reporting Developments

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-14, "Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958) – Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities," which improves the usefulness of information provided to donors and other users of not-for-profit entity (NFP) financial statements and reduce complexities or costs in preparing the financial statements. The update significantly changes how NFPs present net assets on the face of the financial statements, as well as requires additional disclosures for expenses by nature and function and for the liquidity and availability of resources. This ASU is not expected to have a material impact on JSP's financial statements as of 31 December 2018.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, JSP considers that its cash and cash equivalents are limited to DUE FROM BANKS.

NOTE C – INVESTMENTS

The main investment management objective is to maintain security and liquidity. Subject to these parameters, ADB seeks the highest possible return on its investments. Investments are governed by the Investment Authority approved by the Board of Directors.

All investments held as of 31 December 2017 and 2016 were in US dollar time deposits.

The annualized rate of return on average investment balance held during the year based on the portfolio held at the beginning and end of each month was 1.06% (0.44% – 2016).

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Fair Value Disclosure

The FV of investments as of 31 December 2017 and 2016 was as follows:

(\$ thousand)		Fair Value Measurements		
31 December 2017	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets				
Investments				
Time Deposits	\$ 11,046	\$ -	\$ 11,046	\$ -
		Fair Value Measurements		
31 December 2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets				
Investments				
Time Deposits	\$ 11,892	\$ -	\$ 11,892	\$ -

ADB maintains documented processes and internal controls to value investment securities. Time deposits are reported at cost, which approximates FV.

NOTE D – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related party transactions pertain to administrative expenses and operational expenses advanced by ADB's ordinary capital resources (OCR). Interfund accounts are settled regularly between JSP and OCR.

The interfund payable to OCR as of 31 December 2017 and 2016 was subsequently settled on 30 January 2018 and 20 January 2017, respectively, and reported as PAYABLE TO RELATED FUND.

NOTE E – ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accrued expenses pertain to audit fees and other administrative expenses incurred but not yet paid.

NOTE F – SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AND RELATED UNDISBURSED AMOUNTS

As of 31 December 2017, the total number of annual scholarships awarded for academic years 1988-1989 through 2017-2018 was 3,660 (3,526 – 2016). The selected scholars are enrolled in designated national or international institutions located in those member countries of ADB with which ADB has an agreement. Undisbursed scholarships awarded under the Program as of 31 December 2017 totaled \$3,652,000 (\$3,280,000 – 2016).

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NOTE G – CONTRIBUTIONS AND UNCOMMITTED BALANCES

The Government of Japan committed contributions to JSP amounts to \$5,569,000 (\$7,017,000 – 2016).

Uncommitted balances comprise amounts which have not been committed by JSP as of 31 December 2017 and 2016.

NOTE H – OTHER FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURES

As of 31 December 2017 and 2016, JSP has no assets or liabilities measured at FV on a non-recurring basis. See Notes C and F for discussions relating to investments and undisbursed scholarships awarded, respectively. In all other cases, the carrying amounts of JSP's assets and liabilities are considered to approximate FVs.

NOTE I – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

JSP has evaluated subsequent events after 31 December 2017 through 17 May 2018, the date these financial statements are available for issuance. On 17 January 2018, JSP received its 30th contribution from the Government of Japan amounting to \$4,269,000.

APPENDIX 6

Profile of Scholars and Graduates for Academic Year 2017

Photo by National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

Table A6.1: Number of Scholars by Gender, Degree Program, and Field of Study, 2017

Institution	By Gender			By Degree Program			By Field of Study				
	Female	Male	Total	Master's	PhD	Total	Business and Management	Economics	Law	Science and Technology	Total
AIM	4	9	13	13	0	13	4	9	0	0	13
AIT	6	4	10	10	0	10	2	0	0	8	10
ANU-CSEG	2	1	3	3	0	3	0	1	1	1	3
APU	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
EWC	3	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	3
GRIPS	3	6	9	9	0	9	0	0	9	0	9
HKU	2	4	6	6	0	6	0	0	0	6	6
IITD	0	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	3
IUJ	8	4	12	11	1	12	5	7	0	0	12
Keio	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Kobe	2	3	5	4	1	5	0	5	0	0	5
Kyoto	1	1	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
Kyushu	3	1	4	3	1	4	0	0	1	3	4
LUMS	0	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
NTU-NBS	1	1	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
NU-GSID	5	2	7	7	0	7	0	7	0	0	7

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Institution	By Gender			By Degree Program			By Field of Study				
	Female	Male	Total	Master's	PhD	Total	Business and Management	Economics	Law	Science and Technology	Total
NUS	2	3	5	5	0	5	3	0	2	0	5
RU	2	1	3	2	1	3	0	3	0	0	3
SU	4	6	10	10	0	10	0	1	0	9	10
Tokyo-Tech	2	2	4	3	1	4	0	0	0	4	4
Tsukuba	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
UNU-IAS	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	2
UOA	2	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2
UOM	1	1	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2
UOS	2	1	3	3	0	3	1	0	0	2	3
UOT-Civ Eng	1	4	5	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	5
UOT-Env	0	2	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	2
UOT-GraSPP	1	2	3	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	3
UOT-Int'l Health	3	1	4	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	4
UOT-Urban	2	1	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	3	3
Total	65	69	134	127	7	134	23	37	19	55	134

AIM = Asian Institute of Management; AIT = Asian Institute of Technology; ANU-CSEG = Australian National University, Crawford School of Public Policy; APU = Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University; EWC = East-West Center; GRIPS = National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies; HKU = The University of Hong Kong; IITD = Indian Institute of Technology Delhi; IUJ = International University of Japan; Keio = Keio University; Kobe = Kobe University; Kyoto = Kyoto University; Kyushu = Kyushu University; LUMS = Lahore University of Management Sciences; NTU-NBS = Nanyang Technological University, Nanyang Business School; NU-GSID = Nagoya University, Graduate School of International Development; NUS = National University of Singapore; PhD = doctor of philosophy; RU = Ritsumeikan University; SU = Saitama University, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering; Tokyo-Tech = Tokyo Institute of Technology; Tsukuba = University of Tsukuba; UNU-IAS = United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability; UOA = The University of Auckland; UOM = The University of Melbourne; UOS = The University of Sydney; UOT-Civ Eng = The University of Tokyo, Department of Civil Engineering; UOT-Env = The University of Tokyo, Division of Environmental Studies; UOT-GraSPP = University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Public Policy; UOT-Int'l Health = The University of Tokyo, School of International Health; UOT-Urban = The University of Tokyo, Department of Urban Engineering.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

Table A6.2: Number of Graduates by Gender, Degree Program, and Field of Study, 2017

Institution	By Gender			By Degree Program			By Field of Study				
	Female	Male	Total	Diploma	Master's	Total	Business and Management	Economics	Law	Science and Technology	Total
AIM	5	7	12	0	12	12	4	8	0	0	12
AIT	3	1	4	0	4	4	0	0	0	4	4
ANU-CSEG	7	1	8	0	8	8	0	2	4	2	8
APU	1	2	3	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	3
EWC	3	1	4	0	4	4	1	0	1	2	4
GRIPS	2	3	5	0	5	5	0	0	5	0	5
HKU	1	3	4	0	4	4	0	0	0	4	4
IITD	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
IRRI	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
IUJ	8	3	11	0	11	11	4	7	0	0	11
Kobe	4	0	4	0	4	4	0	4	0	0	4
Kyoto	2	1	3	0	3	3	2	0	0	1	3
Kyushu	3	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	1	2	3
NTU-NBS	1	1	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	2
NU-GSID	5	2	7	0	7	7	0	7	0	0	7
NUS	2	3	5	0	5	5	1	1	2	1	5
RU	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	2
SU	2	7	9	0	9	9	0	0	0	9	9
Tokyo-Tech	0	3	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	3
Tsukuba	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	2
TU	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
UNU-IAS	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
UOA	3	1	4	1	3	4	0	0	0	4	4
UOM	1	1	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	2
UOS	2	1	3	0	3	3	1	0	0	2	3
UOT-Civ Eng	0	7	7	0	7	7	0	0	0	7	7
UOT-Env	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
UOT-GraSPP	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	2
UOT-Int'l Health	3	2	5	0	5	5	0	0	0	5	5
UOT-Urban	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
Total	66	57	123	1	122	123	16	37	15	55	123

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APPENDIX 7

Theses and Research Papers Completed in 2017

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Name	Nationality	Field of Study	Period Covered	Topic or Title of Research
Asian Institute of Management				
Jigme Choden	Bhutan	MBA Business Administration	Sep 2016-Dec 2017	Feasibility Study of Building Ecommerce Platform for Local Handicraft Products by Bhutan Post
Timyas Del Mundo	Philippines	MBA Business Administration	Sep 2016-Dec 2017	Finance Lab - Singapore Fund ICT and Wholesale and Retail Portfolio
Nima Lhamu	Bhutan	MBA Business Administration	Sep 2016-Dec 2017	Social Impact Lab - Feasibility Study on Equity Model of Homeownership in Phuentsholing
Vibhor Nayak	India	MBA Business Administration	Sep 2016-Dec 2017	Finance Lab - India Fund - Capital Goods and Fast Moving Consumer Goods Portfolio Report 2017
Rinchen	Bhutan	MDM Development Management	Jan 2017-Dec 2017	Reaching the Unreached: Strengthening Financial Inclusion in Rural Bhutan through the Bhutan Development Bank Limited (BDB)
Tshering Phuntsho	Bhutan	MDM Development Management	Jan 2017-Dec 2017	Post Construction Social Impact Assessment of 125MW Dagchhu Hydropower Project in Bhutan
Harry Baliaga Jr.	Philippines	MDM Development Management	Jan 2017-Dec 2017	Development and Peace: A Strategy for Counterinsurgency in the Cordillera Administrative Region
Pem Dechen	Bhutan	MDM Development Management	Jan 2017-Dec 2017	Principal Development Program: A Strategy to Enhance School Management Skills for School Leaders in Bhutan

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John Paul David Trajano	Philippines	MDM Development Management	Jan 2017-Dec 2017	Preventing Radicalization: Framework for a Social Media Counter Terrorism Strategy Case of the ISIS/Maute Group
Trijunie Ekaputra	Indonesia	MDM Development Management	Jan 2017-Dec 2017	A Strategy to Enhance Project Advisor and Finance Committee of Child Development Center Financial Management Capability in Cluster Manado 1 and 2, Indonesia
Jaruwan Yimhin	Thailand	MDM Development Management	Jan 2017-Dec 2017	Agro Tourism Learning Center for Hill Tribe People at Angkhang Station (Chiang Mai, Thailand)
Yan Lin Aung	Myanmar	MDM Development Management	Jan 2017-Dec 2017	Active Intervention Strategy to Empower the Families of People who Inject Drugs, in HIV Prevention, in Waigmax City, Kachin State, Myanmar
Asian Institute of Technology				
Batsuren Sundui	Mongolia	MSc Environmental, Engineering and Management	Aug 2015-May 2017	The Carbon Footprint of Golf Courses: A Case Study of AIT
Mahmuda Sultana	Bangladesh	MSc Gender and Development Studies	Aug 2015-May 2017	Social Enterprise and Women's Empowerment: A Case from Bangladesh
Donah Rae Calino Pastrana	Philippines	MSc Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems	Aug 2015-May 2017	Classification of Subclass Types of Urban Landuse Using Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Twitter Data and Support Vector Machine Classifier Approach
Sk. Md. Golam Mostafa	Bangladesh	ME Energy	Aug 2015-May 2017	Probabilistic and Combinatorial Approaches for Power Loss Minimization in Distribution Systems
The Australian National University, Crawford School of Economics and Government				
Thi Nga Ha	Viet Nam	M Environmental Management and Development	Jan 2016-Dec 2017	Local State Actors and Institutions and Forest Certification in Vietnam
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi				
Suresh Banshi Thakuri	Nepal	MTech Structural Engineering	Jul 2015-Jun 2017	Evaluation of Reusable Piezo Sensors for Hydration and Corrosion Damage Assessment of Reinforced Concrete Structures
Shailesh Kumar Mishra	Nepal	MTech Energy Studies	Jul 2015-Jun 2017	Techno-Economics of Rooftop Solar Photovoltaic Systems in India
International Rice Research Institute				
Vo Thi Bach Thuong	Viet Nam	MSc Environmental Science	Aug 2015-Jul 2017	Improved Greenhouse Gas Calculation for Rice Cultivation in Different Agro-Ecological Zones of the Mekong River Delta
International University of Japan				
Pravin Kumar Subramanian	India	MA International Development	Sep 2015-Jun 2017	Governance and Foreign Direct Investment: Cross-Country Analysis
Hlaing Thu Zar Theint	Myanmar	MA International Development	Sep 2015-Jun 2017	The Feldstein-Horioka Puzzle: International Differences in Investment-Savings Patterns

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Name	Nationality	Field of Study	Period Covered	Topic or Title of Research
Andelyn G. Noza	Philippines	MA International Development	Sep 2015-Jun 2017	The Effects of Climate Change Vulnerability and Readiness on Private Participation in Infrastructure (PPI)
Po Pyae Shang	Myanmar	MA International Relations	Sep 2015-Jun 2017	Power Rivalry Between China and the United States in the Asia-Pacific
Umami Hasanah Zaidon	Malaysia	MA International Relations	Sep 2015-Jun 2017	Chinese Foreign Aid and Governance of Recipient Countries: A Quantitative Analysis
Ha Phung Thi Thu	Viet Nam	MA Public Management and Policy Analysis	Sep 2015-Jun 2017	An Empirical Study on the Impact of Foreign Aid on Local Economic Growth in Vietnam: Policy Implications and Recommendations
Louie Aldrin Medina Intalan	Philippines	MA Public Management and Policy Analysis	Sep 2015-Jun 2017	Effects of Temperature on Human Mortality in the Philippines
Meghshyam	India	MBA Business Administration	Sep 2015-Jun 2017	Suzuki's Strategy for Dominant Position in Indian Passenger Car Market
Jean Coleen Garcia Marinduque	Philippines	M Business Management	Sep 2016-Aug 2017	Web-based Knowledge Exchange (WEBKEX): Documented Knowledge Sharing among Remote Business Communities
Khulan Dushduubayar	Mongolia	M Business Management	Sep 2016-Aug 2017	The Traditional and Cloud Enterprise Resource Planning System in Mongolia
Analyn Lee	Philippines	M Business Management	Sep 2016-Aug 2017	A Review of the Current State of Social Enterprises in the Philippines: Moving the Society Forward
Kobe University				
Swarnali Chakma	Bangladesh	M International Studies	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Study on Non-Compliance Factors for Evacuation to a Cyclone Shelter during Emergency Periods: A Case Study of Coastal Bangladesh
Le Thi Minh	Viet Nam	M Economics	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	The Determinants of Innovation Activities in the Manufacturing Small and Medium Enterprises in Vietnam
Mariam Turashvili	Georgia	M International Studies	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Sufficiency of Georgian Government Toward the Needs of Internally Displaced Persons
Ramida Khalilova	Azerbaijan	M Economics	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Determinants of Export Sophistication: Focus on Counties with Transition Economies
Kyoto University				
Thinn Hlaing Oo	Myanmar	M Global Environmental Studies	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	A Study of Sustainability of Disaster Education in Yangon, Myanmar: A Case Study of High Schools in Kungyangon, Botataung, and Pazundaung Townships
Kyushu University				
Jithya Nawodi Wijesinghe	Sri Lanka	M Agro-Environmental Science	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Suppression of Cadmium (Cd) Uptake of Bassica rapa var. perviridis by Converter Slag and Calcite Application

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Name	Nationality	Field of Study	Period Covered	Topic or Title of Research
Nargiza Tynybekova	Kyrgyz Republic	M Agricultural and Resource Economics	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	The Impact of Remittances on Households Expenditure Behaviors in the Kyrgyz Republic
Plaichat Luangthep	Thailand	LLM International Economic and Business Law	Oct 2016-Sep 2017	Most Favoured Nation (MFN) Clauses in the Case of Online Hotel Booking: A Comparative Assessment Under European Union and Thai Competition Law
Nagoya University, Graduate School of International Development				
Linh Nguyen Phuong	Viet Nam	MA International Development	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	External Debt, Debt Service Payment, and Economic Growth in Selected Asian Developing Countries: An Empirical Study
Sangay Thinley	Bhutan	MA International Development	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Does Democracy Promote Social Capital? Evidence from Bhutan
Rahela Khatun	Bangladesh	MA International Development	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	An Empirical Study on Farmers Adaptation Strategies to Salinity Intrusion Effects in Southwest Bangladesh
Nway Nway Lynn	Myanmar	MA International Development	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Causes of Private Tutoring by Government School Teachers in Primary Education: Case Study in Yangon, Myanmar
Praewpan Intapanya	Thailand	MA International Cooperation Studies	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Study of Low-Skilled Myanmar Migrants in Bangkok and their Utilization of Thailand's Universal Healthcare Insurance
Aunthicha Jirathawornlerk	Thailand	MA International Cooperation Studies	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	The ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement: An Analysis of the Controversy Among the Stakeholders in Thailand
Diyor Khamraev	Uzbekistan	MA International Cooperation Studies	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	The Role of Private-Public Partnership in the Socioeconomic Development of Uzbekistan
Nanyang Technological University - Nanyang Business School				
Shanay Shamir Shah	India	D-MBA Business Administration	Jul 2016-Aug 2017	Japan and the Fourth Industrial Revolution: Implementing a Digital Transformation at Sumitomo Seika
Michelle Jenine B. Ty	Philippines	D-MBA Business Administration	Jul 2016-Aug 2017	Global Human Resources: A Study on Global Mobility Practices of Japanese Companies
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies				
Kansuchaya Techaruvichit	Thailand	MPP Public Policy	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	The Relationship Between Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Growth: Implications for Thailand
Md Nazmus Sakib	Bangladesh	MPP Public Policy	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	The Role of Online Sales for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Manufacturer Development in Bangladesh
Shushila Acharya	Nepal	MPP Public Policy	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Socio Economic Factors of Women Empowerment in Nepal
Ishtiaq Ahmad	Pakistan	MPP Public Policy	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	An Exploratory Study on Women Empowerment through Education in Rural Areas of Pakistan

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Don Jeffery Aquino Quebral	Philippines	MPP Public Policy	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Effect of International Parental Migration on School Attendance of Children Left in the Philippines
National University of Singapore				
Yuji Enriquez	Philippines	MSc Environmental Management	Aug 2016-Jul 2017	Optimizing Water Provisioning Services of Forest Plantations in Water Scarce Areas: A Cost-Benefit Analysis of Reforestation Approaches in Maasin Watershed Forest Reserve, Iloilo
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University				
Sanjar Turaev	Uzbekistan	MSc International Cooperation Policy	Sep 2015-Sep 2017	Improvement of the Hotel Service in Uzbekistan Based on Japan Hotel Industry Experience
Binay Lamichhane	Nepal	MSc International Cooperation Policy	Sep 2015-Sep 2017	Availability, Prices, and Affordability of Essential Medicines for Children in Nepal: A Cross Sectional Study of Public and Private Health Facilities
Altangerel Alгаа	Mongolia	MSc International Cooperation Policy	Sep 2015-Sep 2017	Developing the Health and Wellness Tourism in Mongolia Based on Hot Spa Resorts: Case Study: Shargaljuut Hot Spring Resort
Ritsumeikan University				
Rania Kabir	Bangladesh	M Economics	Sep 2015-Sep 2017	Are Banks Lazy? A Comprehensive Cross-Country Analysis of Government Borrowing and Private Sector Credit
Thet Paing Aung	Myanmar	M Economics	Sep 2015-Sep 2017	The Effects of Labour Market Regulations on Productivity at Firm Level Performance in ASEAN
Saitama University, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering				
Erojan Dhoju	Nepal	ME Structural Material Engineering	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Investigation on Long-Term Behavior of Joint Connection in Steel-Concrete Hybrid Structures
Nabin Kumar Ijam	Nepal	ME Rock Mechanics	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	A Freeze-Thaw Study of Thermo-Hydro-Mechanical System of Soft Rocks under Subzero Environments
Ilyas Akram	Pakistan	ME Geotechnical Engineering	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Effect of Cone and Geogrid Position on Bearing Capacity of Reinforced Sand
Trung Van Nguyen	Viet Nam	ME Coastal Engineering	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Numerical Simulation for Beach Nourishment at Namiita Coast
Bidha Laxmi Joshi	Nepal	ME Structural Engineering	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Performance-Based Seismic Design for Function Separated Bridge
Bimali Chathurika Amunugama	Sri Lanka	ME Rock Mechanics	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Evaluating Long-Term Deformation Behavior of Horonobe Mudstone Subjected to Repeated Drying and Wetting Process
Mohammad Arif Mohiuddin	Bangladesh	ME Foundations and Earthquake Engineering	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Effects of Global and Local Soil Nonlinearity on Impedance Function of Piles
Muhammad Faheem Uddin Afzal	Pakistan	ME Structural Engineering	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Validation of a New Radar Vibration Measurement System and its Possible Application in Condition Monitoring of Bridges
Gayan Buddhika Illangakoon	Sri Lanka	ME Structural Material Engineering	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Cold Joint Formation of Concrete in Hot Weather

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Thammasat University				
Le Thi Thanh Binh	Viet Nam	M Economics	Aug 2015-July 2017	Impact of Internal Migration on Children's Schooling and Child Labor: The Case of Viet Nam
Tokyo Institute of Technology				
Fajar Fauzie Rakhman	Indonesia	M International Development Engineering	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Passenger's Airport and Airline Choice in a Multiple Airport Region: The Case of Greater Jakarta
Nugraha Syarif Husein	Indonesia	M Environmental Science and Technology	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Risk Assessment on Human Health Impact Induced by Illegal Dumping of Hazardous Wastes in West Java, Indonesia
Shital Babu Acharya	Nepal	M Architecture and Building Engineering	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Integrated School Facility and Its Impact on The Learning Environment; A Case Study of Rural Villages in Baglung District, Nepal
The University of Auckland				
Deki Yangzom	Bhutan	MPH Public Health	Mar 2015-Feb 2017	Effects of Vitamin D on Dose of Hypoglycaemic Medication in Diabetes Patients
Tin Aung Kyaw	Myanmar	MPH Public Health	Jul 2015-Sep 2017	Hypertension and Stroke: Associations with Physical Activity and BMI in Māori and Non-Māori in Advanced Age.
The University of Hong Kong				
Yi Zhu	People's Republic of China	MSc Urban Planning	Sep 2015-Aug 2017	Firm Size and Knowledge Networks: A Comparative Study of Shanghai's Two University Towns
Som Raj Rana	Nepal	M Urban Design	Sep 2016-Aug 2017	Kathmandu 2030 Ride Green: Bicycle Urbanism - Blue, Green, and Multimodal
Amin Mehedi	Bangladesh	M Urban Design	Sep 2016-Sep 2017	Toward a New Development, Rethinking Urban Block Standards for the Fringes of Dhaka City
Md Asaduzzaman	Bangladesh	M Urban Design	Sep 2016-Sep 2017	A Breath of Fresh Air: Accessing the Impact of Urban Design Attributes to Improve Air Quality in the Farmgate Area, Dhaka
The University of Tokyo, Department of Civil Engineering				
Ali Javed	Pakistan	ME Disaster Mitigation Engineering	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Experimental and Numerical Study of Non-Engineering Defects in Reinforced Concrete Structures in Developing Countries.
Isvar Nath Pakwan	Nepal	ME River and Environmental Engineering	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Transition of River Morphology in Terms of Sediment Regime Change Due to the Effect of Weirs
John Phillip Bartolome Lapidez	Philippines	ME Coastal Engineering	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Numerical Investigation of Locally Concentrated Inundation and Storm Wave Characteristics around the Coast of Batan Induced by Super Typhoon Meranti

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Sampathawaduge Vimarsha Adrian Silva	Sri Lanka	ME Infrastructure Development and Management	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	A Compensation System for Agricultural Land Acquisition to Affected People in Infrastructure Development Projects—Case of Southern Expressway Construction Project in Sri Lanka
Tej Rijal	Nepal	ME River and Environmental Engineering	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Projection of Net Irrigation Requirement of Nepal Using a Global Water Resources Model Considering Climate Change and Socioeconomic Development
Muhammad Shahid Iqbal	Pakistan	ME Geotechnical Engineering	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Study of Pre-Shake Effects on Liquefaction and Reliquefaction Resistance of Sandy Soils in Shake Table
Atta E Mustafa	Pakistan	ME Bridge and Structure Engineering	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Numerical Analysis of Large Amplitude Nonlinear Vibration of High-Speed Train Prestressed Reinforced Concrete Bridges at Single and Double Passage Loading and Design of Tuned Mass Dampers
The University of Tokyo, Department of Urban Engineering				
Vu Duc Canh	Viet Nam	ME Environmental Engineering	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Applicability of EMA-RT-qPCR (Ethidium Monoazide Combined with Reverse Transcription Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction) to Selectively Detect Intact Viruses in Drinking Water in the Presence of Humic Acid
Kulacha Sirikhan	Thailand	ME Urban Planning	Oct 2015-Sep 2017	Study on the Sense of Place and Institutional Capacity in Urban Regeneration: Case Study of Three Historic Communities in Bangkok Thailand
The University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Public Policy				
Amir Zhussupov	Kazakhstan	MPP Public Policy	Sep 2015-Aug 2017	Shift Toward Renewable Energies: How Feasible is it for Kazakhstan?
Thi Thanh Hao Le	Viet Nam	MPP Public Policy	Sep 2015-Aug 2017	Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment from Japan into South East Asian Countries and Recommendations for Viet Nam
The University of Tokyo, Division of Environmental Studies				
Masudur Rahman	Bangladesh	M Environmental Studies	Oct 2015-Aug 2017	Investigation on the Sources of Recharge and Salinity in Deep Groundwater System Underlying a Coastal City of Bangladesh by Combined Geochemical and Isotopic Approaches
Pavithra Rangani Wijenayake	Sri Lanka	M Environmental Studies	Oct 2015-Aug 2017	Comparative Study on Commercial Log Production Managed under Different Conditions - Evaluating Plantation Grown Teak of Sri Lanka.
The University of Tokyo, School of International Health				
Radheshyam Bhattarai	Nepal	M Community and Global Health	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Birth Preparedness among Pregnant Women in the Earthquake Affected Areas of Nepal: Before and After Comparison

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Kay Khaing Maw	Myanmar	M Global Health Policy	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Trends in Overweight and Underweight in the Japanese Population, 1975-2010
Nusrat Khandoker	Bangladesh	M Developmental Medical Science	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Molecular Epidemiological Study of Group A Rotavirus in Children with Acute Gastroenteritis in Japan 2014-2015: Characterization of Re-emerging G2P[4]
Richa Shah	Nepal	M Community and Global Health	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Use of Modern Contraceptive Methods and its Association with QOL among Nepalese Female Migrants Living in Japan
Md. Shafiur Rahman	Bangladesh	M Global Health Policy	Apr 2015-Mar 2017	Trends in and Projections of Universal Health Coverage Indicators in Bangladesh, 1995-2030
United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability				
Mary Jane Arellano Alvarez	Philippines	MSc Sustainability	Sep 2015-Jul 2017	Analyses of Perceived Value, Views, and Preferences on the Benefits of Ecosystem Services to Inform Comprehensive Land Use Planning in Nasugbu, Batangas, Philippines
University of Tsukuba				
Och Dangaasuren	Mongolia	MA Economics	Oct 2015-Mar 2017	The Effect of Foreign Direct Investment on the Performance of Domestic Firms - A Study Using the Enterprise Survey of Mongolia
Dang Huyen Trang	Viet Nam	MA Economics	Oct 2015-Mar 2017	The Impact of Education on Households' Income in Vietnam over 2006-2014

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Map Showing the 29 Asian Development Bank– Japan Scholarship Program Designated Institutions



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