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Programme in Economic and Public Policy (PEPP)

Master's Programme in International Public Policy, University of Tsukuba, Japan

We are pleased to inform you that the University of Tsukuba, Japan, has invited applications for the Programme in Economic and Public Policy (PEPP), which leads to a Master of Arts Degree in International Public Policy offered by the Graduate School of Business Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences.

PEPP is a fully English-taught master's degree programme designed to equip participants, within a 24-month period, with the knowledge, analytical skills, and practical tools required for the formulation, design, implementation, and evaluation of development policies. The programme offers rigorous training in economics, econometrics, data science, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), satellite imagery analysis, and AI-based policy analysis.

It is observed that the curriculum covers a comprehensive range of subjects, including International Trade and Development, Macroeconomics and Microeconomics, Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction, Public Finance and Taxation, Health Economics and Health Policy, Agricultural Economics, Microfinance and Mobile Money, Environmental Economics and Policy, Human Capital Development and Education, and Applied Econometrics and Quantitative Policy Analysis. These areas of study are highly relevant and critical to evidence-based public policy formulation, strategic planning, and the effective design and implementation of development initiatives, particularly in the context of addressing contemporary economic and social challenges.

The University of Tsukuba has announced that applications for both the World Bank/Asian Development Bank Scholarship Admissions and the General Admissions (for self-funded, JICA-sponsored, and MEXT-sponsored applicants) will be accepted from 1st October to 15th November for the forthcoming intake.

The programme brochure is attached herewith for your reference. Further details regarding the programme may be obtained through the following websites:

- PEPP Admission Page: <http://pepp.hass.tsukuba.ac.jp/admission/>
- External Resources Department (ERD): <http://www.erd.gov.lk>

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For additional information, prospective applicants may directly contact the PEPP Office via email at: wbgsp@dppe.tsukuba.ac.jp

We are of the view that this master's degree programme presents a valuable opportunity for your Ministry/Organization and institutions under your purview to strengthen the knowledge, analytical capabilities, and policy-making competencies of your officials. Participation in this programme would significantly contribute to the professional development of the selected candidates while enhancing institutional capacity in areas relevant to economic and public policy development.

Accordingly, we kindly request you to disseminate this information among suitably qualified officers whose academic background, professional experience, and career aspirations align with the objectives of the programme. Eligible candidates are encouraged to submit their applications online in accordance with the admission requirements and scholarship eligibility criteria stipulated by the University of Tsukuba.

Applicants are strongly advised to carefully review the application guidelines, eligibility requirements, and scholarship conditions prior to submitting their applications.

Please note that applications must be submitted directly to the programme authorities in accordance with the instructions provided in the Application Guidelines. The External Resources Department (ERD) will neither receive nor process applications for this programme, as it is administered directly by the programme organizers.

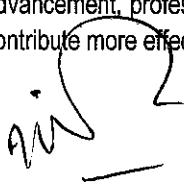
However, for record purposes, applicants are requested to forward copies of the following documents to the External Resources Department after submitting their applications:

- Nomination letter from the respective Line Ministry/Organization;
- Duly completed ERD Information Form (available at www.erd.gov.lk).

We further wish to emphasize that such training opportunities are granted for the benefit of the country and are highly competitive in nature. Therefore, if a nominated officer is selected for the programme, the respective Ministry/Organization is kindly requested to ensure that the nominee accepts the award with a firm commitment to participate in and successfully complete the programme. Withdrawals following selection may adversely affect the country's reputation and could result in the loss of valuable training opportunities allocated to Sri Lanka in the future.

In this regard, we seek your cooperation in ensuring that only candidates who are genuinely interested and fully committed to undertaking the programme submit applications.

We trust that eligible young professionals will take full advantage of this prestigious opportunity for academic advancement, professional development, and enhancement of their knowledge and skills, thereby enabling them to contribute more effectively to the economic and social development of Sri Lanka.



Tharanga Liyanage
Additional Director General
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Copies:

1. Mr. Hisahiro Naito, Director, University of Tsukuba – We would be grateful if you could kindly notify this Department upon completion of the selection process pertaining to candidates from Sri Lanka for record and coordination purposes.
2. District Secretaries, All District Secretariats
3. Divisional Secretaries, All Divisional Secretariats

Enclosure: Programme Information brochure