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On the cover: **Financing world-class education.** ADB-Japan Scholarship Program scholars currently studying at the University of Tokyo which is considered to be the most selective and prestigious university in Japan and is counted as one of the best universities in the world (photo by Department of Civil Engineering, University of Tokyo).

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ADB	Asian Development Bank
DMC	developing member country
JMOF	Japanese Ministry of Finance
JSP	Japan Scholarship Program

Foreword

In 2018, we celebrated 30 fruitful years of the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP). From the first batch of 46 scholars in 1988, this number has increased to an average of 139 scholars in the past 10 years, a significant 46% increase.

Looking back, the Government of Japan established the ADB–JSP with the strong support and enthusiasm of then ADB President Masao Fujioka to develop human resources in the region.

Japan, not blessed with natural resources, traditionally considers human resources to be the foundation of building a nation. Based on this belief, the ADB–JSP primary objective is 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, and are truly leading their country's transformation. Other alumni are now working with development organizations with a wider breadth of responsibility for several developing countries and in areas of expertise relating to their fields of study. Over the last 3 decades, more than 3,700 scholars from 37 developing member countries of ADB have been awarded with scholarships, which significantly impacted their career and personal goals.

Today, developing countries face many complex challenges. The more that the ADB–JSP alumni are expected to apply and share their knowledge and skills to address these challenges, the more important the program will become.

On behalf of the Government of Japan, I wish to thank ADB, through its Partner Funds Division, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, 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

I

Introduction

International learning environment. The Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Oita Prefecture became a partner university of ADB–Japan Scholarship Program in 2010. The University has achieved a truly international campus environment of cultural coexistence where almost half of the faculty and student body comprised of foreign nationals from all over the world (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 \$182 million in funding for the program over the last 30 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 3,798 scholarships to students from 37 ADB member countries. More than 91% of the scholars were from the 15 DMCs where most of the poor in Asia live. Nepal, the Philippines, and Bangladesh, respectively, 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

Figure 1: Scholars by Degree Program, 1988–2018

Source: Asian Development Bank.

1,460 scholarships, or 38.4% of the total, were awarded to women (Figure 2). Female scholars have historically been outnumbered by male scholars, but efforts to promote the program among women have led to an increase in the proportion of female scholars, from 17.4% in 1988 to 56.5% in 2018. 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 139 new scholarships a year. Of the 3,798 ADB–JSP recipients since 1988, 3,441 have completed their coursework. Figure 3 shows 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 2: Number of Scholars by Gender, 1988–2018

Source: Asian Development Bank.

Figure 3: Scholarships Awarded and Completed, 1988–2018

Source: Asian Development Bank.

In 1988–2018, the Asian Institute of Management in the Philippines had the highest number of ADB–JSP recipients (528, or 13.9%), followed by the International University of Japan (396, or 10.4%), and the Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand (376, or 9.9%). Appendix 4 shows the scholarships awarded and completed at each designated institution since 1988.

Figure 4: Number of Graduates by Degree Program, 1989–2018

Source: Asian Development Bank.

Figure 5: Number of Graduates by Field of Study, 1989–2018

Source: Asian Development Bank.

II

2018 Program and Activities

A. Scholarship Budget

In 2018, the Government of Japan contributed \$4.3 million in funding to the 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; 8.6% to Australia, New Zealand, and the United States; and 7.5% to Singapore and Hong Kong, China. Audited financial statements of the ADB–JSP as of 31 December 2018 are given in Appendix 5.

B. Scholarship Statistics

A total of 131 scholarships for master's degree programs and 7 for doctor of philosophy (PhD) programs were awarded to recipients from 21 developing member countries. The top three recipient countries were the Philippines (30), Indonesia (22), and Bangladesh (15). Figure 6 shows the distribution of scholarships awarded, by nationality, in 2018.

The designated institutions in Japan admitted 86 new scholars (62.3% of the total) in 2018; institutions in other

developed countries (Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and the United States), 19 (13.8%); and institutions in DMCs, 33 (23.9%). The University of Tokyo in Japan admitted 19 new scholars, followed by the International University of Japan with 14, and the Asian Institute of Management (Philippines) with 13.

The proportion of female ADB–JSP recipients among new scholars increased from 48.5% in 2017 to 56.5% in 2018. 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).¹

The scholarship recipients chose development-related fields of study consistent with ADB's Strategy 2030.² The fields of study were mainly in the seven core operational areas of the ADB-wide strategic framework, namely, (i) addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities; (ii) tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability; (iii) promoting rural development and food security; (iv) fostering regional cooperation and integration; (v) accelerating progress in gender quality; (vi) making cities more livable; and (vii) strengthening governance and institutional capacity.

¹ ADB. 1998. *Policy on Gender and Development*. Manila

² ADB. 2018. *Strategy 2030: Achieving a Prosperous, Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable Asia and the Pacific*. Manila.

Figure 6: Scholarships Awarded by Nationality, 2018

Source: Asian Development Bank.

Figure 7: Number of Graduates by Designated Institution, 2018

AIM = Asian Institute of Management; AIT = Asian Institute of Technology; ANU-CSPP = 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 = University of Hong Kong; IITD = Indian Institute of Technology Delhi; IRRI = International Rice Research Institute; IUJ = International University of Japan; Keio = Keio University; 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; UNU-IAS = United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability; UOA = 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.

Science and technology was the most popular field of study in 2018 with 60 scholars (43.5%), followed by economics with 43 (31.2%), law with 18 (13%), and business and management with 17 scholars (12.3%). The scholarships awarded and completed in 2018—classified according to institution, gender, program, and field of study—are summarized in Appendix 6.

In 2018, 138 ADB–JSP scholars completed their studies. Figure 7 shows the number of graduates by designated institution in 2018. Of these graduates, 78 (56.5%) were women.

C. New Developments

ADB–Japan Scholarship Program missions in 2018.

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 12 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, including about any problems encountered in relation to the program. The universities offer high-quality education in their respective fields and offer 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 a suitable environment for living and learning.

The Eleventh ADB–Japan Scholarship Program

Scholars’ Research Forum. The forum, with the theme “Creating the Foundation for Sustainable and Inclusive Development of Asia and the Pacific,” was held on 15 June 2018 at the ADB Institute, Tokyo. It brought together 107 participants, including officials from the Japanese Ministry of Finance (JMOF), ADB, professors, staff members, and scholars from the 15 Japanese designated institutions.

Takeshi Kurihara, Executive Director for Japan, ADB, and Hideaki Imamura, Director, Multilateral Development Banks Division, International Bureau, JMOF, delivered the welcome remarks.

Twelve scholars presented their theses covering diverse subjects such as environment, disaster prevention and relief, local development, economics, and science and engineering. Their research represented knowledge that can be valuable to universities and domestic firms, as well as for promoting new technologies in their countries.

Table 1: Universities Visited by ADB–Japan Scholarship Program Missions in 2018

University	Location	Date Visited
International University of Japan	Niigata, Japan	13 February
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies	Tokyo, Japan	18 April
Saitama University	Saitama, Japan	19 April
Tokyo Institute of Technology	Tokyo, Japan	19 September
The University of Tokyo: Graduate School of Public Policy and School of International Health	Tokyo, Japan	20 September
The University of Tokyo: Department of Civil Engineering and Department of Urban Engineering	Tokyo, Japan	25 October
The University of Tokyo: School of International Health	Tokyo, Japan	13 November
Hitotsubashi University	Tokyo, Japan	3 December
University of Tsukuba	Ibaraki, Japan	3 December
The University of Tokyo: Division of Environmental Studies	Chiba, Japan	4 December
Nagoya University	Nagoya, Japan	4 December

Source: Asian Development Bank.

Research forum for graduating scholars. The participants of the Eleventh ADB–Japan Scholarship Program Scholars' Research Forum held in June 2018 at the ADB Institute in Tokyo, Japan (photo by Eloise Valerie Martinez).

The scholars were also grouped together by country and were given the opportunity to present their vision of the future for their country and the region. They identified the issues they wanted to address and how they propose to contribute to their resolution.

The Third ADB–Japan Scholarship Program Welcome Gathering. The gathering, held on 26 October 2018, brought together 117 participants comprising staff from the Japanese Representative Office and ADB headquarters, as well as professors, coordinators, and scholars from the 15 Japanese designated institutions. The objective of the gathering was to introduce 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 is 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. Takeshi Kurihara, Executive Director for Japan, ADB, and Hideaki Imamura, Director, Multilateral Development Banks Division, International Bureau, JMOF, delivered the welcome remarks.

ADB–Japan Scholarship Program 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 ADB–Japan Scholarship Program Alumni Gatherings in 2018

Venue	Date
Manila, Philippines	3 May
Dhaka, Bangladesh	14 May
Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic	24 May
Yogyakarta, Indonesia	24 July
Jakarta, Indonesia	25 July
Yangon, Myanmar	19 October

Source: Asian Development Bank

Welcome gathering for new scholars. The participants of the Third ADB–Japan Scholarship Program Welcome Gathering held in October 2018 at the ADB Institute in Tokyo, Japan (photo by Rika Hakozaiki).

D. Theses and Research Papers Completed in 2018

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 2018 is in Appendix 7.

Thirty Years of the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program—Anniversary Seminar

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of ADB–JSP, the Office of Cofinancing Operations,³ organized a seminar with the theme “Bridging the Gap for Inclusive Development” on 3 May 2018, during the ADB Annual Meeting at the ADB headquarters in Manila.

Takashi Miyahara, Deputy Director-General of the International Bureau, JMOF, welcomed the participants comprising of ADB–JSP alumni and current scholars from different countries, and ADB staff. A “Retrospective of 3 Decades of ADB–JSP” was presented by Masashi Tanabe, ADB alternate Executive Director for Japan (2017–2019).

The seminar discussed the ADB–JSP experience from two viewpoints—current and former scholars. Current scholars, Hun Ni Su from Myanmar, and Shital Babu Acharya from Nepal, described how the scholarship is providing them the opportunity to gain more advanced knowledge and technical skills through top-ranked institutions. Exposure to a different environment and other cultures are also giving them new perspectives toward a more global outlook.

In addition, ADB–JSP alumni, Bolormaa Luvsandorj from Mongolia (graduate of International University of Japan in

2000) and Abdul Qadir Memon from Pakistan (graduate of National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in 2002), gave a more inspirational view on how the ADB–JSP has helped them in their respective fields. B. Luvsandorj, who founded her own financial services company and is currently its chief operating officer, was the first female executive in the banking sector in her home country. As the scholarship provided high-quality education, she was able to get employment in an international commercial bank where she was assigned to different countries and honed her expertise in a global environment. After leading in her field, she finally found the opportunity to serve her home country and helped create the Development Bank of Mongolia and served as first deputy chief operating officer until 2012. She is also founder and managing partner of Mongolian Sustainable Development Partners, an investment management company dedicated to impact financing. The Japanese education has also helped her forge lasting friendships, which in turn, led to a wider network of business connections.

A. Memon recounted how life in Japan, in addition to his education, was very enriching as he learned about the country’s culture and how this contributed to Japan’s advancement and prosperity. Upon his return home, he applied the same training and discipline and improved

³ On 1 April 2019, the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program administration was transferred to the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department.

Celebrating 30 years. Panelists share their experiences at the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program’s thirtieth anniversary gathering (photo by Ariel Javellana).

the quality of his work, which in turn helped him earn a promotion. He continues to apply the knowledge he acquired in international trade and globalization as a high-ranking trade diplomat. He currently serves as a consul

general of Pakistan in Hong Kong, China. He advised potential and current scholars to never give up and work very hard as there are no shortcuts to success.

IV

ADB–Japan Scholarship Program Helps Students and Alumni Achieve Their Career Aspirations

Global leaders in the fields of science and technology. The Tokyo Institute of Technology is the top national university for science and technology in Japan. It continues to develop global leaders in the fields of science and technology, and contributes to the betterment of society through its research, focusing on solutions to global issues (photo by Tokyo Institute of Technology).

ADB–JSP is focused on building the capacity of countries to make well-informed decisions and carry out effective socioeconomic reform. The program is an invaluable resource for building the skills and capabilities needed to prosper in the highly interconnected global economy. ADB–JSP scholars are potential future 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

Leading graduate public policy school. The Crawford School for Public Policy is dedicated to providing unique, excellent and relevant training opportunities to current and future policy professionals (photo by Australian National University, Crawford School for Public Policy).

SHANTOSH KARKI (Nepal)
Asian Institute of Management
Master in Development Management
January 2013–December 2013

The degree I received from the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) equipped me with the right knowledge, skills, and characteristics to thrive professionally. Without the support of the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP), I would not have been able to attend AIM—the very institute that has allowed me to reach my goals.

After completing my master’s degree at AIM, I joined ActionAid Nepal as a project officer. I supported rural women’s groups to develop a value chain of local products that enhanced their livelihoods. The rigorous education from AIM helped me to analyze current world problems from different dimensions and inspired me to make a difference. Thereafter, I moved to Nairobi, Kenya in 2015 to work with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), where I supported humanitarian operations in Somalia for 2 years. It also provided me with the opportunity to contribute to the humanitarian response in the wake of the 2015 earthquake that hit Nepal.

Following that, I moved to Erbil, Iraq to support the humanitarian response in Mosul as a technical advisor with a nongovernment organization called Internet and Mobile Marketing Association of the Philippines. I contributed to the establishment of a risk mitigation information center that helped more than 200 humanitarian partners obtain up-to-date information, thereby strengthening the humanitarian response. After this, I relocated to South Sudan in May 2017 to work with the World Food Programme, focusing on food security and livelihoods, helping more than 200 organizations improve their coordination to provide humanitarian assistance.

As of July 2018, I am working with the International Organization for Migration in South Sudan. I feel very happy to work for the vulnerable people in countries impacted by conflict and natural disasters to help alleviate their suffering. The smile I get from them makes me feel even more responsible. The work I have been doing for the humanitarian community inspires me all the time, and I am dedicated to contributing more to this field in the future. AIM provided me with all the required skills to support these organizations. I am very grateful to ADB–JSP for opening the door to an education at AIM, which has enabled me to progress in my career and where I learned the values of cultural diversity, hard work, problem-solving, and team work.

IDREES HAIDER (Pakistan)
Asian Institute of Management
Master in Development Management
January 2015–December 2015

As an aid worker, I was curious to know more about development studies and environment, and this led me toward the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) master in development management (MDM) program. Thanks to the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) for providing me with the opportunity to pursue this degree.

Before joining the MDM program, I was working with a leading humanitarian aid and development organization, the Irish organization Concern Worldwide. The MDM degree helped me to know and explore more about global development trends and learn the success stories of doers and achievers who started with very little and then had great impacts on the lives of those in need.

After graduation from AIM in December 2015, I struggled for almost a year to get the opportunity to utilize my knowledge and skills to make greater impact on lives and livelihoods of those enduring hardship. By the Grace of the Almighty, with my previous knowledge as an agriculture graduate and with newly acquired skills from MDM, I joined the largest disaster management program in Pakistan, that was funded by the Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom, and executed by a consortium of four leading international development organizations.

Currently, I am a livelihood sector lead in the Building Disaster Resilience in Pakistan Program run by Deutsche Welthungerhilfe, a leading international development organization working for innovation in livelihoods of disaster-prone communities in Pakistan.

Sincere gratitude to ADB–JSP for providing me the opportunity I was looking for to make an impact on lives of the disadvantaged.

The degree helped me to know and explore more about global development trends and learn the success stories of doers and achievers who started with very little and then had great impacts on the lives of those in need.

DENKAR (Bhutan)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master of Engineering in Water Engineering
and Management
August 2016–May 2018

I am privileged to have received the prestigious ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholarship to pursue a master’s degree in water engineering and management at a leading international institution, the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT). AIT has built a strong reputation for quality and innovation in its courses and in its teaching.

The 2-year study period has enhanced my academic and research skills and I have gained in-depth knowledge and skills, through which I can contribute to the planning, developing, and managing of hydropower assets in Bhutan. I had the opportunity to make friends from different nationalities with diverse backgrounds. Moreover, this master’s program made me a responsible global citizen.

After graduating from AIT in May 2018, I rejoined my previous organization, Druk Green Power Corporation in Bhutan. Druk Green Power Corporation is mandated with developing and operating the hydropower projects of Bhutan. Currently, I am leading a team for geo-technical instrumentation for the 1020 megawatt Punatsangchhu Hydroelectric Project II, which is scheduled for completion by 2023. Given my added knowledge and skills, my contribution to my company will be greater, reducing the reliance on outside consultants. I intend to take up a higher management position in planning and decision-making related to hydropower.

I would like to sincerely thank ADB–JSP and the Government of Japan for making my dream come true, and all the professors and friends at AIT for making it a big success.

SHARAD WAGLE (Nepal)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master in Structural Engineering
August 2016–May 2018

After the 2015 Gorkha earthquake in Nepal, I worked as a rescuer for a week, and then continued my work as a civil engineer facilitating the damage assessment in different affected areas. During this period, I sensed the need of technical expertise to strengthen the vulnerable buildings in the country and dreamed of pursuing a master’s degree in structural engineering. This turned into reality only with the prestigious scholarship awarded to me by the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) to pursue my master’s degree from the renowned Asian Institute of Technology, in Thailand. The program provided the theoretical and practical knowledge and skills required for structural and earthquake engineering practice. Beyond enhancing my technical expertise, it also provided me with the opportunities to experience different cultures and languages, from students from different countries and from diverse academic backgrounds.

This opportunity provided by the ADB–JSP helped me grow my professional career in my country after graduation. I have been promoted to structural engineer, with more responsibilities in making communities in my country earthquake-safe.

I express my sincere gratitude to the ADB–JSP for providing me with the great opportunity that I dreamed of.

SHAMIM NOOR (Bangladesh)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master of Gender and Development Studies
August 2016–May 2018

It was a tremendous honor for me to receive the highly competitive scholarship from the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) in order to pursue a master’s in gender and development studies at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), a world-renowned international university in Thailand. The 2-year study period was a life-enriching experience in my academic career that helped foster my professional excellence in diverse ways.

Unequivocally, the opportunity provided by the ADB–JSP enabled me to achieve my goals and aspirations in connection with my people and my country. During the time of my study at AIT, I mingled with students, faculty, and staff from more than 40 countries, which gave me an immense opportunity to strengthen my academic network across the world. I also had the chance to attend different international seminars and workshops, and to work with another department at AIT in a very congenial environment.

As a faculty member at the University of Chittagong, Bangladesh, it was a dream for me to take up an internationally recognized master’s degree with extensive research and a thesis. My master’s thesis, under the supervision of Dr. Philippe Doneys, was mainly focused on access to information and communication technologies and gender-relation transformation in the rural areas of Bangladesh. Considering the teaching methods and the background of faculty members, doing research at AIT is a really unique opportunity that can inspire someone to pursue further advanced academic research at home or abroad. After my graduation from AIT, I resumed my job at the department of Public Administration, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Undoubtedly, the knowledge and exposure I gained as a graduate scholar made me a very confident faculty member, and now I am able to add new concepts in my teaching. My stay in AIT proved an advantage not only for me, but also for my university students. I would like to convey my heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Japan and the ADB–JSP for helping me become the person who I am today.

The knowledge and exposure I gained as a graduate scholar made me a very confident faculty member, and now I am able to add new concepts in my teaching.

JACQUELINE DAYAO (Philippines)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master of Science in Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation
and Management
August 2016–May 2018

Success is something every one of us dreams to achieve. However, there is a multiverse of definitions of success. For me, success is synonymous with happiness and contentment; it is something that motivates you to achieve further success.

2016 was the year of crossroads for me. There were a lot of opportunities, yet there were a lot of things that held me back—work, career growth pressure, personal development—it is as if everything is contradictory, like a tension of opposites. Then, Vineeta Thapa, the coordinator for Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation, and Management informed me that I was awarded the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholarship. At first, the joy was half-hearted because while I was (and still am) truly grateful that I was given the chance to pursue graduate studies at an international school, before I was notified, I was awarded more responsibility and a higher title at my office. It was a whirlwind of opportunities that could lead to different paths, and I needed to make decisions wisely.

Fast forward to 2019. I graduated in 2018 with the degree of Master of Science in Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Management. “I am so glad I took this opportunity.” This is what I tell my family, friends in AIT, Vineeta Thapa, anyone, and everyone! If I were to be taken back to 2016 and faced with the same agony—I would still stand with my decision—but this time, I would wholeheartedly, leap up and embrace this decision. By far, choosing ADB–JSP is the best decision I have made. It has contributed a lot to my well-being: it expanded my horizon, it made me resilient, it made me see things differently, and it made me a better person.

In my humble opinion, I am successful. I am successful because the outcome of my stay in AIT, through ADB–JSP, helped me exceed what I intended to do. It was a worthwhile experience, an experience I will forever treasure. I made a lot of friends and colleagues, I learned technical knowledge and skills that will pave way for my future career plans, I created memories—all of which are immeasurable, all of which are equipment to prepare me for the real world, all of which are stepping stones and motivations toward greater success.

With all my heart, I thank everyone behind ADB–JSP for believing in my potential—our potential. I hope that you continually enlighten the paths of dreamers like us. Thank you very much! I will forever be grateful.

GOLAM FAHAD MULLICK (Bangladesh)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master of Electronics and Embedded System
January 2017–December 2018

The turning point of my life was the moment when I read the e-mail about being selected for the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP). Previously I completed a bachelor’s degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from American International University–Bangladesh. During that time, I was a lecturer of a private university in Bangladesh. I always wanted to pursue my master’s degree abroad and certainly getting admission at Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) under the ADB–JSP scholarship was the biggest achievement of my life. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Government of Japan for giving me this scholarship when I might not have been able to afford it on my own. The learning environment at the AIT was excellent and the faculties were so helpful. I still miss the greenery on campus, the fragrance, the bicycle riding, and the delicious Thai food.

My thesis title was “An infant facial expression recognition system using deep convolutional neural network.” This is a machine learning approach not yet fully established in Bangladesh. With excellent support from my supervisor, Mongkol Ekpanyapong and other faculty members, I was able to complete my master’s of engineering successfully. Currently, I am working as a full-time faculty member in a private university in Bangladesh. I am also engaged in research work. I believe that the ADB–JSP is not only supporting Bangladeshi students, but also indirectly helping the sustainable development of my country.

SUMAN GIRI (Nepal)
Asian Institute of Technology
Master of Agricultural Systems and Engineering
August 2016–May 2018

After graduating from the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand, I returned with the dream of working in my home country. I thought of getting into a government job, so I started preparing for the public service commission exam. But due to the contemporary restructuring of the Nepalese state process, the public service commission exam was postponed until the next year. In the meantime, I was applying for jobs and getting offers from nongovernmental organizations. In January 2019, I discovered a new agriculture college affiliated with the Agriculture and Forestry University, the only agriculture university of Nepal, in my hometown. I applied and was able to secure the position of assistant professor, and academic coordinator. Then in April 2019, I was selected as agriculture officer in Sana Kisan Bikas Bank, the only bank in Nepal committed to work with farmers at the grassroots level. I am happy that now I am working with an organization that, in meaningful ways, thinks about poor and small holder farmers and works for their upliftment.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) for providing the generous scholarship award to complete my degree from AIT, one of the most reputed institutes of Asia and the world. Thanks to AIT for providing me with the opportunity to study. Graduation from AIT with the ADB–JSP scholarship has helped me be recognized as a competent personality and to secure a good career in the field of agriculture.

TANBEEN HASAN (Bangladesh)
The Australian National University
Master of International and Development Economics
July 2015–June 2017

Looking back to the year 2015, I find myself standing in the best season of my life. After applying for several scholarships in different countries, I was awarded two scholarships simultaneously, namely the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholarship and the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship. I chose the ADB–JSP scholarship to study at the Australian National University. This opportunity not only opened a bright chapter in my life but also broadened the horizon of my knowledge. Prior to receiving the scholarship, I worked for the Central Bank of Bangladesh for 4 years as an assistant director and got promoted to deputy director while studying on deputation. After my return to Bangladesh, I have been continuing my service in a World Bank-funded project in the central bank, extending long-term credit facilities to bridge the investment gap in the infrastructure sector.

Excitingly, I also got elected twice as a director of the executive body of Dhaka Cooperative where I manage a large fund and am involved in corporate social responsibilities activities as well. The success list also grows long, since I was selected for the second round of the World Bank Young Professionals Program and earned an International Monetary Fund certificate for online course completion.

I truly believe that none of these would have been achieved easily without me getting considered for the ADB–JSP scholarship. Once again, sincere gratitude for providing me with this once in a lifetime opportunity.

SANZIDA AKTER (Bangladesh)
The Australian National University
Master of International and Development Economics
January 2016–December 2017

The ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) provided me immense opportunity to fulfill my dream of pursuing higher education from one of the world top universities. As a student of economics, I always wanted to pursue an advanced master program. I applied to Australian National University (ANU) and received my admissions offer letter; however, it was completely impossible for me to enroll without the scholarship. Later, I applied for the ADB–JSP scholarship. My dream came true when I received an email saying I had been selected for this competitive scholarship to pursue my master's in international and development economics.

I've always wanted to engage in research and translate my knowledge into practical experience. ANU gave me with that exposure, and provided me with a multicultural setup and exposure to diverse thinking.

HAMESUDA MAWILAI (Thailand)
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy
October 2016–September 2018

Being selected as an ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholarship recipient is one of the most life-changing experience one could ever get. My time in Japan as a graduate student of international public administration at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) was such a memorable experience. APU does not only provide its students solid and practical academic tools. What is truly precious is that it could also offer life skills and a mindset of how one can grow to be a better global citizen within an enabling environment. Living within great cultural diversity surely enhances your exposure to different perspectives and opinions, as well as releases you from preconceptions and stereotypes. Realizing this could save you from falling into the spiral of prejudice, hatred, and bigotry that causes a never-ending sociopolitical problems in this world.

After my graduation in 2018, I was lucky enough to get a job right after returning to my hometown. Currently I am a sustainable cities program officer at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, a Japanese environmental think tank that has its regional center in Bangkok, Thailand. Funded by the Japan–Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Integration Fund, my team and I work alongside environmentalists, engineers, policy researchers, and urban planners from more than 25 cities across ASEAN to promote resilient and sustainable development in selected ASEAN cities. This project is also striving to promote the localization of sustainable development goals in ASEAN cities, while steering the dynamic development in the region to correspond with ASEAN Vision 2020.

The ADB–JSP scholarship, therefore, is so much more than about easing financial constraint so that students can commit fully to their studies. It is about how much their lives can change and how positive they could feel toward their future. ADB offers a chance to students to make positive futures possible. My sincere gratitude to ADB and to all Japanese people. Thank you so much for this life-changing opportunity.

ELLYANTO SISCA (Indonesia)
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Master of Science in Asia Pacific Studies
October 2018–August 2020

To study in Japan is one of the biggest dreams of mine. The ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) is helping me to pursue my dream and I want to thank them for this wonderful opportunity.

Studying in Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) allowed me to broaden my knowledge and network. I am getting lectures, seminars, and workshops from professionals in my field. I also got a chance to participate in local exchanges so that I can learn Japanese culture from local people.

Moreover, I am learning about other cultures, since APU's students come from many different countries.

Prior to joining the ADB–JSP scholarship program, I was engaged in the education field. Now, I am writing a thesis about education in Indonesia and how the community helps students and empowers its members. I believe that my knowledge and experiences in Japan will prepare me to help people in need in the future.

VERMIE ACHARON (Philippines)
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Master of Science in International Cooperation Policy
October 2018–September 2020

With the closing of winter, I have successfully concluded my first semester in graduate school. As I look back, I am happily astonished that I can now call Beppu my home away from home.

There were a lot of trials that came with living and studying abroad, but the months have flown swiftly and the transition from having a tourist-like perspective to being a foreign resident have become easier to manage. I have earned valuable knowledge and many insights in my classes and have made countless friendships with classmates, professors, and locals. I also realized that I am now able to provide deeper perspectives to other foreigners and to share wonderful anecdotes about my life as a student in Japan. For example, at the Ritsumeikan University Kyoto Seminar (where I took an intensive course on law in February 2019), there were numerous moments when the other attendees, who were mostly Australian students and a few Japanese students, curiously asked about my experiences in Japan so far. In the course of that event, I found that my views and contributions to the discussions have variably grown to reflect both my Filipino background and heritage, and the things I have learned from my growing familiarity with the Japanese culture and people.

CATHY SAKUMALEFO HITE (Solomon Islands)
East–West Center, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Master of Laws
August 2018–May 2019

There is always a first time for everything, and I am humbled indeed to be the first Pacific Islander to be offered a prestigious scholarship by the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) to earn a master’s of law degree at the William S. Richardson School of Law, at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. This is indeed a great achievement, not only for me personally, but also for my country, the Solomon Islands. I will be forever grateful and thankful to the ADB–JSP for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

I wanted to pursue my master’s degree in law since graduating with my bachelor’s degree in law in 2012 from the University of the South Pacific, Emalus Campus in Vanuatu. I knew then that finances would always be a barrier, but I never stopped dreaming. I held on to my goal to obtain my master’s degree in law and kept working hard on my dream.

From 2013 through 2017, I sent countless applications to various sponsors for a scholarship and I never gave up. Eventually in 2018, I was offered an ADB–JSP scholarship to do my master’s of law, specializing in business commercial law and international comparative law at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

I would like to sincerely thank ADB–JSP for providing me with this scholarship. It has been my bridge to overcoming my financial barriers and to finally being able to pursue my dream. I am confident that the success that started out as my dream will benefit myself, my family, my friends, and my country, as well as other Pacific island countries. Hence, I hope that this achievement will give hope, encouragement and inspiration to other members of the Pacific Islands legal fraternity who wish to pursue further studies. I urge them to get out of their comfort zones and to start working on their dreams to achieve more. We can make this world a better place by serving our people through the knowledge obtained from this kind of prestigious and beneficial opportunity.

MIN ZAI DAU ZE (Myanmar)

East–West Center, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Master’s of Law (Business and Commercial Law)

August 2018–May 2019

Aloha!

I have always wanted to pursue further studies in a developed nation, and such a dream would not have come to fruition without this ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) award I received. With such generous funding, I could attain a master’s of law with a specialization in business and commercial law at the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. I am proud to be the first law student from Myanmar attaining a master’s degree in Hawaii.

Studying at the William S. Richardson School of Law not only help me gain invaluable knowledge but it also opened doors for me to see things in a holistic perspective. The more exposure I have attained while pursuing this program, the more I have realized that there is so much to learn out there, inspiring me to continue on this learning journey. Thus, I am motivated to do more research on my subject and write academic and professional articles. Since I have been able to study at such a prestigious university, I am determined to share the knowledge I have attained with the community in Myanmar in any way possible.

Relatively important to studies, studying abroad provides me a platform to make friends from different nations, some of which I had never heard of before, and we adapt to live peacefully regardless of politics between nations. At the dorm of the East–West Center (EWC) where students from numerous nationalities live, I observe that the students live peacefully and harmoniously learn and share cultures and traditions. I believe this is an integral part of the EWC mission because the friendships forged during our studies would last even after our studies.

Thank you again to ADB–JSP for providing me with generous funding for my studies and to EWC for administering and assisting me in every manner throughout my academic years.

The more exposure I have attained...the more I have realized that there is so much to learn out there, inspiring me to continue on this learning journey.

TSOLMONTUYA ALTANKHUNDAGA (Mongolia)
East–West Center, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Master in Public Administration
August 2017–May 2019

I’ve cultivated a commitment and passion to serving the public interest, ever since I was little. To me, leadership has always coexisted with public service values, and that is why I pursued my master’s in public administration, with a focus on gender equality.

I think we are privileged to live in a time of peace and diversity in the world, and they are what fosters public service today. Moreover, many opportunities exist for those who demonstrate their commitment to service leadership. I’ve aspired to engage in a more diverse community to have a better understanding of service leadership at the local, national, and global level throughout the region and East–West Center was the perfect place to experience and acquire a deeper understanding through diversity.

My 2-year endeavor as an ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholar at the East–West Center at the University of Hawai‘i guided me to see public service differently. I learned that leaders at this time need to be culturally sensitive and willing to alter their views on diversity. To engage and learn, to participate and then anticipate, to interact and then conclude, and to understand and then unite.

My vision to contribute to a society with better public services for all never seemed so attainable. Women’s role in public service and leadership is no longer a persisting barrier but becoming more accepted and encouraged. So, my career path to gender equality through public service leadership would make my career commitment a reality. It is this interaction and engagement and living with global intellects and professionals that sealed the values of public service for me, throughout my time as an ADB–JSP Scholar.

KATTAREE IMPOL (Thailand)
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
Master in Public Policy
October 2016–September 2018

Never in my life did I think I would be able to study and live in Japan. Two years far from home seemed too long on the first day that I arrived, but when it came to the last day, all I wanted was just for the time machine to turn back time so I could stay in the nice country longer.

I would like to sincerely say thank you to the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) for giving me the precious opportunity to study and earn my master’s degree in public policy at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS). As a central banker, public policy and economics work in harmony. Since I graduated, I’m back in my home country continuing my career at the Bank of Thailand. My first project was related to what I have learned from GRIPS: personal loan policy which aims to provide financial inclusion, helping vulnerable people attain financial resources to boost their living standard and quality. Of course, it was not only the academics that I gained from this scholarship, but also the friendships and connections with no boundary from the students (of various nationalities) whom I met during my wonderful time in Japan. Thank you, ADB–JSP, once again. I am proud to tell everyone that I graduated with my master’s degree from Japan with the ADB–JSP.

KIM ISABELLE DIMAANO (Philippines)
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
Master in Public Policy
October 2016–September 2018

I definitely had the most wonderful couple of years during my stay in Japan. It is the highlight of my young life, both personally and professionally. I was no stranger to being independent but studying abroad pushed me to work even harder to balance taking care of myself and my affairs and to pursue every possible opportunity to make the best out of my stay there. I was one of the youngest scholars in the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) so I looked up to my batchmates and schoolmates from across the globe, admiring their passion for the work they do and the reasons why they do it. As many of us came from middle-income countries, we bonded over our commonalities while we celebrated our rich diversity. Over lessons inside the classroom, discussions in lecture halls, and talks over coffee and food outside school, we learned a lot from each other, ranging from global and domestic political and economic views, to the best places to eat and to go in Tokyo and other parts of Japan.

When I came back to the Philippines, I was once again given the opportunity to interact with people from various cultures and backgrounds through my work with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), specifically in the resiliency and peacebuilding unit. Indeed, my scholarship in Japan served as my springboard to build meaningful connections and to be part of a community of development advocates, policymakers, and practitioners whose work can (and actually does!) create ripples of positive effect in the world.

MYINT ZUE SOE (Myanmar)
Hitotsubashi University
Master in Public Policy
September 2013–August 2015

Prior to my studies in Japan, I worked as a research officer for the Central Bank of Myanmar since 2008. In 2013, I had a chance to pursue a master's degree for public policy (public economics) at the Asian Public Policy Program (APPP), Hitotsubashi University, thanks to the support of the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholarship and the Government of Japan. After graduating in July 2015, I resumed work at the central bank, and then in August 2016, I got promoted to assistant director, head of monetary statistics section under the research and statistics department. At present, I have been contributing all my knowledge and skills for forecasting and policy analysis and teaching the junior staff at in-house trainings. Moreover, I am participating in the Myanmar macroeconomic framework as a core group member, and macroeconomic forecasting and financial statistics cluster as a joint secretary.

During the 2-year study in the APPP, I learned a lot, particularly in the concepts of macroeconomic theories and practices, fruitful policy analysis tools, useful econometrics and related governments' policies. Indeed, the APPP totally changed me into a mature contributor with a sound understanding, fruitful knowledge, and analytical skills. And one of the memorable events in APPP life was that I received a great opportunity to present my thesis at the 8th ADB–JSP Research Forum. Moreover, the knowledge and exposure I gained made me very confident, gave me a high degree of motivation in my organization, and provided me with the ability to add these concepts in my job. Thus, I am very proud to be a graduate of APPP. Taking this opportunity, I wish to convey my heartfelt gratitude to my professors and the APPP for making me who I am today. And my grateful thanks to the ADB–JSP that fulfilled my dream with a full scholarship to study my master's degree at the APPP.

JOHN CARLO ABAD REBADAVIA (Philippines)
The University of Hong Kong
Master of Urban Design
September 2017–September 2018

The ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) was an eye-opener for me. Before I was awarded the scholarship, I had worked as an architect for 3 years in the Philippines. Seeking professional and career advancement, I was motivated to apply for support from the ADB–JSP for my master's of urban design studies at The University of Hong Kong (HKU).

The study experience at HKU broadened my horizon. Apart from knowledge gained inside the classroom, I learned a lot from exchanges with professors and other students who came from different parts of the world. I was also able to explore different cultures through a field trip to Europe. Having this diverse cultural exposure is essential for me giving that I am an urban designer.

The knowledge and experience that I gained are not only beneficial for me personally, but also very important for my home country. As a developing country, urban design is an integral part of Philippines's future growth. That's why I am very excited to be able to bring the latest knowledge home and to take part in charting my home country's development.

SUNAINA SHAKYA (Nepal)
The University of Hong Kong
Master of Urban Design
September 2017–August 2018

The award of the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) was a turning point for me. I am very grateful for ADB's support as the scholarship provided me an opportunity to pursue higher education abroad. Due to a lack of universities specializing in urban design in my country, Nepal, I wanted to study overseas and I chose the Master of Urban Design program at The University of Hong Kong (HKU).

Living away from home was a new experience for me and my studies in Hong Kong enabled me to view the world from a different perspective. The course at HKU taught me critical thinking and how to think outside the box. Teamwork, negotiation, and organization are other skills I acquired from my studies. The international field trip prompted me to think about lessons learned from urban design examples and how to enhance urban design for different places. I did research on urban design in Nepal as my thesis and it formed a solid basis for my future work. I am very much looking forward to applying my new knowledge to help transform my home country.

PRABHAKAR ROY (Nepal)
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
Master of Technology in Structural Engineering
July 2017–June 2019

First of all, I want to thank the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) from the bottom of my heart for providing me this great opportunity for realizing my dream of studying at the Indian Institute of Technology; one of the finest academic institution in the world. After completing my undergraduate studies in Nepal, I joined a prominent government-owned enterprise in the communication sector. As Nepal is an earthquake prone country, it is a very challenging job to plan, design, and construct a sustainable infrastructure. And, as Nepal has entered into restructuring, it is of utmost importance to use our limited economic resources to construct long-lasting infrastructure, which is fundamental to a stable and developed nation.

Having been provided the chance to develop and enhance my understanding and skills with confidence in structural engineering, I can now turn my knowledge into reality. The institute has helped me grow substantially as a professional, and I'm looking forward to making my learning count for the development of my country. I pay great acknowledgement to ADB–JSP for being a helping hand in the nation-building of countries like mine by providing a platform to nurture enthusiastic and competent minds to become a great human resource, which is a fundamental requirement for development.

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minds to become a great human resource.**

LILA KUMAR KHATIWADA (Nepal)
International Rice Research Institute, University of the
Philippines Los Baños
Master of Science in Plant Protection
June 2001–June 2003

The ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) was instrumental in my career achievement as I learned hands-on skills on social research. I have been actively evaluating the impact of developmental interventions focused on agricultural development, environmental management, community health, and economic development projects. Currently, I am a senior research associate at the University of Notre Dame in the United States, where I work with United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and various country governments to measure the impact of their interventions in the lives of rural people. In Notre Dame, my current projects include:

- Malawi: Impact evaluation of food and nutrition program (USAID-funded)
- Tanzania: Evaluation of soybean and poultry value chain (USDA-funded)
- Mozambique: Community based disaster risk management study (UNDP-funded)
- West Bank/Gaza: Impact of people to people program in peace (United States Department of State-funded)
- Ghana: Impact evaluation of water infrastructure (MCC-funded)
- Nepal: Randomized Control Trials (RCT) based impact evaluation of child labor program (United States Department of Labor-funded)
- Uganda: Impact evaluation of clean cook stoves (Hilton Foundation-funded)

I was born and raised in a farmer's family in rural Nepal and if there were no support from ADB–JSP for my higher education, I would not be in my current position. The education that I was able to get in the Philippines also opened a new avenue to further my education. After my master's degree in the Philippines, I returned to Nepal and worked for a while with the Ministry of Agriculture in a Department for International Development-funded agricultural development project, and later I was accepted for my PhD in the University of Missouri with full financial support. I was able to finish my study with higher academic excellence and started working with University of Maryland in a Bill Gates Foundation-funded study program in East Africa. I am fully satisfied with what I have achieved today and it would not be possible without the support from ADB–JSP scholarship.

TRAN THI NHIEN (Viet Nam)
International Rice Research Institute, University of the
Philippines Los Baños
Master of Science in Genetics and Plant Breeding
August 2014–July 2016

In 2010, I finished a bachelor's degree in biotechnology. Right after graduation, I had a chance to be employed in Cuu Long Delta Rice Research Institute (CLRRI) as an assistant researcher. At CLRRI, I joined several research projects and met many scientists and great rice breeders. Hearing their success stories stimulated the motivational enzyme within me and I hoped to have an opportunity to study and further my education like they had.

I sought chances to study and never gave up my dream. Fortunately, I was awarded a scholarship funded by the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) at the International Rice Research Institute, Philippines.

After graduation, I went back to my home country and resumed my work at CLRRI as a researcher. In August 2017, I was nominated to go to the United States to join an on-the-job training at Dale Bumpers National Rice Research Center, Stuttgart, Arkansas. Luckily, in the same year November 2017, I was awarded a scholarship for my PhD at Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, in Pisa, Italy. Now, I am a 2nd year student in Sant'Anna. I would like to express my gratitude for the ADB–JSP scholarship, I can say that it really launched my career. It was a big chance for me to start scientific research and created many opportunities in my life.

VINEET SINGHAL (India)
International University of Japan
Master in Business Administration
September 2000–June 2002

The International University of Japan (IUJ) has been the key to my personal and professional success. It has been a long journey from a remote town of India to the United Nations in New York. This unique education broadened my horizon. I still remember that day in 2000, when I received the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholarship letter to study for a master's degree in business administration at the IUJ. My education at IUJ wouldn't have been possible without the generous scholarship from the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP). I am deeply thankful for ADB–JSP for having given me this once-in-a-lifetime. With my education at IUJ, I was successfully able to transition from a career in mechanical engineering to a career in internal audit and risk management.

I now work as an auditor with the United Nations. My education and experience at the IUJ trained me to work cohesively with colleagues from all different parts of the world. Our reports bring out issues that improve processes and accountability in the system. The job at United Nations provided me a unique opportunity to travel to different parts of the world, meet different people, and look at things from all different perspectives.

PHONGNARIN SUKCHAM (Thailand)
International University of Japan
Master of Arts in International Relations
September 2016–June 2018

From my current view, I look back at all the experiences I have encountered from my wonderful last 2 years. Certainly, life at the International University of Japan (IUJ) is one of the best things that has happened to me. With its charming multicultural society, “Where The World Gathers,” the university was not only a nice academic atmosphere, it was a place where I could learn from the perspectives of people from around the globe, and gain a lot of valuable experience in life. And surely, I will bring these to contribute positive changes to our global society.

During my 2 years of studying in Japan, I actively contributed to and participated in various activities with local and international communities in the Japanese public and private sectors, especially Global Citizenship Education’s activities for children and the local community. I believe that taking action is crucial in achieving success. Besides the academic life, I learned the true nature of the Japanese countryside. In the small town, Minamiuonuma, where I lived, I met nice people who always helped and supported me in every way they could. I came to Japan knowing nothing about the Japanese language and culture but finally managed to earn a “Japan-Related Course” certificate and attained intermediate Japanese language skill. All these experiences helped me to become an intercultural contributor who respects the cultural diversity of both the Japanese and the international communities.

My academic and extracurricular experiences pushed me to pursue the best opportunity of a future career in my home country, Thailand. I am happy to say that I am working with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), smoothly and with understanding of the concepts regarding international development. This has been one of the best opportunities in my life. My efforts were successful because of the great support from the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) and the International University of Japan. Thank you very much.

RACQUEL THERESE ACUIN (Philippines)
International University of Japan
Master of Arts in International Relations
September 2018–June 2020

Life in Japan has been an interesting journey since I moved here to study international relations at the International University of Japan (IUJ). The community is really diverse with people from different cultural backgrounds coming from over 50 countries. It is really where the world gathers.

I am glad to have been given the opportunity to join the university’s Graduate Student Organization Executive Committee, where I got the chance to lead and to work with people in a global setting. It made me realize how different we all are, but it also made me understand that despite our differences, we are still able to work together and accomplish many things, such as putting up cultural events for the students and their families, and even holding an outdoor sports event that was open to the locals as well.

For these unique experiences, I am truly grateful to the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program. I thought I came here just to study but now, I realize I am learning not just about the master’s program I signed up for but also how amazing it is to experience building relationships, maximizing networks, and finding real friends in a global setting.

My journey has just started, and I am excited to learn more along the way and be able to bring the memories and the lessons back to my country.

MARIA AZRIEL THERESE EALA (Philippines)
Keio University
Master of Science in Engineering
September 2016–September 2018

My insatiable curiosity and love for lifelong learning led me to a path that changed my life drastically. I have always wanted to pursue a master's degree; however my financial situation did not allow me that luxury. Lucky enough, I was awarded the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholarship and everything just fell into place.

Being able to live and stay in a country that predominantly does not speak a language that you know is quite difficult. However, the challenges that I faced gave me more motivation. Along with taking computer science courses, I took Japanese language courses, to be able to interact and go about in Japanese society. Taking the language courses taught me not only how to read and write in Japanese but it gave me insight on the colorful and traditional culture of Japan.

Aside from taking classes and doing my research, the interaction with the people around me was invaluable to my growth as a person. Getting to know people of different backgrounds gives you a wider and more open perspective of the world. The ADB–JSP scholarship not only gave me a chance to build up my knowledge in computer science and software engineering but it was also a platform for me to widen my outlook in life.

I am very grateful to have been awarded the ADB–JSP scholarship, which allowed me to take my master's degree in software engineering at Keio University in Japan. The 2 years I've spent there led to the broadening of my horizons and enriching and enhancing my knowledge in my field. I have made so many friends and have learned a lot from them: about their countries, culture, and perspectives.

RONNY HO (Malaysia)
Keio University
Master in System Design and Management
October 2016–September 2018

Keio University's Graduate School of System Design and Management provided me with a framework to solve real-world problems. It was through the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) that I was able to pursue further education in graduate school. Both the graduate school and ADB–JSP's rich array of cultural diversity created many enriching opportunities.

Following my graduation after submitting my master's thesis on "Identifying Volunteer Needs in Non-Profit Organizations," I returned to Malaysia and pursued a career in management consulting research. My experience with the ADB–JSP and in Keio University provided me with a unique perspective and approach to solving career problems for which I am very grateful.

KHISA DHRUPADI (Bangladesh)
Kobe University
Master in Regional Cooperation Policy Studies
October 2018–September 2020

I am really grateful to the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program for providing me an opportunity to continue my master's degree through their funding in a magnificent country like Japan. Now I am studying disaster management in Kobe University. As with Japan, my home country Bangladesh is a disaster-prone country. Both countries struggle to deal with natural disasters. So, the courses and subjects of the degree are really helping me to understand the scenario of disaster management and also facilitating me to do my research successfully in this field.

I have been visiting many disasters affected areas in Japan where I am learning practically how to deal with the aftereffect of any disaster. Moreover, my scholarship is not only helping me financially and educationally, but also helping me create a global network with the scholars of different countries. It also gives me the opportunity to improve my communication skill, which will help me do well in my career.

I can still learn a lot of things in the coming days in Japan. I am really excited and glad that I have got this grand opportunity. Lastly, I want to say that I will definitely do something good for my country after completion of my master's degree and going back there.

MD. WASIM NEWAZ (Bangladesh)
Kobe University
Master in International Cooperation Policy
October 2017–September 2019

When I got to know of my selection as one of the recipients of ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP), it was not only a fact of joy for me, but a realization that I should have applied for such a scholarship award before!

However, I am always thankful to ADB–JSP for providing me the opportunity to pursue my postgraduate study in Japan, a wonderful country for learning and living. Also, I extend my sincere gratitude to my professor for supervising me on policy studies at a master's program in the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS) at Kobe University. The multidisciplinary courses offered at GSICS have truly broadened my understanding of social, political, and environmental issues. Thus, my present research on the political and institutional analysis of natural resources has extensively benefited from those modules. Additionally, interactions with ADB–JSP scholars from many countries, as well as with the esteemed graduate faculty of Kobe University, have truly placed me into an excellent hub of research knowledge and diversity. I firmly believe that I must succeed in transplanting my education from Japan into my professional work practically and resourcefully.

RUSTAM ABDULLAEV (Uzbekistan)
Kobe University
Master in Regional Cooperation Policy Studies
October 2017–September 2019

The ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) has drastically changed my life and I’m really very grateful to this wonderful program. Working for the Regional Department of the Ministry of Justice of Uzbekistan as a specialist and dealing with issues of nonprofit organizations, I was always thinking about the continuation of my studies, deepening my knowledge and becoming a more skilled and experienced specialist, who is able to make a much bigger contribution to the development of the country. ADB–JSP gave me this opportunity and made my wishes come true, providing me with everything necessary for my studies.

Studying at Kobe University of Japan, thanks to ADB–JSP and highly qualified professors of Kobe University, I had a great opportunity to expand my knowledge in various fields of Japanese and International Law by attending regular lectures, intensive courses, and seminars. Moreover, I had the rare opportunity to get acquainted and to discuss practical issues with highly qualified and experienced specialists, such as judges, lawyers of the bar association and law firms, specialists of the Ministry of Justice of Japan, the Japan Patent Office, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Japan Association of Charitable Organizations, the Japan Nonprofit Organization Center and others. Together with this, while writing my master’s thesis on the improvement of financial sustainability of nonstate nonprofit organizations, I was able to publish an article in the Japan International Institute for Volunteering Research magazine devoted to the overview of the “third sector” of Uzbekistan, which was very significant for me because it was my first international publication. In this regard, I’d like to express my deep gratitude to ADB–JSP once again and also to my supervising professor, Dr. Yuka Kaneko, for enormous support in my studies.

ADB–JSP gave me this opportunity and made my wishes come true, providing me with everything necessary for my studies.

ABHISHEK VERMA (India)
 Kyoto University
 Master in Business Administration
 April 2017–March 2019

I consider myself very lucky and am very grateful to the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) for giving me a chance to pursue a very relevant and important course from one of the most prestigious universities in Japan.

In the International Project Management Course (IPROMAC), in addition to business and project management studies, scholars must conduct academic research in a relevant field in their second year.

In the first semester, scholars introduce the research topic, conduct preliminary data collection, present the hypothesis and give a roadmap of the entire research project. In the second semester, scholars conclude the research and present the findings before the entire faculty of the GSM.

Under the guidance of my supervisor, Professor Gautam Ray, we attempted to conduct research on the Indian school system and create a model for estimating the accessibility and inclusivity in school education. Through panel data estimation using EViews software, we also tried to examine the effects of various infrastructure variables on the enrollment figures.

I collected data related to population, enrollment, various school infrastructure statistics such as number of schools, classrooms, electricity, drinking water, girls toilets, etc. for over 615 districts all across India. Our in-depth research was widely appreciated by students and faculty members and my research was awarded with the “Best Research Workshop” Award.

I want to thank ADB–JSP for letting me experience such an excellent academic atmosphere where I feel much enriched as a student.

KARTIKA RESTU SUSILO (Indonesia)
 Kyoto University
 Master in Agricultural Science
 October 2016–September 2018

In 2016, I arrived in Kyoto ready to embrace the challenges it threw at me. Studying in a top university in Japan was a completely new world, with new people, a new culture, and new learning—a new beginning altogether. My master’s degree has provided me with unique skills to understand biodiversity and indigenous knowledge of agriculture, especially on tropical fruits. The rich experience of studying with the learned professors and students enriched my knowledge.

In addition, I had an opportunity to attend the United Nations Youth Assembly 2017 in New York to promote Sustainable Development Goal 15 on managing forests, ending desertification, and enhancing biodiversity. This was a precious opportunity because not only did I improve my research skill and my technical expertise, but I also expanded my horizons by connecting with superiors and experts in the field. After completing my studies in 2018, I was changed into a wiser, more learned, and more motivated woman. It was not an easy road to travel, but I made it nonetheless, all thanks to the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program scholarship that took me on this road.

Upon completion of my degree, I returned to Indonesia to apply the knowledge and the skills I had acquired in Japan. I joined the tropical agriculture plantation company as a head manager. My main duty is to produce the best tropical agriculture fruits such as banana, mango, and pineapple for the people of the world.

SAW WIN MYO SAN (Myanmar)
Kyoto University
Master in Agricultural Science
October 2018–September 2020

Born and raised in a small village near the Thailand–Myanmar border where fighting between the military and ethnic armed groups used to be commonplace, going to school was a dangerous endeavor. When I was very young, one could be imprisoned just for listening to BBC or international news. Growing up in such a volatile conflict area, it was nothing more than a dream to study abroad.

Soon after graduating from the University of Forestry in Myanmar in 2010, I started working for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation. I worked there for 4 years as a junior officer and moved on to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to continue working on the World Heritage nomination of one of the protected areas of Myanmar. I worked in the forestry and environmental conservation sector for more than 7 years. Although I gained some good experiences on the ground, I always felt something was missing in me. I wanted to contribute more to the environmental conservation and gear up myself for a brighter future career path. In 2018, I got the opportunity to further my studies and strengthen my technical expertise. I would like to thank the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program for making my dream come true. After my master's degree, I will devote myself to the protection and safeguarding of the natural environment in Myanmar.

KHIN MYAT THU (Myanmar)
Kyushu University
Master of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Science
October 2018–September 2020

When I finished my bachelor's degree at Yezin Agricultural University, I decided to help farmers as a deputy staff officer at the Department of Agriculture under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation. As Myanmar is an agriculture-based developing country, our agriculture sector still needs to develop to upgrade farmers' prosperity. I always had a passion to earn my postgraduate degree abroad, so I tried to get an opportunity while I served my responsibility in my department. Luckily, the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) offered me a great chance to study in Kyushu University, one of the most prestigious universities in Japan. I am very fortunate to be selected as an ADB–JSP scholar for the 2018 academic year. Therefore, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to ADB–JSP for awarding me and also to my professor, Ikuo Miyajima (Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Kyushu University) for accepting me as a candidate and allowing me to explore my full potential.

My experience at Kyushu University will be a stepping stone for my career success. It is a great challenge academically and personally for me. Currently in my first semester here, I am studying to fulfill required credits for graduation and preparing to conduct my research on horticulture science. I acquired much knowledge and experience through classroom discussion and field trips. Studying in Japan is also a good opportunity to learn Japanese and to meet friends from different countries and help myself understand and respect multiple cultures which are an essential part of working in diversified areas. I am now well accustomed to the new environment with the help of my friends, the friendly staff, and kind professors, and I am trying my best to accomplish my study in a happy, welcoming, university in Japan.

SOE MOE NWE (Myanmar)
Kyushu University
Master of Agro Environmental Science
October 2018–September 2020

Before coming to Japan, I worked in environmental impact assessment and management at the Environmental Quality Management Company in Myanmar. While working, I decided to apply for a scholarship to get more experiences, knowledge, and critical-thinking skills, which would be helpful to address the difficulties and challenges of Myanmar. I sincerely thank the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) for granting me a scholarship to study in Japan, one of the most developed countries in the world. I also would like to express my gratitude to my professor, Kyoichi Otsuki for giving me a chance to conduct my master's degree at the Forest Ecosystem Management Laboratory at Kyushu University. With his supervision, I have learned the concepts and procedures of conducting experiments. Pursuing a master's degree at Kyushu University is the perfect chance to develop both my personal and professional experiences, by interacting with professors and students from different countries, and discovering new cultures and traditions.

Knowledge gained at Kyushu University will be applied in my future as a professional. I hope to develop technically-sound solutions within the framework of maintaining or improving environmental quality, complying with public policy, and optimizing the utilization of natural resources. Generally, studying in Japan will broaden the scope of my knowledge and skills to proffer creative solutions to challenges in my country.

AUNTHICHA JIRATHAWORNLERK (Thailand)
Nagoya University
Master of Arts in International Cooperation Studies
April 2015–March 2017

When I was a child, I learned that Thailand was a developing country by noticing the huge gap between the rich and the poor. I convinced myself that I would like to be a part of the development mechanism to nurture better lives for others. The ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) was a life-changing opportunity for me, allowing me to pursue higher education at the Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University, the first of its kind in Japan. The scholarship connected my background in commercial law to international development. I accumulated hands-on experience through overseas fieldwork and was able to join a research project at the Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance at the University of Cambridge.

I had thought it would be difficult to shift from a career as a lawyer in a financial institution to a career in the development industry. Thanks to the master's degree supported by the ADB–JSP, I landed my first development job as a grants and contracts specialist in one of the biggest educational development projects in Thailand. Currently, I am working as a finance and contracts officer at the Delegation of the European Union (EU) to Thailand on international cooperation and development aid projects and programs supported by the EU covering eight countries in Asia and the Pacific.

Wholeheartedly, I am most grateful to both ADB–JSP and the Government of Japan for providing the best educational opportunity for me. I am willing to be a part of the development process to spread competencies, skills, and experiences, to others facing development challenges.

MELINDA GAYLE LIMLENGCO (Philippines)
Nagoya University
Master of Arts in International Development
April 2016–March 2018

Given my background as a consultant for agriculture related development projects, I decided to pursue my master's degree in international development under the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program, hoping to get new perspectives on sectoral issues and to find alternative solutions for greater impact.

Interestingly, graduate school shed light on just how complicated the development landscape can be. Professors and classmates would share their own experiences from their home country or their country of expertise, showing that there are many different factors that come into play in addressing key challenges, and that certain solutions may even lead to more problems. Clearly, development goes well beyond just good intentions and the desire to make a difference.

Yet despite these frustrations, the master's course strengthened my resolve to persist—to learn both from successes and failures, and to remain optimistic that efforts will significantly contribute to people's welfare.

I bring all these learnings with me as I take on a role in the business development department in the International Rice Research Institute, identifying opportunities for collaboration and developing partnerships with stakeholders to improve the welfare of rice farmers and consumers all over the world.

AUNG THET PAING (Myanmar)
Ritsumeikan University
Master in Economics
October 2015–September 2017

Before I was awarded the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholarship, I was working at the Centre for Economic and Social Development (CESD) in Myanmar as a research assistant on a labor and inclusive development project. After I got 2.5 years' experience in the socioeconomic-related research field, I started to apply to international scholarship programs in order to build up my capacity and I was selected to study in a master's program in economic development at Ritsumeikan University. I would like to say thank you to the ADB–JSP for giving me a scholarship opportunity and for upgrading my skills and knowledge.

After finishing my master's, I was hired as a project manager at the International Growth Centre, which was doing evidence-based research on the Thilawa Special Economic Zone development in Myanmar. My master's thesis at Ritsumeikan University was on labor regulations' effect on firm-level productivity in Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) developing countries, with a focus on the Thilawa Special Economic Zone. In the zone, most firms receive support from Japanese investment, such as from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which has provided a lot of infrastructure needs and technical aid for Myanmar. I am very satisfied with my work, because I can do my best to participate in a Japan–Myanmar investment development program in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

JHABINDRA PRASAD GHIMIRE (Nepal)
Saitama University
Master of Engineering in Civil and Environmental Engineering
April 2002–March 2004

As a practicing engineer after my undergraduate degree in civil engineering, my ambition was to learn something more from an international-level university. It was a turning point in my life when I got selected for a master's degree in engineering under the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) at Saitama University, one of the best universities in Japan. This opportunity gave me an exposure to learn not only about the research in my field, but also to see and experience the wonderful infrastructure that Japan has developed. Experiences in Japan were beyond my imagination. I will never forget the very helpful faculties and wise supervisor who taught me how research can be conducted.

After completing my degree, I returned to my country, Nepal. I joined Saitama University 1.5 years later to complete a doctorate in civil engineering with my master's supervisor, and together we published articles on our research in reputed international journals. I had a dream of knowledge and technology transfer in civil engineering infrastructure development from Japan to Nepal. To fulfill that, I worked with a multinational design and consulting company in Tokyo after my doctoral graduation.

After a few years of work in the company, I returned to Nepal and started Asha Consulting Group Pvt. Ltd., a design and consulting company in the capital, to help in the infrastructure development of the country. I think the main goal of the ADB–JSP is to improve local manpower in developing countries using knowledge gained in institutions in different countries. I have tried to fulfill this goal.

UDAYANGA SAJITH PATHIRAJA ARACHCHILLAGE
(Sri Lanka)
Saitama University
Master of Engineering in Transport Planning
April 2018–March 2020

A believer in innovation, fascinated by engineering phenomena and applications, I completed my bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering at the University of Moratuwa in Sri Lanka. I am now truly privileged and humbled to have received the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) award to attend the prestigious Saitama University for my graduate studies. Sri Lanka's proven track record at Saitama University, with a lengthy chain of success stories, enabled me to understand that training in transportation engineering in Japan could help me reach my goal of a future in academia.

I have almost completed the first year of my master's degree, while being molded by the state-of-the-art research culture in Japan. I'm working on a novel approach of crowdsourcing data for transportation engineering applications. Policies of continuous urban road construction have failed to cope with the ever-increasing need for motorized transport, resulting in a vicious circle. I firmly believe that more attention should be given to developing nonconventional and environmentally-friendly transportation systems to meet rising urban demand. I am determined to do my best to develop safe, secure, and comfortable cities in Sri Lanka through a combination of engineering and social science.

KHAWAJA ADEEL TARIQ (Pakistan)
Saitama University
Master of Engineering in Structural Material Engineering
April 2008–March 2010

I was fortunate to get the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholarship in 2008. I was working as junior engineer at National Engineering Services Pakistan when I was offered a scholarship for a master's degree in civil engineering at Saitama University in Japan.

Pakistan is a developing country with a lot of opportunities in construction and other areas. It has great potential in hydropower generation but many of the proposed sites are in earthquake prone areas. Pakistan has been affected by earthquakes in the past and the probability of future major earthquakes exists. Japan has excellent infrastructure and its universities are very good, particularly in the field of earthquake engineering. My research at Saitama University was on the use of cement-treated-sand to enhance the lateral capacity of foundations subjected to cyclic loading. The knowledge I gained during my stay in Japan boosted my career, both academically and professionally. After successful completion of my master's of engineering at Saitama University, I managed to complete my PhD. Presently, I work as the head of the Department of Civil Engineering at the Chenab College of Engineering and Technology in Gujranwala, Pakistan.

I believe my ADB–JSP scholarship paved the way for me to achieve excellence in the field of civil engineering. Additionally, the ADB–JSP scholarship brings people of different nationalities together, which helps in enhancing communication skills. It was my first experience of working and participating in various social activities in a multicultural environment and I enjoyed it a lot. I enjoyed the company of the Japanese people and will remember their hospitality and kindness my entire life.

DHRUBO ALAM (Bangladesh)
Tokyo Institute of Technology
Master of International Development Engineering
Apr 2014–March 2016

In 2014, the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) provided me with a rare chance to study under the guidance of renowned faculty at the Tokyo Institute of Technology, and be part of astounding research teams pursuing great achievements. My main work and research concentration there was on urban transport, especially public transport planning and accessibility.

I started working as a transport planner after coming back to Bangladesh in 2016, and recently (2018) joined the Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA) as a transport consultant. In the foreseeable future, I visualize myself as a resourceful transport planner-cum-researcher working for the inhabitants of the cities, predominantly in the research and development sector. Despite the odds facing developing countries, I remain optimistic that in the future, sustainable technology and engineering will be able to solve many of the problems that seem inimitable today, not only for Bangladesh, but around the world. The famous United States President, John F. Kennedy once said, "Our wealth did not create our transport infrastructure; it is our transport infrastructure that created our wealth." The ADB–JSP strengthened me and was the biggest asset and experience in my journey to be part of a triumphant story. I express my heartfelt gratitude to both the ADB–JSP and the Tokyo Institute of Technology.

DANG HUYEN TRANG (Viet Nam)
University of Tsukuba
Master of Arts in Economics
October 2015–Mar 2017

It has been 2 years since I graduated with a master's of economic policy from the Program of Economic and Public Policy at the University of Tsukuba. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) for fully supporting my 2-year master's study (2015–2017). During my study in Japan, my mind was broadened on economic development and immersed in different cultures.

Upon my graduation in 2017, I returned to Viet Nam to work as a researcher at the Mekong Development Research Institute (MDRI), which is ranked number one among economic institutions in the country and among the top 17% of 12,700 economic institutes in the world. During my work, I applied what I learned in Japan through participating in local development projects, which support vulnerable groups, such as women and children, ethnic minority groups, and the poor in remote areas. I recalled a field trip to a mountainous province where my team conducted a water and sanitation study with ethnic minority women. A female participant told me that our project activities empowered them in the community. I hope to continue contributing my knowledge and experience to the development of Viet Nam.

ASKAR ISMAILOV (Uzbekistan)
University of Tsukuba
Master of Arts in Economics
October 2017–March 2019

Upon realizing the need to further develop my knowledge for career advancement, the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) award provided a timely and rare opportunity to pursue my master's of arts in economics at the University of Tsukuba, one of the top ten universities in Japan. The master's program has expanded my knowledge in important areas, notably public economics, public policy, and econometrics.

During the process of writing my thesis on the effect of mobile services on saving, borrowing, and remittances of households, I was able to learn to use geographic information system (GIS) in financial sector analyses. I believe the results of my research paper will assist my country in the integration of innovations in financial services with the use of mobile phones to significantly expand the access and use of financial services, especially in remote areas where the banks are unable to deliver their services. Also, my analysis showed that being a user of mobile money services increases the likelihood of borrowing for education and school fees, therefore revealing its importance in facilitating the payments of school-related expenditure.

FATEMA KASHEFI (Afghanistan)
University of Tsukuba
Master of Arts in Economics
October 2018–March 2020

Before being awarded the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholarship, I served with various governmental institutions in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in different capacities. My recent tenure was head of communication and public relation in the special anticorruption secretariat within the office of the President of Afghanistan. In general, most of my work experience has been in areas of social affairs within various public sector entities, mainly the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Interior Affairs, and the Ministry of Urban Development of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Economic analytical tools are central to the development field and are crucial components in designing and evaluating public policies for shaping the future. Pursuing a master's in economic and public policy under the ADB–JSP scholarship in Japan enabled me to synthesize social research and politics with economics and to take a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach to the economy that includes social and political dimensions. This ability helps me integrate my existing skills with quantitative analyses and econometrics, and advanced up-to-date techniques and knowledge relevant to policy analysis in socioeconomic and other public policy areas, as well as conducting firsthand research. I am sincerely thankful for these opportunities, which not only build my capacity on an individual scale, but also make me able to persist in my endeavor as a “servant leader” for a prosperous future for my country.

AYE MYA THANT (Myanmar)
United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability
Master of Science in Sustainability
September 2016–July 2018

For someone like me from a middle class family in a developing country in Asia, having the chance to study at an international university was merely a dream. But there are some opportunities, like the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP), that enable these dreams to come true. Thanks to ADB–JSP, I got the chance to further my studies at the United Nations University (UNU) in Japan. At the university, a global think tank for sustainability, I experienced different fields of research related to sustainable societies, natural capital and biodiversity, global change, and resilience. With the kind support of professors and staff from the UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU–IAS), I overcame every difficulty encountered and completed my master's of science degree.

After graduation, I returned to Myanmar confident I could help deal with different problems in society. I became involved in watershed and coastal resource management, and was able to apply the theoretical knowledge, practical experience, and multiple skills I gained for sustainable natural resource management in my country.

I can say that ADB–JSP played a very important role in my academic capacity building and social life. Thank you so much ADB–JSP, UNU–IAS, and people of Japan for your warm hearts and kind help during my 2-year study. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude.

USITHA SIVAPRAGASAM (Sri Lanka)
United Nations University Institute for the Advanced
Study of Sustainability
Master of Science in Sustainability
September 2016–July 2018

After completing a bachelor of science in environmental sciences with first class honors from the Asian University for Women, I worked for a think tank called the Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA), which does research on poverty-related developmental issues. During my 2 years of work at CEPA, I learned a lot about issues regarding poverty and development. Despite my successful job experience, I have always been passionate about higher studies and I wanted to pursue further studies so that I could gain enough knowledge and skills to become a senior researcher who can design, do research on her own, and find solutions.

One of the areas that I have always wanted to study and gain knowledge and skills in was sustainable development. Therefore, I applied to the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU–IAS), in Tokyo, Japan. I am grateful to the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) that enabled my dream of studying sustainability for my master's of science at UNU–IAS.

The 2 years from September 2016 to July 2018 have been tremendous in shaping me both academically and personally. I learned a lot about various sustainability issues relating to water, food production, management of natural resources, climate change, energy, and development. I am thankful to the different seminars we had at UNU–IAS, which not only taught us about sustainability issues, but also about the different methodologies for doing research in this field, as well as how to involve people in research through the transdisciplinary approach. I am happy that I was able to achieve an 'A' for all the courses that I took and I was able to design and complete a research study on household water consumption and management in my hometown. Furthermore, my stay in Japan was the first time for me to experience life in a developed country. The experience of living by myself made me a confident adult.

After graduating from UNU–IAS, I decided to take a break to have some quality time with my family. Now, I am in the process of writing a paper based on my master's research for publication in a journal. Also, as my studies at UNU–IAS have increased my desire for further studies in the field of sustainability, I am applying to graduate schools for PhD studies. At the same time, I am applying to job opportunities locally to use the knowledge and skills I gained from my master's to contribute to sustainable development.

My stay in Japan was the first time for me to experience life in a developed country. The experience of living by myself made me a confident adult.

WINDIE PERWIRA SARI (Indonesia)
The University of Auckland
Master of Disaster Management
February 2018–December 2018

A year ago, I got an opportunity from the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) to pursue a master’s of disaster management program at the University of Auckland. Due to its similar situation of being disaster-prone, like my home country, I wrote a thesis to define the long-term impact of the build-back-better concept as applied in Indonesia and New Zealand. The findings, hopefully, could be used to inform better preparedness for facing future disasters.

Moreover, during my study, I used the chance to explore and volunteer in local nongovernment organization activities, to familiarize myself with the organizational system. I supported Oxfam New Zealand on their annual event in Whakatane in 2018 and joined the disaster welfare and support team of the Red Cross New Zealand. Experience as a volunteer taught me knowledge and skills that helped me enhance my performance in working on development in my home country.

In the end, I would like to thank ADB–JSP for this opportunity, and extend my gratitude to the international student advisor in the University of Auckland. Their support has encouraged me to grow and overcome any challenges that lay ahead.

AYTAN HUSEYNOVA (Azerbaijan)
The University of Sydney
Master of Project Management
July 2017–November 2019

I was trying to get a scholarship to study a master’s in a prestigious overseas university for 4 years. I’ve applied to more than 18 awards all over the world. The most desired specialization I wanted to pursue was project management, since I had solid work experience in that field. When I had completely lost my hope, I got an email from the University of Sydney that said I had been granted an ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholarship to do a master’s of project management in the faculty of engineering and information technology. I am eternally grateful to ADB–JSP for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

During my studies, I have improved not only my knowledge but also my leadership, communication, and social skills. I joined the Project Management Institute (PMI), Sydney Chapter as a volunteer to contribute to the development and expansion of the chapter and to gain valuable insights from industry experts. My capstone project was related to PMI’s Australia activity as it involved interview shootings and video preparation for the PMI Australia Conference, 2019. I am proud that my work will be presented at such a big event.

My most significant accomplishment, in my opinion, was working as a project management officer for the Australian Computing Academy (ACA), which is the part of the University of Sydney. ACA is a great vessel to implement digital technologies curricula in Australian schools, and I am proud that I was the part of such a noble mission.

I genuinely believe that I will be able to apply my knowledge and experience gained during my stay in Australia to transform industry organizations to become more advanced, efficient, and culturally diverse.

DO THAI LINH (Viet Nam)
The University of Sydney
Master of Project Management
July 2018–January 2020

Studying at the University of Sydney as a ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholar was the best thing that ever happened to me. The classes that I attended were nothing like the classes that I would take normally. I attended classes in quantitative methods, which opened my mind to a number of brand-new ways of evaluating and processing project information. Thanks to the breadth of education that I am receiving, I know that valuable information about studying is not only from your own research but also from collaboration. Learning to collaborate is part of equipping myself for effectiveness, problem-solving, innovation, and lifelong learning.

While I have learned a lot at the University of Sydney, I feel that most of my growth has occurred outside of the classrooms. I connected myself to a network of people committing to make the world a better place. I have joined the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre, which promotes collaborations between more than 400 academics who specialize in Southeast Asia. Together we discussed topics from business to education, health, law, etc. I did not limit myself though, and made it almost a mission to find and talk to as many of the people there because I believe that the region should develop together to face the challenges of the 21st century. All in all, the motivation and encouragement I gained from the ADB–JSP scholarship has definitely fueled my academic pursuits and changed me forever.

JHALA GRACE SALAS (Philippines)
The University of Sydney
Master in International Relations
January 2018–December 2019

I consider my ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholarship experience as a “wholesome identity transformation.” Not only did it add to my knowledge as a scholar, it also transformed my perception of the world, and hence, my future.

Pursuing my postgraduate degree in international relations at the University of Sydney meant learning from leading scholars to critically assess the implications of problematic events in world politics and effectively put my thoughts in writing. I also joined many conferences, such as those where international experts in quantum physics, security studies, and international relations talk about underlying power relations in this century’s quantum race. For me, it is very important that theories learned in class are tabled for discussion in relation to vital issues and current events. Apart from world-class education, a key takeaway from this journey is the opportunity to see and explore a culturally-diverse Australia, and interact with many strangers-turned-lifelong friends during semester breaks!

Indeed, I am blessed to be given this life-changing gift to be able to pursue my passion for international politics in one of the best universities globally, build lasting relationships with people, and gaining competence to give back to my motherland when I come home. I will forever be grateful.

MICHAEL SIMON PAPA (Philippines)
The University of Sydney
Master of Project Management
June 2018–December 2019

Walt Disney once said “All dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.”

Having worked for 5 years as a project engineer in one of the leading clean and renewable energy companies in the Philippines, I had been exposed to the challenges of developing projects in the country. I felt that there were gaps in my skills and competencies that needed to be addressed through pursuit of higher learning in the field of project management.

It was in February 2018 when I finally gained the courage to apply for admission to the degree of master’s of project management (MPM) in one of the most prestigious and consistently top-ranked universities in the world, the University of Sydney. And even though the competition is extremely high and the probability of being granted a scholarship was very unlikely, I took the chance of applying for the much coveted ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP). To my delight, I gained admission to the degree starting July 2018 and my application for the scholarship was a success. Everything happened so unexpectedly and never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that what was once an aspiration would suddenly become a reality.

Flying to Sydney to pursue the degree was indeed a once-in-a-lifetime. The knowledge, learning, and international exposure that the MPM program instilled in me motivated me to work hard toward the optimistic goal of creating a change in the Philippines. From the fundamentals of quantitative and qualitative analysis to understanding complexities in systems, the program inspired me to strive and become part of the new generation of leaders who can effect a paradigm shift in the way we manage our projects.

As I near completion of my journey to my MPM degree, I always remind myself that I made the right decision of coming to the University of Sydney, and everything has been worth the hardships. All thanks to the ADB–JSP, since this program made my dream a reality. The chance of pursuing my master’s degree will forever be one of the most remarkable success stories of my life and I will always be grateful to the Asian Development Bank and the Government of Japan for this precious opportunity. Maraming Salamat ADB–JSP!

ARUN KUMAR SHARMA (Nepal)
The University of Tokyo, Department of Civil Engineering
Master in Coastal Engineering
October 2013–September 2015

I was occupied with research work during the final semester of my master's degree at the University of Tokyo, when I came to know about the massive earthquake that hit Nepal in April 2015. I couldn't feel the terror physically, since I was far away from home, but I could feel the emotions of pain and suffering of people by listening to firsthand accounts of family, friends, and relatives, as well as watching news on media. All these made me restless to travel back to my country.

After few days of arriving in Nepal in October, I started to work with a nongovernment organization that worked in coordination with the National Reconstruction Authority to train more than 1,500 engineers assessing damage of earthquake affected houses. Currently, I am working as a project manager in an organization called Build Change–Nepal. I lead a team of technical support staff who provide training to homeowners, community workers, builders, and engineers on earthquake resistant housing. Our main objective is to provide sociotechnical facilitation and consultation to more than 23,000 houses affected by earthquakes in Nuwakot, one of the most affected districts of Nepal. As part of sociotechnical facilitation, we provide earthquake resistant design and support government in implementing the national building code. We also provide consultation and building permit support to homeowners in close coordination with local authorities, followed by onsite monitoring and supervision of ongoing construction.

I want to thank the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) for providing me with an opportunity to pursue my master's degree at the University of Tokyo, Japan. With such an excellent environment to use my creativity, enhance my skills of problem-solving and increase my confidence and leadership quality, the whole experience helped me immensely in contributing effectively toward the rebuilding of my country. After closely observing the area of Fukushima in Japan, which was hit by a tsunami in 2011, and after observing all the efforts made by Japan to establish an excellent technology for early warning system and disaster risk reduction, I am now planning to contribute toward the field of disaster risk reduction after the country completes its reconstruction process.

A heartfelt gratitude and a big THANK YOU to ADB–JSP and the University of Tokyo for such a great platform and learning opportunity!

MUHAMMAD HASNAIN ASLAM (Pakistan)
 The University of Tokyo - Department of Civil Engineering
 Master of Civil Engineering in Hydrology and Water
 Resource Engineering,
 October 2014–September 2016

Before getting my master's degree, I was an engineer in the water resource division in the National Engineering Services of Pakistan, where I worked on national and international projects and attained basic skills in carrying out sedimentation- and flood-related studies. It made me wish I could learn the latest knowledge and techniques in civil engineering. The ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) gave me the opportunity to achieve this in research laboratories at the University of Tokyo, the world's premier institute for civil engineering, under the competent and helpful supervision of professionals. My master's course equipped me with knowledge and skills beyond my expectations.

After completing my degree, I returned to the National Engineering Services of Pakistan with new inspiration. My assignments at the office are now mostly research-oriented and I am part of a team providing innovative engineering solutions to some of Pakistan's unattended issues. Directly drawing from my work in Japan, I have proposed engineering and bioengineering measures for soil erosion control in the Sulieman Ranges, as well as completed a World Bank-funded soil erosion susceptibility study of the 84,000 km² Tarbela watershed. The report our team prepared for the latter has been appreciated by national and international technical reviewers.

In the end, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the ADB–JSP and the University of Tokyo for providing me with the wonderful opportunity to improve my education and to build my capacity to serve the nation better.

NURYANTO SASMITO SLAMET (Indonesia)
 The University of Tokyo, Department of Civil Engineering
 Master in River and Environmental Engineering
 October 2009–September 2011

It was an excellent opportunity to pursue a master's degree at one of the best universities in the world, the University of Tokyo. My studies at the River and Environmental Engineering Laboratory in the Department of Civil Engineering broadened my academic and professional insight. I worked on a hydrological and hydraulic model for flood simulation there, and got to apply my knowledge and experience to improve the understanding and technical properties of Indonesian river and flood models.

I returned to Indonesia following my study, and in 2015 was promoted as head of research and development at an experimental station for rivers in the Research Center for Water Resources in the Ministry of Public Works and Housing. I served in that position for 1 year before leaving in 2016 to pursue a doctoral degree at the University of Queensland in Australia. I hope to finish my PhD journey next year.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program and the University of Tokyo for making a dream come true for me.

BHARAT RAJ BHATTA (Nepal)
 The University of Tokyo, School of International Health
 Master in Community and Global Health
 April 2016–March 2018

I always dreamed of pursuing my master's degree from an internationally renowned university and was looking for a scholarship to pursue it. This became a reality when I was selected as an ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) scholar at the Department of Community and Global Health at the University of Tokyo, one of the most prestigious universities in the world. Studying in Japan was a valuable experience for me both academically and professionally. Apart from this, I learned about the culture of Japan and of other countries as I had an opportunity to meet people from various parts of the world.

Currently, I am working with the World Health Organization as a public health analyst in Nepal, providing technical assistance for disease surveillance and research activities of the Department of Health Services in the Ministry of Health. I believe that my education has broadened my understanding of global health issues, enhanced my research skills, and also motivated me to contribute to global health research. I am thankful to my professor and the staff at the university for their support. All these would never have been possible without the support from the ADB–JSP. Thank you, ADB–JSP and the people of Japan, for this great opportunity.

RANIE DWI ANUGRAH (Indonesia)
 The University of Tokyo, Department of Urban Engineering
 Master of Urban and Environmental Engineering
 September 2016–August 2018

It was an honor when I got the opportunity to continue my studies at one of the top universities in Japan by participating in the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP). Being a Master of Engineering student at the University of Tokyo is something I definitely wanted. This new experience for me to study abroad in a different cultural environment from Indonesia was exciting and challenging. Luckily I made it through a phase of adapting to my new environment and finished my studies on time. I gained a lot of new knowledge from lectures, from my thesis research on tsunami impact assessment, and (outside of research) from learning Japanese culture.

Now I have returned to Indonesia and I am truly grateful to be an alumni of the ADB–JSP and alumni of the University of Tokyo. The program is very useful for my personal development and I would continue learning and applying it in my work environment.

ORAWAN KANSAWAT (Thailand)
The University of Tokyo, Department of
Urban Engineering
Master of Urban and Environmental Engineering
October 2014–September 2016

It was my great privilege to have an opportunity to study in a master's course in urban and environmental engineering at the University of Tokyo. I am very grateful to the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) for generously providing a scholarship for 2 years. Studying urban and environmental engineering in Japan was wonderful. It opened doors for me to meet not only students from different countries but also exemplary leaders, lecturers, mentors, and professors. Moreover, the intensive program developed my analytical and systems thinking. This was one of the most enlightening and rewarding experiences that I ever had. After completing my master's degree, I joined a company as a research and development technologist working on projects related to alternative sources for managing and supporting water utilities. On a professional level, I will contribute the knowledge and skills I learned in Japan to help develop my country.

Finally, I would like express my sincere gratitude to the ADB–JSP for its kind support, and to Associate Professor Hiroyuki Katayama and faculty members at the University of Tokyo. It was the best academic platform for me and helped to broaden my cultural awareness, life experiences and education.

The intensive program developed my analytical and systems thinking. This was one of the most enlightening and rewarding experiences that I ever had.

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Summary and Conclusions

Open and accessible institute of higher learning. The University of Tsukuba promotes the cultivation of human resources capable of symbiosis at the global level. It engages in efficient and strategic development to become an international stronghold for research and education (photo by Tsukuba University photo).

Since 1988, the ADB–JSP has been enabling 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 3,798 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 the innovation, knowledge, and technology needed to compete in a rapidly changing global community.

During the academic year 2018, the ADB–JSP supported 245 scholars (138 new scholars and 107 continuing scholars). At the end of the year, 138 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 2030.⁴ 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.

⁴ Footnote 2.

APPENDIX 1

Designated Institutions and Program Coordinators, ADB–Japan Scholarship Program

Collaborating for effective research.
The Graduate School of Frontier Sciences actively engages in regional collaboration, university–industry partnerships, and international exchange in order to put its research achievements to work for society (photo by The University of Tokyo, Division of Environmental Studies).

Table A1: Designated Institutions and Program Coordinators, ADB–Japan Scholarship Program

Institution	Location	Date Designated	Program Coordinator and Contact Details
Asian Institute of Management	Philippines	May 1988	Bryan Reginald Magbutay Registrar and Student Experience Director Eugenio Lopez Foundation Building Joseph R. McMicking Campus 123 Paseo de Roxas, MCPO Box 2095, Makati City 1260, Metro Manila, Philippines Tel +63 2 892 4011 loc. 1820 registrar@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 2 516 2126 admissions@ait.ac.th
The Australian National University Crawford School of Public Policy	Australia	April 1990	Elizabeth Ingram 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 Mānoa	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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Institution	Location	Date Designated	Program Coordinator and Contact Details
Hitotsubashi University School of International and Public Policy	Japan	June 2010	Masahiko Takeda Professor Asian Public Policy Program 2-1-2 Hitotsubashi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-8439, Japan Tel +81 3 4212 3145 Fax +81 3 4212 3146 appp-admissions@dm.hit-u.ac.jp
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 Ave., 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	Norihisa Miki Chair, Committee for International Affairs 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
Kobe University Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies	Japan	May 2010	Takeshi Inoue Associate Professor 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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Institution	Location	Date Designated	Program Coordinator and Contact Details
Kyoto University Graduate School of Engineering Graduate School of Management Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies Graduate School of Agriculture	Japan	November 2013	Mika Kitano Coordinator, International Education and Student Mobility Division, Education Promotion and Student Support Department Yoshida Honmachi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, 606-8501, Japan Tel +81 75-753-5411 Fax +81 75-753-5680 090kryugakusei@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp, keieikyomu@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp, 160tiyukankyoumu@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp, agri-kyoumu2@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp
Kyushu University Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences Graduate School of Law	Japan	June 2010	Tomonari Takahara Administrative Staff 744 Motoooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka 819-0395, Japan Tel (81)92-802-2298 Fax 81 92 802-2287 adb-jsp.ku@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp
Lahore University of Management Sciences	Pakistan	August 1988	Ahmad Saad Qureshi Assistant Manager - Grants & 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	Rumi Kondo Director, of Academic Programs Office 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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Institution	Location	Date Designated	Program Coordinator and Contact Details
National University of Singapore	Singapore	March 1989	Su Ann Teo Senior Manager, Admissions 15 Kent Ridge Drive, Singapore 119245 Tel +65-6516 3427 Fax +65 6872 4423 angelyn@nus.edu.sg
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 grad@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 Chanchengphop 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-I4-4 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 Programme Associate 53-70 Jingumae 5-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-8925, Japan Tel: + 81-3-5467-1212 Fax: +81-3-3406-7347 ias.admissions@unu.edu

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The University of Auckland	New Zealand	July 1996	Suriati Razman International Student Adviser Private Bag 92019 Auckland 1142, New Zealand Tel + 64 9 373 7599 ext. 84925 s.razman@auckland.ac.nz
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 Rm 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	Takashi 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 Division of Environmental Studies	Japan	February 2001	Hiroyasu Sato Associate Professor Graduate School of Frontier Sciences Building of Environmental Studies, Room #120, 5-1-5 Kashiwanoha, Kashiwa City, Chiba 277-8563, Japan Tel +81 4 7136 4558 Fax +81 4 7136 4560 ilo@edu.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp

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The University of Tokyo Graduate School of Public Policy	Japan	June 2010	Mayumi Takahashi International Student Adviser #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
The University of Tokyo School of International Health	Japan	April 1997	Kaoru Tanaka Program Coordinator Department of Community and Global Health, School of International Health, Graduate School of Medicine 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan Tel +81 3 5841 3698 Fax +81 3 5841 3422 adb@m.u-tokyo.ac.jp kaotanaka@m.u-tokyo.ac.jp
University of Tsukuba Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences	Japan	February 2011	Mari Minowa Director Program in Economic and Public Policy Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8571, Japan Tel +81 29 853 6785 Fax +81 29 853 6797 wbgsp@dppe.tsukuba.ac.jp

Source: Asian Development Bank.

APPENDIX 2

Scholarships Awarded and Completed, by Country, 1988–2018

Transforming students into experts.
The Graduate School for Public Policy of the University of Tokyo trains students to discover issues confronting modern society and plan public policy and systems to cope with issues from a global perspective. It transforms students into experts ready to serve as public officials who are capable of communicating and consensus building (photo by The University of Tokyo, Graduate School for Public Policy).

Table A2: Scholarships Awarded and Completed, by Country, 1988–2018

Nationality	1988–2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		Total			
	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	%	C	%
Nepal	320	282	18	15	16	17	15	18	13	17	12	13	394	10.37	362	10.52
Philippines	276	252	19	17	14	10	27	15	21	19	30	33	387	10.19	346	10.06
Bangladesh	303	250	18	20	16	20	18	17	16	17	15	12	386	10.16	336	9.76
Viet Nam	322	292	14	13	11	13	12	13	9	11	6	12	374	9.85	354	10.29
Indonesia	235	212	13	10	5	7	5	14	16	3	22	11	296	7.79	257	7.47
Pakistan	211	180	12	11	8	11	10	11	10	7	6	6	257	6.77	226	6.57
People's Republic of China	206	191	1	4	3	1		2		1			210	5.53	199	5.78
Sri Lanka	175	160	9	5	5	5	5	8	2	5	8	5	204	5.37	188	5.46
India	165	155	9	3	8	9	4	10	5	5	1	4	192	5.06	186	5.41
Myanmar	135	114	16	8	8	11	12	14	7	10	12	13	190	5.00	170	4.94
Bhutan	105	93	5	7	11	9	9	7	7	8	7	6	144	3.79	130	3.78
Mongolia	124	110	1	4	4	1	4	1	7	5	1	5	141	3.71	126	3.66
Thailand	82	72	7	7	6	1	7	9	7	6	4	6	113	2.98	101	2.94
Cambodia	93	82	3	6	3	3	3	5			1	1	103	2.71	97	2.82
Kyrgyz Republic	59	52		4	2	2	2		2	2	2	4	67	1.76	64	1.86
Other Nationalities	292	260	9	6	9	10	7	9	12	7	11	7	340	8.95	299	8.69
Total	3,103	2,757	154	140	129	130	140	153	134	123	138	138	3,798	100.00	3,441	100.00

A = awarded, C = completed.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

APPENDIX 3

Profile of ADB–Japan Scholarship Program Scholars and Graduates, 1988–2018

Grooming the next generation's leaders. Thammasat University today is not only a leading academic institution committed to producing graduates, creating research, and being an outstanding leader in academic innovations. It is also dedicated to grooming the next generation's leaders for Thailand and international communities (photo by Thammasat University).

Table A3.1: Number of Scholars by Gender, Degree Program, and Field of Study, 1988–2018

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
1988–2006	685	1,403	2,088	22	1,951	115	2,088	552	521	139	876	2,088
2007	66	78	144	0	143	1	144	24	37	20	63	144
2008	72	106	178	0	177	1	178	35	42	23	78	178
2009	55	85	140	2	134	4	140	24	41	21	54	140
2010	47	97	144	0	139	5	144	25	28	23	68	144
2011	56	66	122	0	120	2	122	18	37	21	46	122
2012	64	85	149	0	148	1	149	20	35	23	71	149
2013	56	82	138	0	138	0	138	16	43	23	56	138
2014	72	82	154	0	154	0	154	14	38	21	81	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
2018	78	60	138	0	131	7	138	17	43	18	60	138
Total	1,460	2,338	3,798	25	3,627	146	3,798	802	975	390	1,631	3,798

PhD = doctor of philosophy.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

Table A3.2: Number of Graduates by Gender, Degree Program, and Field of Study, 1989–2018

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
1989–2006	551	1,189	1,740	21	1,615	104	1,740	478	436	112	714	1,740
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	37	19	66	142
2011	57	83	140	1	135	4	140	34	38	20	48	140
2012	44	85	129	0	125	4	129	17	35	18	59	129
2013	56	74	130	0	128	2	130	20	38	20	52	130
2014	63	77	140	0	140	0	140	13	36	21	70	140
2015	59	71	130	0	130	0	130	14	40	24	52	130
2016	70	83	153	0	153	0	153	19	36	20	78	153
2017	66	57	123	1	122	0	123	16	37	15	55	123
2018	76	62	138	0	138	0	138	20	31	20	67	138
Total	1,311	2,130	3,441	24	3,294	123	3,441	740	877	354	1,470	3,441

PhD = doctor of philosophy.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

APPENDIX 4

Scholarships Awarded and Completed, by Designated Institution, 1988–2018

Japan's gateway to Asia. Kyushu University is a leading research-oriented institute of higher education in Fukuoka, which is historically renowned as Japan's gateway to Asia for profound cultural and economic interactions due to its geographical proximity to continental Asia (photo by Kyushu University).

Table A4: Scholarships Awarded and Completed, by Designated Institution, 1988–2018

Institutions	1988–2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		Total			
	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	%	C	%
AIM	459	440	16	13	13	12	14	12	13	12	13	13	528	13.90	502	14.59
AIT	327	299	16	15	4	5	9	16	10	4	10	12	376	9.90	351	10.20
ANU-CSPP	138	124	6	5	5	7	6	3	3	8	3	3	161	4.24	150	4.36
APU	10	5	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	22	0.58	17	0.49
EWC	152	141	4	3	6	7	5	4	3	4	4	6	174	4.58	165	4.80
GRIPS	232	209	10	15	12	11	5	12	9	5	10	8	278	7.32	260	7.56
HIT	7	2	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	12	0.32	8	0.23
HKU	147	130	3	6	5	3	4	6	6	4	3	4	168	4.42	153	4.45
IITD	49	34	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	0	1	57	1.50	43	1.25
IRRI	69	62	3	1	1	2	5	3	0	1	2	4	80	2.11	73	2.12
IUJ	332	296	14	13	10	11	14	15	12	11	14	14	396	10.43	360	10.46
Keio	18	13	5	3	0	1	2	5	1	0	1	2	27	0.71	24	0.70
Kobe	9	4	1	1	4	4	1	1	5	4	2	1	22	0.58	15	0.44
Kyoto	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	2	2	3	3	2	12	0.32	7	0.20
Kyushu	10	6	4	2	3	3	3	4	4	3	2	3	26	0.68	21	0.61
LUMS	86	71	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	2	0	90	2.37	74	2.15
NTU-NBS	8	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	17	0.45	16	0.46
NU-GSID	78	63	6	6	7	8	6	6	7	7	7	6	111	2.92	96	2.79

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Institutions	1988–2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		Total			
	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	%	C	%
NUS	114	102	3	6	7	4	4	6	5	5	4	4	137	3.61	127	3.69
RU	23	17	3	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	36	0.95	29	0.84
SU	166	142	13	13	9	9	13	13	10	9	13	12	224	5.90	198	5.75
SU-GSPS	14	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0.37	13	0.38
Tokyo-Tech	3	0	2	1	3	2	1	2	4	3	2	1	15	0.39	9	0.26
Tsukuba	4	3	0	0	2	1	2	0	2	2	3	2	13	0.34	8	0.23
TU	40	28	3	3	1	0	1	2	0	1	3	0	48	1.26	34	0.99
UNU-IAS	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	2	2	1	2	2	9	0.24	5	0.15
UOA	77	71	4	2	3	3	2	3	2	4	2	4	90	2.37	87	2.53
UOM	70	64	2	2	3	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	81	2.13	75	2.18
UOS	126	119	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	3	3	2	134	3.53	124	3.60
UOT-Civ Eng	172	154	9	7	7	7	10	9	5	7	8	8	211	5.56	192	5.58
UOT-Env	53	49	5	2	2	2	3	5	2	2	3	3	68	1.79	63	1.83
UOT-GraSPP	10	5	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	23	0.61	18	0.52
UOT-Int'l Health	85	74	5	6	5	5	6	5	4	5	3	5	108	2.84	100	2.91
UOT-Urban	15	11	3	3	2	1	4	3	3	2	3	4	30	0.79	24	0.70
Total	3,103	2,757	154	140	129	130	140	153	134	123	138	138	3,798	100.00	3,441	100.00

A = awarded; C = completed; AIM = Asian Institute of Management; AIT = Asian Institute of Technology; ANU-CSPP = 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; IRRI = 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 = The 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

ADB–Japan Scholarship Program Independent Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements for the Years Ended 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2017

Globalized university. Nagoya University is one of the nation's leading universities, taking steps to become a globalized university where students are able to acquire comprehensive knowledge, develop personal ethics, and aspire to international careers (photo by Nagoya University).

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**FOR THE YEARS ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2018 AND 2017**

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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 2018 and 2017, 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.

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 2018 and 2017, and the changes in its net assets 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 2018 and cumulative as of 31 December 2018 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. This 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deloitte & Touche" followed by a stylized flourish.

Public Accountants and
Chartered Accountants
Singapore

17 May 2019

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JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As of 31 December 2018 and 2017
Expressed in Thousands of US Dollars

	2018	2017
ASSETS		
DUE FROM BANKS (Note I)	\$ 3,141	\$ 1,561
INVESTMENTS		
Time deposits (Notes C, I and J)	8,450	11,046
ADVANCES TO DESIGNATED INSTITUTIONS	1,983	2,527
ACCRUED REVENUE	6	4
TOTAL	\$ 13,580	\$ 15,138
LIABILITIES AND UNCOMMITTED BALANCES		
PAYABLE TO RELATED FUND (Note D)	\$ 36	\$ 17
ACCRUED EXPENSES (Note E)	9	16
UNDISBURSED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED (Notes F and J)	4,954	3,652
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,999	3,685
UNCOMMITTED BALANCES (JSP-2) (Note G), represented by:		
Net assets without donor restrictions	8,581	11,453
TOTAL	\$ 13,580	\$ 15,138

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 2018 and 2017
Expressed in Thousands of US Dollars

	2018	2017
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
CONTRIBUTIONS (Note G)	\$ 4,269	\$ 5,569
REVENUE		
From investments		
Interest income	206	156
From other sources		
Interest income	54	26
Miscellaneous income	0	0
	<u>260</u>	<u>182</u>
Total	<u>4,529</u>	<u>5,751</u>
EXPENSES		
Scholarship distributions (Note F)	(7,214)	(8,108)
Administrative expenses (Note H)	(160)	(202)
Financial expenses	<u>(0)</u>	<u>(0)</u>
Total	<u>(7,374)</u>	<u>(8,310)</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS AND REVENUE LESS THAN EXPENSES	(2,845)	(2,559)
EXCHANGE (LOSSES) GAINS—net	<u>(27)</u>	<u>256</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(2,872)	(2,303)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	11,453	13,756
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 8,581	\$ 11,453

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 2018 and 2017
Expressed in Thousands of US Dollars

	2018	2017
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Contributions received	\$ 4,269	\$ 5,569
Interest received on investments	204	154
Interest earned on bank account	54	26
Miscellaneous income	0	0
Scholarship distributions	(5,395)	(7,643)
Administrative and financial expenses paid	(148)	(196)
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	(1,016)	(2,090)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Maturities of investments	551,227	747,937
Placement of investments	(548,631)	(747,091)
Net Cash Provided by investing Activities	2,596	846
Net Increase (Decrease) in Due From Banks	1,580	(1,244)
Due from Banks at Beginning of Year	1,561	2,805
Due from Banks at End of the Year	\$ 3,141	\$ 1,561

0 = Less than \$500.

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

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STATEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS
For the Year Ended 31 December 2018 and Cumulative as of 31 December 2018
Expressed in Thousands of US Dollars

<u>DESIGNATED INSTITUTION</u>	<u>Distributions 2018</u>	<u>Cumulative Distributions to 2017</u>
International University of Japan	\$ 862	\$ 25,129
University of Tokyo	526	21,845
Asian Institute of Management	503	14,011
Saitama University	636	14,290
National Center for Dev't. Studies	301	12,510
Asian Institute of Technology	390	9,642
East-West Center	278	9,308
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies	341	9,810
University of Sydney	132	5,934
University of Hongkong	232	7,160
Graduate School of International Development	315	6,527
University of Melbourne	158	5,399
University of Auckland	124	5,138
Institute of Environmental Studies	145	4,222
National University of Singapore	288	4,599
International Rice Research Institute	50	2,788
Lahore University of Management Sciences	39	2,442
Ritsumeikan University	169	2,320
Keio University	86	1,717
Thammasat University	46	960
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	19	773
Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo	171	1,339
Kyushu University	157	1,281
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University	145	1,237
University of Tsukuba	208	815
Nanyang Technological University	170	1,148
Hirotsubashi University	57	583
Kobe University	182	1,146
Tokyo Institute of Technology	154	683
United Nations University - Institute for Sustainability and Peace	213	511
Kyoto University	117	475
TOTAL	\$ 7,214	\$ 175,742

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JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 December 2018 and 2017

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 2018 totaled \$182,302,000 (\$178,033,000 – 2017).

The 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 the 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.

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

Functional and Reporting Currency

The United States (US) dollar is the functional and reporting currency representing the currency of the primary economic environment of the 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. 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 exchange rates at the end of the reporting period. These 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 the 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 the JSP are restricted for the payment of scholarships and direct and identifiable expenses incurred by ADB in the administration of the JSP.

Scholarship Distributions and Related Undisbursed Amounts

Scholarship distributions relating to the current academic year are recognized in the financial statements of the 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 2018 based on current costs amounted to \$5,507,000 (\$5,662,000 – 2017).

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 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued the following Accounting Standard Update (ASUs): (i) 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 amendments in this 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 impacted presentation and disclosures on the JSP's annual financial statements as of 31 December 2018, and are reflected in JSP-1, JSP-2, JSP-3 and Notes H and I; and (ii) ASU 2016-15, "*Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230) - Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*," which provides guidance for eight specific cash flow issues where current standards are unclear or lack specific guidance. This update became effective on 1 January 2018 and is reflected in JSP-3.

In June 2018, FASB issued ASU 2018-08, "*Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958) - Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made*", which should assist entities in (1) evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as contributions (nonreciprocal transactions) within the scope of Topic 958, Not-for-Profit Entities, or as exchange (reciprocal) transactions subject to other guidance and (2) determining whether a contribution is conditional. The amendments in this update are effective for ADB on 1 January 2019 but are not expected to have a material impact on the JSP's financial statements.

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In August 2018, as part of the FASB's disclosure framework project that is based on the newly issued FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Concepts No. 8 "Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting—Chapter 8: Notes to Financial Statements", the FASB issued ASU 2018-13 "Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820)—Disclosure Framework—Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement" which modifies and aims to improve the disclosure requirements on fair value measurements in Topic 820, Fair Value Measurement. This amendment is effective for ADB on 1 January 2020. ADB is currently assessing the impact of this ASU on the JSP's financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the JSP considers that its cash and cash equivalents are limited to DUE FROM BANKS, which consists of cash on hand and current account in banks used for operational disbursements and clearing accounts.

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 the JSP's investments. Investments are governed by the Investment Authority approved by the Board of Directors.

All investments held as of 31 December 2018 and 2017 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 1.91% (1.06% – 2017).

Fair Value Disclosure

The FV of investments as of 31 December 2018 and 2017 was as follows:

(\$ thousand)		Fair Value Measurements		
31 December 2018	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments				
Time deposits	\$ 8,450	\$ -	\$ 8,450	\$ -
31 December 2017				
Investments				
Time deposits	\$ 11,046	\$ -	\$ 11,046	\$ -

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

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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 the JSP and OCR.

The interfund payable to OCR as of 31 December 2018 and 2017 was subsequently settled on 25 January 2019 and 30 January 2018, 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 2018, the total number of annual scholarships awarded for academic years 1988-1989 through 2018-2019 was 3,798 (3,660 – 2017). The selected scholars are enrolled in designated national or international institutions located in ADB members with which ADB has an agreement. Undisbursed scholarships awarded under the Program as of 31 December 2018 totaled \$4,954,000 (\$3,652,000 – 2017).

NOTE G—CONTRIBUTIONS AND UNCOMMITTED BALANCES

In 2018, the Government of Japan committed contributions to the JSP amounting to \$4,269,000 (\$5,569,000 – 2017).

Uncommitted balances comprise amounts which have not been committed by the JSP as of 31 December 2018 and 2017.

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NOTE H—EXPENSES*Administrative expenses*

Administrative expenses include consultants, service fees to OCR, and other expenses, which are incurred for management and general supporting activities. The table below summarizes the administrative expenses for the year ended 31 December 2018:

(\$ thousand)

	2018
Staff related expenses	\$ 51
Business travel	25
Consultants	23
Audit fees	18
Other administrative expenses	43
Total	<u>\$ 160</u>

NOTE I—LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

Liquidity risk refers to the risk that the fund has difficulties in meeting its short-term obligations. As part of the JSP's liquidity management, it has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. In addition, as part of its liquidity management, the JSP invests cash in excess of daily requirements in short-term investments.

The JSP has a liquidity of \$11,591,000 consisting of DUE FROM BANKS of \$3,141,000 and INVESTMENTS in time deposits of \$8,450,000, available within one year of the balance sheet date to meet cash needs for general expenditure as presented in the Statement of Financial Position. None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditures within one year of the balance sheet date.

NOTE J—OTHER FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURES

As of 31 December 2018 and 2017, the 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 the JSP's assets and liabilities are considered to approximate FVs.

NOTE K—SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The JSP has evaluated subsequent events after 31 December 2018 through 17 May 2019, the date these financial statements are available for issuance. On 18 January 2019, the JSP received its 31st contribution from the Government of Japan amounting to \$4,269,000.

APPENDIX 6

Profile of Scholars and Graduates for Academic Year 2018

Training future policy makers. Hitotsubashi University, Asian Public Policy Program is an intensive course taught entirely in English and is targeted mainly at young Asian professionals pursuing careers in the public sector (photo by Hitotsubashi University).

Table A6.1: Number of Scholars by Gender, Degree Program, and Field of Study, 2018

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	6	7	13	13	0	13	4	9	0	0	13
AIT	8	2	10	10	0	10	1	0	0	9	10
ANU-CSPP	2	1	3	3	0	3	0	3	0	0	3
APU	2	1	3	3	0	3	0	3	0	0	3
EWC	3	1	4	4	0	4	0	0	3	1	4
GRIPS	8	2	10	9	1	10	0	0	10	0	10
HIT	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	2
HKU	1	2	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	3
IRRI	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	2
IUJ	11	3	14	14	0	14	5	9	0	0	14
Keio	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Kobe	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
Kyoto	0	3	3	3	0	3	1	0	0	2	3
Kyushu	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	2
LUMS	1	1	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
NTU-NBS	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
NU-GSID	5	2	7	6	1	7	0	7	0	0	7
NUS	3	1	4	4	0	4	1	1	1	1	4
RU	3	0	3	2	1	3	0	3	0	0	3

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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
SU	5	8	13	11	2	13	0	0	0	13	13
Tokyo-Tech	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	2
Tsukuba	1	2	3	3	0	3	0	3	0	0	3
TU	1	2	3	3	0	3	0	2	0	1	3
UNU-IAS	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	2
UOA	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	2
UOM	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	2
UOS	2	1	3	3	0	3	2	1	0	0	3
UOT-Civ Eng	4	4	8	8	0	8	0	0	0	8	8
UOT-Env	2	1	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	3	3
UOT-GraSPP	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	2
UOT-Int'l Health	0	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	3
UOT-Urban	1	2	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	3
Total	78	60	138	131	7	138	17	43	18	60	138

AIM = Asian Institute of Management; AIT = Asian Institute of Technology; ANU-CSPP = 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; IRRI = 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 & 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 = The 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, 2018

Institutions	By Gender			By Degree Program		By Field of Study				
	Female	Male	Total	Master's	Total	Business and Management	Economics	Law	Science and Technology	Total
AIM	5	8	13	13	13	4	9	0	0	13
AIT	8	4	12	12	12	1	0	0	11	12
ANU-CSPP	3	0	3	3	3	0	1	0	2	3
APU	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	2
EWC	3	3	6	6	6	2	0	3	1	6
GRIPS	4	4	8	8	8	0	0	8	0	8
HIT	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	2
HKU	1	3	4	4	4	0	0	0	4	4
IITD	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
IRRI	2	2	4	4	4	0	0	0	4	4
IUJ	7	7	14	14	14	5	9	0	0	14
Keio	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
Kobe	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Kyoto	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
Kyushu	2	1	3	3	3	0	0	1	2	3
NTU-NBS	1	1	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	2
NU-GSID	6	0	6	6	6	0	6	0	0	6
NUS	1	3	4	4	4	3	0	1	0	4
RU	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	2
SU	2	10	12	12	12	0	0	0	12	12
Tokyo-Tech	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
Tsukuba	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	2
UNU-IAS	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
UOA	4	0	4	4	4	1	0	0	3	4
UOM	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
UOS	2	0	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	2
UOT-Civ Eng	2	6	8	8	8	1	0	0	7	8
UOT-Env	2	1	3	3	3	0	0	0	3	3
UOT-GraSPP	1	2	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	3
UOT-Int'l Health	3	2	5	5	5	0	0	0	5	5
UOT-Urban	4	0	4	4	4	0	0	0	4	4
Total	76	62	138	138	138	20	31	20	67	138

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Source: Asian Development Bank.

APPENDIX 7

Theses and Research Papers Completed in 2018

Interdisciplinary research and education. Taking advantage of the traditional strengths in the social sciences combined with more recent initiatives across the natural and biomedical sciences, Kobe University is promoting interdisciplinary research and education to become an outstanding research university (photo by Kobe University).

Table A7: Theses and Research Papers Completed in 2018

Name	Nationality	Field of Study	Period of Study	Topic or Title of Research
Asian Institute of Management				
Geraldine Ann Layaoen	Philippines	M Business Administration	Sep 17–Dec 18	Marketing Development Strategy for Cordlife Philippines
Satish Chandra Kumar Ivaturi	India	M Business Administration	Sep 17–Dec 18	Go-to-Market Entry Strategy for Augmented Reality and/or Virtual Reality Maintenance and Training Solutions in Industry
Larry Galvez	Philippines	M Business Administration	Sep 17–Dec 18	Finance Lab India Fund
Nina Christiani Purnomo	Indonesia	M Business Administration	Sep 17–Dec 18	Improving Retention Rate at Shearwater Health: A Gamified Application of Employee Engagement and Performance Management
Yeshe Nidup	Bhutan	M Development Management	Jan 18–Dec 18	Strengthening Science Education in Middle Secondary Schools and Higher Secondary Schools in Bhutan Through Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
Enrico Gil Iletto	Philippines	M Development Management	Jan 18–Dec 18	Strategy for the Philippine Army Public Affairs Program
Dexter Balilla	Philippines	M Development Management	Jan 18–Dec 18	Strategy to Sustain the Defense Acquisition Efforts of the Philippine Airforce
Tshering Peldoen	Bhutan	M Development Management	Jan 18–Dec 18	Strengthening the Programs, Procedures, and Policies on Anti-Money Laundering and Countering of Financing of Terrorism: Bhutan Development Bank

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Name	Nationality	Field of Study	Period of Study	Topic or Title of Research
Virginia Gahid	Philippines	M Development Management	Jan 18–Dec 18	Supporting Inclusion of Baguio City School to Provide Basic Education Access to Deaf Learners
Pravesh Bhandari	Nepal	M Development Management	Jan 18–Dec 18	Shifting Humanitarian to Development Options for Bhutanese Refugee Through Livelihood Interventions in Nepal
Farhad Hooshmand Kabiri	Afghanistan	M Development Management	Jan 18–Dec 18	Strengthening the Income of Small Scale Grapes Farmers through Inclusive Value Chain in Guzara District of Herat Province of Afghanistan
Joy Melanie Tolentino	Philippines	M Development Management	Jan 18–Dec 18	Triple Bottom Line Business Plan for a Mining Company
Linn Aung Thu	Myanmar	M Development Management	Jan 18–Dec 18	Social Marketing Strategy, on Amending the Section 16 C in Myanmar Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law for Treatment Options
Asian Institute of Technology				
Suman Giri	Nepal	M Agricultural Systems and Engineering	Aug 16–May 18	Grain Yield and Water Productivity of Lowland Rice under Different Cultivation Methods and Alternate Wetting and Drying Moisture Regimes
Kazi Atiah Taiyebi	Bangladesh	M Aquaculture and Aquatic Resources Management	Aug 16–May 18	Effects of Probiotics and Co-Culture of Tilapia and White Shrimp on Their Survival and Growth Performance
Jacqueline Pangilinan Dayao	Philippines	MSc Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Management	Aug 16–May 18	Disaster Insurance for Farmers in the Philippines: An Assessment of Selected Municipalities in Nueva Ecija
Sonam Dorji	Bhutan	M Food Engineering and Bioprocess Technology	Aug 16–May 18	Value Chain Development and Feasibility Studies for Innovative Product Based on Large Cardamom (<i>Amomum Subulatum</i>): A Case Study in Bhutan
Noorie Safa	Bangladesh	M Gender and Development Studies	Aug 16–Jul 18	Vulnerable Masculinities: A Study among Unregistered Refugee Rohingya Living at Registered Refugee Camp in Bangladesh
Shamim Noor	Bangladesh	M Gender and Development Studies	Aug 16–May 18	Information Communication and Technologies and Women's Socio-economic Empowerment in Rural Areas of Bangladesh: Understanding Transformation in Gender Relation
Sharad Wagle	Nepal	ME Structural Engineering	Aug 16–May 18	Seismic Retrofitting of Low-Rise Reinforced Concrete Frame Buildings with Masonry Infill Walls in Nepal by Mesh Reinforcement

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Name	Nationality	Field of Study	Period of Study	Topic or Title of Research
Nisha Tripathee	Nepal	M Water Engineering and Management	Aug 16–May 18	Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources and Crop Yield in the Mohana River Basin, Nepal
Denkar	Bhutan	M Water Engineering and Management	Aug 16–May 18	Assessment of Climate Change Impact and Incorporation of Environmental Flows on Hydropower Production: A Case Study of the Chhukha Hydropower Project in the Wangchu River Basin, Bhutan
Marife Luardo Moreno	Philippines	M Agri-Business Management	Jan 17–Dec 18	Assessment of Factors Influencing the Export of Coconut Products from the Philippines: Johansen Cointegration Analysis
Rogine Joy Fuentes Ceballos	Philippines	M Business Administration	Jan 17–Dec 18	Determining the Important Product Cues Influencing Consumers' Purchase Decision for Processed Snack Products in Philippines
Golam Fahad Mullick	Bangladesh	M Microelectronics and Embedded Systems	Jan 17–Dec 18	An Infant Facial Expression Recognition System Using Deep Convolutional Neural Network
Australian National University, Crawford School of Public Policy				
Battsetseg Tseren	Mongolia	M Environmental Management and Development	Jul 16–Jul 18	Understanding Mega-Mining Induced Displacement and Resettlement and its Impacts on Pastoral Livelihoods in Post-Socialist Mongolia
Sadaf Qasim	Pakistan	M Environmental Management and Development	Jul 16–Jul 18	Analyzing the Effectiveness of Indus Water Treaty
East-West Center				
Sameer Saraswat	India	M Urban and Regional Planning	Aug 16–Aug 18	Asia Builds Ultra Compact Smart Cities: Understanding the Design and Technology Driven Approach to Sustainable Urban Planning
James Patrick Alonzo	Philippines	M Public Administration	Aug 16–May 18	Empowering the Grassroots through Youth Formation & Structuring Microcredit Facilities
Hitotsubashi University				
Tsolmonchimeg Munkhbaatar	Mongolia	M Public Policy	Sep 16–Aug 18	Natural Resource Abundance, Institution and Economic Growth: Implication for Mongolia
Rinaldi	Indonesia	M Public Policy	Sep 16–Aug 18	Determining the Optimal Marginal Individual Income Tax Rate in Indonesia

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Indian Institute of Technology Delhi				
Hazratullah Paktin	Afghanistan	M Transportation Engineering	Jul 16–Jun 18	Performance Evaluation of Foamed Bitumen
International Rice Research Institute				
Nguyen Van Hieu	Viet Nam	MSc Plant Breeding	Aug 16–Jul 18	Phenotypic Characterization of Diverse Germplasm and Genome-Wide Association Analysis of Stagnant Flooding Tolerance in Rice
Hun Ni Su	Myanmar	MSc Agronomy	Aug 16–Jul 18	Physiological and Morphological Responses of Selected Rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.) and Races to Flooding and Vegetative Growth
Mark Ian Calayugan	Philippines	MSc Plant Breeding	Aug 16–Jul 18	QTL mapping for Yield, Yield-Related Traits, Grain Zinc and Iron Concentration in Two Recombinant Inbred Populations of RICE (<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.)
Zin Mar Swe	Myanmar	MSc Agronomy	Aug 16–Jul 18	Correlation Analysis and QTL Mapping of Agronomic Traits, Grain Zinc and Iron Concentration Using Two Rils Populations of Rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.)
International University of Japan				
Thi Hien Thuong Do	Viet Nam	M Business Administration	Sep 16–Jun 18	Evaluation of the Scorecards to Effectively Classify Good Borrowers and Bad Borrowers in Vietcombank
Chung Dinh Duc	Viet Nam	M Business Administration	Sep 16–Jun 18	Viet Nam Tourism Industry: Challenges of Local Online Travel Agency (OTA) to Compete with Foreign Companies
Shaikh Shahriar Mahmud	Bangladesh	MA International Development	Sep 16–Jun 18	The Role of Education in Income Inequality in Bangladesh: An Analysis with the Household Income and Expenditure Survey Between 2005 and 2010
Sharada Sharma	Nepal	MA International Development	Sep 16–Jun 18	Educational Attainment and Expenditure Inequality in Nepal Decomposition Analysis Based on 2010/11 Household Survey Data
Julius Tan Sarcilla Gonzales	Philippines	MA International Development	Sep 16–Jun 18	Should More People Be Online? Measuring the Impact of Internet Diffusion on Economic Growth
Bopith Bun	Cambodia	MA International Development	Sep 16–Jun 18	Productivity Spillovers, Investment Climate and Inward Foreign Direct Investment: Micro-evidence from Cambodia

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Aye Thu Zar Thein	Myanmar	MA International Development	Sep 16–Jun 18	Education and Expenditure Inequality in Myanmar
My Tra Nguyen	Viet Nam	MA International Relations	Sep 16–Jun 18	Viet Nam–Japan Strategic Partnership During the Period 2006–Now
Khin Sandar Tun	Myanmar	MA International Relations	Sep 16–Jun 18	Myanmar Policy toward the United States since 2011
Phongnarin Sukcham	Thailand	MA International Relations	Sep 16–Jun 18	Esperanto as Perceived by the Political Leaders in the Early 20th Century
Thu An Thi Nguyen	Viet Nam	MA Public Management and Policy Analysis	Sep 16–Jun 18	Determinants Impact on Non-Performing Loans and Asset Management Company's Decision
Charmine Laurice Gemeniano Cacho	Philippines	e-Biz Business Management	Sep 17–Aug 18	Exploring Digitization in the Retail Clothing Industry using Augmented Reality
Byambabayar Uuganbayar	Mongolia	e-Biz Business Management	Sep 17–Aug 18	Feasibility Study of E-Commerce Opportunity for Baby Products in Mongolia
Prathip Kumar Sellathurai	India	e-Biz Business Management	Sep 17–Aug 18	How to Start an Ecommerce Business Without Much Investment and Any Inventory
Keio University				
Maria Azriel Therese Eala	Philippines	MSc Computer Science	Oct 16–Sep 18	Combinatorial-based Graphical User Interface Testing Incorporating Context Events
Ronny Yung Hui Ho	Malaysia	M System Design and Management	Oct 16–Sep 18	Identifying Volunteer Needs in Non-Profit Organizations
Kobe University				
Sadia Tasnim	Bangladesh	M International Studies	Oct 16–Sep 18	Adaptation to Landslides in Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh
Kyoto University				
Thant Zin Maw	Myanmar	M Agricultural Science	Oct 16–Sep 18	Forest Cover Change in a Protected Area in Southern Myanmar: The Impacts of International Gas Pipeline Projects and Ethnic Issues
Kartika Restu Susilo	Indonesia	M Agricultural Science	Oct 16–Sep 18	Indigenous Knowledge, Utilization, and Genetic Variability of Wild Mangoes (<i>Mangifera</i> sp.) in Indonesia
Kyushu University				
Ei Thazin Soe	Myanmar	M Agriculture and Resource Economics	Oct 16–Sep 18	Improved Variety Adoption and Technical Efficiency Differentials Between Improved and Local Soybean Varieties in Southern Shan State, Myanmar

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Name	Nationality	Field of Study	Period of Study	Topic or Title of Research
Tun Tun Win	Myanmar	M Agro-environmental Science	Oct 16–Sep 18	Study on the Effects of Carbon, Nitrogen, Carbon Nitrogen Ratio on the Vegetative Growth and Cultivation of <i>Agaricus blazei</i> (Almond Mushroom) Grown on Compost Mixed with Selected Agro-Residues
Zhyldyz Muktarovna Tagaeva	Kyrgyz Republic	LLM International Economic and Business Law	Oct 17–Sep 18	Investor-State Dispute Settlement under the Legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic: Balancing Investor Protection and State Interests
Nagoya University, Graduate School of International Development				
Melinda Gayle Ligan Limlengco	Philippines	MA International Development	Apr 16–Mar 18	Agriculture Public Expenditure Evaluation: Impact of Regional Allocation on Agriculture Production in the Philippines
Joana Marie Parrocho Guirit	Philippines	MA International Development	Apr 16–Mar 18	Disaster Tourism: Responses of Tourism in Post-Disaster Recovery Trajectories
Hong Trang Vu	Viet Nam	MA International Development	Apr 16–Mar 18	The Roles of Agro-Processing Industries in Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction in Việt Nam
Ji-le Yutis Tolimao	Philippines	MA International Cooperation Studies	Apr 16–Mar 18	The Enigma of Economic Nationalism: Understanding ‘Economic Nationalism of the Nation’ as a Social Identity through Consumption Behavior
Kornwika Poonnawatt	Thailand	MA International Cooperation Studies	Apr 16–Mar 18	The Compromise of Maritime Policies on Countering Sea Piracy in the Straits of Malacca
Chawpaka Chaosarn	Thailand	MA International Cooperation Studies	Apr 16–Mar 18	The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Rights and the Existing Barriers to Legal Recognition as Part of Human Rights Achievement in Thailand
Nanyang Technological University - Nanyang Business School				
Rosmiyana	Indonesia	D-MBA Business Administration	Jul 17–Aug 18	Prospects of Japanese Motorcycles in Indonesia
Jaime Genaro Laki Zulueta	Philippines	D-MBA Business Administration	Jul 17–Aug 18	Japanese Convenience Stores in the Philippines: The Past, The Present, and the Future
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies				
Kim Isabelle Villanueva Dimaano	Philippines	M Public Policy	Oct 16–Sep 18	Of rebel rulers and peace coalitions: contested and hybrid governance in the Philippines

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Name	Nationality	Field of Study	Period of Study	Topic or Title of Research
Kattaree Impol	Thailand	M Public Policy	Oct 16–Sep 18	Impact of Old Age Allowance Scheme on Income Transfer and Labor Supply of the Elderly in Thailand
Imaduddin Abdullah	Indonesia	M Public Policy	Oct 17–Sep 18	The Impact of Carbon Tax on Environment, Economy, and Welfare in Indonesia
Mamazhanova Rakhat	Kyrgyz Republic	M Public Policy	Oct 17–Sep 18	Sectoral innovation system of Textile industry in Kyrgyz Republic
Cyril Concepcion Zausa	Philippines	M Public Policy	Oct 17–Sep 18	The Effect of PhilHealth Insurance Coverage on Mortality in the Philippines
Kevin Christopher Liao Go	Philippines	M Public Policy	Oct 17–Sep 18	The Role and Capabilities of Cooperatives as Intermediaries: a Multiple Case-Study on University-Urban-Based Cooperative Partnerships
Jesse Angelo L. Altez	Philippines	M Public Policy	Oct 17–Sep 18	Marginalization through Land Dispossession: The Case of Maguindanao, Southern Philippines
Nguyen Thi Phuong	Viet Nam	M Public Policy	Oct 17–Sep 18	Examining Economic Self-interest of Japanese ODA to Viet Nam
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University				
Anna Dominique Ortiz	Philippines	MSc International Cooperation Policy	Sep 16–Sep 18	An Assessment of the Performance of a Small-scale Renewable Energy System: A Case Study in Green Island, Roxas, Palawan, Philippines
Hamesuda Mawilai	Thailand	MSc International Cooperation Policy	Sep 16–Sep 18	ASEAN ON THE RUN: The Investigation of Brain Drain Situation in Thailand and the Repercussion of ASEAN Free-Movement Framework
Ritsumeikan University				
Dilruba Begum	Bangladesh	M Economics	Sep 16–Sep 18	Sustainability Analysis of Bangladesh Government Debt
Elnura Baiaman Kyzy	Kyrgyz Republic	M Economics	Sep 16–Sep 18	Seigniorage and Inflation Tax
Saitama University, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering				
Mai Thi Nguyen	Viet Nam	ME Structural Material Engineering	Apr 16–Mar 18	Safety Performance Evaluation of Cable-Stayed Bridges Under Various Cable Loss Scenarios
Gantulga Nergui	Mongolia	ME Structural Material Engineering	Apr 16–Mar 18	A Study of Properties of Fly Ash Blended Self-Compacting Concrete at Low Temperature
Pradeep Pokhrel	Nepal	ME Geotechnical Engineering	Apr 16–Mar 18	Study of Internal Erosion and Sinkhole Formation Process by Site Investigation and Laboratory Model Test
Subash Ghimire	Nepal	ME Foundations & Earthquake Engineering	Apr 16–Mar 18	Numerical Analysis of Buried Pipeline Subjected to Earthquake Fault in Dense and Loose Granular

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Name	Nationality	Field of Study	Period of Study	Topic or Title of Research
Peter James Amajo Esmalla	Philippines	ME Structural Engineering	Apr 16–Mar 18	Function Recovery Time Risk Assessment for Steel Bridge Pier Under Earthquakes
Chanaka Vinodh Talpe Liyanage	Sri Lanka	ME Environmental & Hydraulic Engineering	Apr 16–Mar 18	Experimental Study on the Energy Reduction of a Solitary Wave Using a Sand Dune-Coastal Lagoon System
Anh Tuan Tran	Viet Nam	ME Rock Mechanics	Apr 16–Mar 18	The Build-up of Pre-Air Pressure Associated with Water Infiltration into Geomaterials Under Heavy Rainfall Condition
Liaqat Ali	Pakistan	ME Environmental & Hydraulic Engineering	Apr 16–Mar 18	Experimental Study on Different Scour Patterns after Levee Overtopping Under Different Flow Conditions
Zabihullah Momand Aqeel	Afghanistan	ME Structural Engineering	Apr 16–Mar 18	Finite Element Analysis of Bridge-Vehicle Coupled Vibration and its Application to Actual Bridge
Muhammad Atif Anwer	Pakistan	ME Structural Engineering	Apr 16–Mar 18	Probabilistic Distribution of Buckling Strength of Stiffened Steel Plate Considering Column like Buckling
Beywickrama Bamunusin Kankanamge Thilini Piumali	Sri Lanka	ME Soil Mechanics	Apr 16–Mar 18	Evaluation of Aging Effect on Geo-Physical, Chemical and Mechanical Properties of Dumped Municipal Solid Waste
Agha Zafar Ali	Pakistan	ME Foundations & Earthquake Engineering	Apr 16–Mar 18	Inelastic Behavior of Soil-Caisson Interaction Under Foundation Head Loadings
Tokyo Institute of Technology				
Rajib Kumar Biswas	Bangladesh	M Civil and Environmental Engineering	Oct 16–Sep 18	Finite Element Analysis of RC Beams Subjected to Non-Uniform Corrosion of Steel Bars and Its Application to Seismic Performance Evaluation of Corroded RC Structures
The University of Auckland				
Lahana Shrestha	Nepal	M Public Health	Feb 16–Feb 18	Sexual Behavior and Social Connectedness among Asian Secondary Students in New Zealand
The University of Hong Kong				
Klervin John Braganza Collado	Philippines	MSc Urban Planning	Sep 16–Jun 18	Spatial Equity Analysis of Transit Systems in Metro Manila
Sunaina Shakya	Nepal	M Urban Design	Sep 17–Aug 18	Kathmandu Walks—Regeneration of the core area
Steven Wijaya	Indonesia	M Urban Design	Sep 17–Sep 18	Walking to Transit (Study Case: Pasar Senen Station, Jakarta, Indonesia)

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John Carlo Abad Rebadavia	Philippines	M Urban Design	Sep 17–Sep 18	Last Mile Transit in Tropical City: An Evaluation of Built Environment That Affects Choice of Last Mile Transit
The University of Melbourne				
Jireh Vic Lubigan	Philippines	M Agricultural Sciences	Jul 16–Jun 18	Master of Agricultural Sciences - Specialization: Crop Production
The University of Sydney				
Le Thi Thanh Tam	Viet Nam	M International Relations	Jul 16–Jul 18	Why Unshared State Sovereignty, Low Market Interdependence, Insignificant State Intervention, and Uncertain Benefits of Globalization Restrain Stock Market Integration: A Comparative Analysis of ASEAN and the EU.
The University of Tokyo, Department of Civil Engineering				
Nguyen Thi Mai Chi	Viet Nam	ME International Project	Sep 16–Sep 18	A Study of Potential Impacts of Built Environment on Travel Behavior and Property Prices in Hanoi, Viet Nam
Sharmilan Suntharalingam	Sri Lanka	ME Infrastructure Technology and Design	Sep 16–Sep 18	The Effect of Supplementary Cementitious Materials on Early Age Shrinkage of Concrete Based on Microstructure and Hydrate Properties
Rahul Sree Varier	India	ME Hydromechanics and Environment	Sep 16–Sep 18	Effect of Groundwater on Terrestrial Ecosystem Resilience to Drought
Md. Shahin	Bangladesh	ME Transportation Engineering and Planning	Sep 16–Sep 18	Empirical Analysis of Traffic Flow and Travel Time Nature by Using Wi-Fi Scanners Data
Muhammad Mohsan	Pakistan	ME Infrastructure Technology and Design	Sep 16–Sep 18	1-g Shaking Table Test to Study the Effect of Pavement-Roadbed Thickness on Liquefaction-Induced Settlement
Md. Kamrul Ahsan	Bangladesh	ME Infrastructure Technology and Design	Sep 16–Sep 18	Time Effect on Mechanical Behavior and Micro-Structure of Gypsum-Mixed Geomaterials
May Thazin Tun	Myanmar	ME Infrastructure Technology and Design	Sep 16–Sep 18	Investigation of Quality Control in Construction of Concrete Structures in Myanmar
Md. Shakhawat Hossain	Bangladesh	ME Earthquake and Disaster Mitigation Engineering	Sep 16–Sep 18	Earthquake Emergency Micro Response System (EEMRS)
The University of Tokyo, Department of Urban Engineering				
Wika Ristya	Indonesia	ME Environmental Engineering	Sep 16–Sep 18	GIS Based Flood Risk Assessment under Climate Change in the Upper Citarum River Basin, Indonesia
Trishia Guevara	Philippines	ME Urban Planning	Sep 16–Sep 18	Study on Flood Risk Assessment and Its Impacts to the Land Use/Cover of Marikina City, Philippines

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Bindu Sigdel	Nepal	ME Urban Planning	Sep 16–Sep 18	A Study on the Development Control and Its Impact on the Quality of Urban Built Environment in Kathmandu Valley—A case study in Imadol—Ward number-1, Mahalaxmi Municipality
Ranie Dwi Anugrah	Indonesia	ME Environmental Engineering	Sep 16–Sep 18	Tsunami Impact Assessment for Coastal City by Geospatial Approach—Case Study in Cilacap, Indonesia
The University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Public Policy				
Nuntinee Kittiphongphat	Thailand	M Public Policy	Sep 16–Aug 18	The Relationship between Household Debt and Household Consumption in Thailand
Kenneth Ian Francisco	Philippines	M Public Policy	Sep 16–Aug 18	Choice of Government Borrowing Source and Its Impact on Private Investments in Emerging Economies
Jed Elroy Rendor	Philippines	M Public Policy	Sep 16–Aug 18	1. Heterogeneous Growth Impact of Infrastructure Spending; 2. Assessing the Policies and Management of Cultural Heritage in the Philippines
The University of Tokyo, Division of Environmental Studies				
W.V. Tharindu Dilan Amarasinghe	Sri Lanka	M Environmental Studies	Sep 16–Aug 18	Forest Management Options to Increase Carbon Sequestration in Eucalyptus Plantations of Sri Lanka
Marlet Bueno	Philippines	M Environmental Studies	Sep 16–Aug 18	Evaluation of Abandoned Mine Lands Rehabilitation: the Case of Bagacay Mine, Western Samar, Philippines
Tiffany Joan Sotelo	Philippines	M Environmental Studies	Sep 16–Aug 18	Lipid Degradation Behavior in the Application of the Intermittent Contact Oxidation Process
The University of Tokyo, School of International Health				
Mst Roksana Khan	Bangladesh	M Human Ecology	Apr 16–Mar 18	The Association Between Fine Particulate Matter and Daily Emergency Room Visits at a Cardiovascular Diseases Hospital in Dhaka, Bangladesh
Myat Wint Than	Myanmar	M Community and Global Health Policy	Apr 16–Mar 18	The Role of Self-Help Groups in Mitigating Depression Symptoms Among People Living with HIV in Yangon, Myanmar
Su Myat Han	Myanmar	M Global Health Policy	Apr 16–Mar 18	Progress Towards Universal Health Coverage in Myanmar: National and Subnational Assessment
Pramita Shrestha	Nepal	M Community and Global Health Policy	Apr 16–Mar 18	The Effect of NCD Education for its Preventive knowledge and Behavior among Women in Microcredit Programs in Nepal

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Bharat Raj Bhatta	Nepal	M Community and Global Health Policy	Apr 16–Mar 18	Parent-Adolescent Communication and Utilization of Adolescent-Friendly Health Services in Kailali, Nepal
United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability				
Usitha Sivapragasam	Sri Lanka	MSc Sustainability	Sep 16–Jul 18	A Study on Household Water Consumption and Management in Jaffna and Insights for Groundwater Management with the Participation of Households
Aye Mya Thant	Myanmar	MSc Sustainability	Sep 16–Jul 18	Land Cover Change Impacts on Sedimentation and Communities in Shwegyin Watershed, Myanmar
University of Tsukuba				
Mukhabbat Abdievna Beknazarova	Kyrgyz Republic	M Public Policy	Oct 16–Mar 18	Post-Project Sustainability: A Case Study of the Agricultural Investments and Services Project in the Kyrgyz Republic
Zubair Nazila	Indonesia	M Public Policy	Oct 16–Mar 18	Utilization of Research Findings for Health Policy: A Case Study of Leptospirosis in Semarang, Central Java, Indonesia

ASEAN = Association of Southeast Asian Nations; D-MBA = double master's in business administration ; e-biz = E-Business Management; EU = European Union; GIS = geographical information system; HIV = human immunodeficiency virus; LLM = master of laws; M = master's degree; MA = master of arts; ME = master of engineering; MSc = master of science; NCD = non-communicable disease; ODA = official development assistance; QTL = quantitative trait locus.

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