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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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Foreword

The year 2020 was indeed a challenging one for all of us due to the pandemic. We came to grips with the reality of facing uncertainties and risks that the coronavirus disease or COVID-19 posed in the global and domestic markets, in all sectors, and to people from all walks of life. Governments all over the world had to grapple with severely affected economies, not to mention the stress the pandemic has had on health systems, their infrastructure, and capacity to cope with the situation. The education sector was also badly affected. Educational institutions modified their school curricula, teaching methodologies, and approaches and undertook technology-based capacity building and training for educators. Everybody had to adjust as fast as they could in a feasible manner and using whatever available resources were at hand.

Our Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) partner universities quickly adapted to ensure a safe and conducive learning environment for students. At some point, international travel restrictions were imposed. Some scholars were able to enter Japan. Some had to wait while taking online classes, which became the new normal given health and safety protocols.

Even with the pandemic, ADB–JSP continues its objective to provide educational opportunities and develop human resources in the Asia and Pacific region. The responsive efforts by ADB–JSP Secretariat helped overcome the initial logistical constraints for the scholars. For the first time, we had a virtual graduation gathering for 123 graduates in August and welcomed 122 new scholars in November. It was my pleasure to have been part of these events.

In the coming years, we expect to see more changes and the growing importance of digital technology in our lives. It is fitting that this year, we started reviewing and revitalizing ADB–JSP considering these challenges and future demands.

As the Government of Japan sustains its partnership with ADB through ADB–JSP, we look forward to closer collaboration with partner universities, alumni network, and the scholars. With the able support from the Partner Funds Division of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, I am confident that our journey will be fruitful.

Takahiro Yasui
Executive Director for Japan
Asian Development Bank

Abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AIM	Asian Institute of Management
DMC	developing member country
GRIPS	National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
GSID	Graduate School of International Development
JSP	Japan Scholarship Program
MOF	Ministry of Finance (Japan)

Introduction

A. Overview

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 graduate 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, scholars are expected to return to their home countries to apply and share their new knowledge and skills to promote socioeconomic development.

The ADB–JSP has been enabling ADB’s DMCs to participate in regional cooperation for socioeconomic development—a key element for success in fighting poverty.

The Government of Japan has provided \$191.6 million in funding for the program over the last 32 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 25 designated institutions in nine countries in the region. The designated institutions and the ADB–JSP coordinators are listed in Appendix 1.

B. ADB–Japan Scholarship Program Operations, 1988–2020

The ADB–JSP has awarded 4,039 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. The Philippines, Bangladesh, and Nepal, 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 1,566 scholarships (38.8% of the total) were awarded to women (Figure 2). Male scholars have historically outnumbered female 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 41.8% in 2020. Appendix 3 gives a profile of the ADB–JSP scholars and graduates as of December 2020.

Since 2011, 135 new scholarships are awarded on average every year. Of the 4,039 ADB–JSP recipients since 1988, 3,688 have completed their coursework. Figure 3 contains 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.

In 1988–2020, the Asian Institute of Management in the Philippines had the highest number of ADB–JSP recipients (552, or 13.7%), followed by the International University of Japan (418, or 10.3%) and the Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand (397, or 9.8%). Appendix 4 shows the scholarships awarded and completed at each designated institution since 1988.

C. Scholars and Alumni Testimonials

The 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 expected to tackle development challenges in their home countries. Appendix 5 provides testimonials of some ADB–JSP scholars and alumni on what they have achieved with the help of their scholarship.

Figure 1: Composition of Scholars by Degree Program, 1988–2020

Source: Asian Development Bank.

Figure 2: Composition of Scholars by Gender, 1988–2020

Source: Asian Development Bank.

Figure 3: Scholarships Awarded and Completed, 1988–2020

Source: Asian Development Bank.

Figure 4: Composition of Graduates by Degree Program, 1989–2020

Source: Asian Development Bank.

Figure 5: Composition of Graduates by Field of Study, 1989–2020

Source: Asian Development Bank.

II

2020 Program and Activities

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies. An international premier policy school that aims to contribute to the betterment of democratic governance around the world. The school excels at providing interdisciplinary education for future leaders in the public sector and conducting research on contemporary policy issues to generate innovative solutions (photo by National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies).

A. Scholarship Contribution by the Government of Japan and Fund Status

In 2020, the Government of Japan contributed \$5.0 million in funding to the ADB–JSP. The contribution average has been \$5.2 million in the past 5 years, with a total cumulative amount of \$191.6 million during 1988–2000. Following the highest contribution of \$10.3 million in 2014 and 2015, the annual contribution decreased to \$4.3 million in 2018 and 2019, rising to \$5.0 million in 2020. This trend occurred against the backdrop of newly emerging priority development areas, necessitating funding within Japan’s official development assistance budget, which has remained flat since 2011. With an average annual expenditure of \$7.6 million since 2016, the remaining balance at the end of 2020 has declined significantly from \$14.4 million in 2015 to \$3.1 million.

Audited financial statements of the ADB–JSP as of 31 December 2020 are shown in Appendix 6.

B. Scholarship Statistics

A total of 122 scholarships for master’s degree programs were awarded to recipients from 18 developing member countries (DMCs). The top three recipient countries were the Philippines (25), Indonesia (17), and Viet Nam (16). Figure 6 shows the distribution of scholarships awarded by nationality in 2020. ADB–JSP strictly adheres to the selection criteria to ensure that all eligible candidates from all DMCs can compete for the scholarship slots.

The designated institutions in Japan admitted 82 new scholars (67.2% of the total) in 2020; institutions in other developed countries (Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and the United States), 7 (5.7%); and institutions in DMCs, 33 (27.1%). The University of Tokyo in Japan admitted 20 new scholars, followed by the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (Japan) with 15 new scholars, and the International University of Japan (Japan) with 14 new scholars.

Of the 263 scholarships programmed for the year, 68% were allotted to designated institutions in Japan; 22% to India, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Thailand; 5% to Australia, New Zealand, and the United States; and 5% to Singapore and Hong Kong, China.

Figure 6: Scholarships Awarded by Nationality, 2020

Source: Asian Development Bank.

The proportion of female ADB–JSP recipients among new scholars decreased from 46.2% in 2019 to 41.8% in 2020. The ADB–JSP will continue giving priority to recruiting 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: (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.

Science and technology was the most popular fields of study in 2020 with 58 scholars (47.5%), followed by economics with 35 (28.7%), business and management

with 11 (9%), and law with 18 (14.8%). The scholarships awarded and completed in 2020—classified according to institution, gender, program, and field of study—are summarized in Appendix 7.

In 2020, 123 ADB–JSP scholars completed their studies. Figure 7 shows the number of graduates, by designated institution in 2020. Of these graduates, 61 (49.6%) were women.

C. Theses and Research Papers Completed in 2020

The theses and research papers submitted in 2020 generally promote development or generate new knowledge in their fields. The designated institutions ensure that the scholars’ research works are 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 2020 is in Appendix 8.

¹ Asian Development Bank. 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 7: Number of Graduates by Designated Institution, 2020

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; 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; 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 = University of Auckland; UOM = The University of Melbourne; 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.

D. New Developments

ADB–Japan Scholarship Program Alumni Gathering in Indonesia. To strengthen ADB–JSP alumni engagement, two meetings between the President and ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) Indonesian alumni were arranged during his visit to Jakarta, Indonesia on 4 March 2020. A lunch was organized for Masatsugu Asakawa, ADB President and Bambang Susantono, Vice-President (Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development) to meet selected Indonesian alumni. The

meeting successfully raised awareness on the value of the scholarship. A dinner meeting was also organized to further exchange views and promote close relations among the alumni.

The Graduation Gathering 2020. Due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the gathering was held virtually on 28 August 2020 and hosted from Manila, which brought together 177 participants. This was the first graduation gathering participated in by designated institutions outside Japan.

ADB-JSP alumni meeting with ADB President. President Masatsugu Asakawa (eighth from left) and Vice-President (Knowledge Management) Bambang Susantono (ninth from left) meet with Indonesian alumni accompanied by staff of the ADB Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Southeast Asia Department, and Indonesia Resident Mission, with Chief Advisor Yoichiro Ikeda and Executive Director Syurkani Ishak Kasim (photo by Ariel Javellana).

ADB-JSP alumni meeting with ADB President. President Asakawa in his welcome remarks emphasized that ADB-JSP remains fully aligned with ADB's vision and is an important instrument for ADB to achieve Strategy 2030 (photo by Ariel Javellana).

Alumni dinner gathering in Indonesia. The participants of the ADB-Japan Scholarship Program Dinner Gathering held in Jakarta, Indonesia in March 2020 (photo by Eloise Martinez).

ADB–Japan Scholarship Program Graduation Gathering. Held in August 2020, the online event was hosted from Manila and was the first graduation gathering participated in by designated institutions outside Japan (photo by Keisuke Taketani).

Takahiro Yasui, Executive Director for Japan, ADB and Masashi Tanabe, Director, Multilateral Development Banks Division, International Bureau, MOF delivered the welcome remarks. Bambang Susantono, Vice-President (Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development), ADB delivered the keynote speech. Vice-President Susantono in his speech challenged the graduating scholars to explore ways to contribute to their home countries' long-term development goals. He emphasized the role of knowledge as the primary catalyst for innovation and development in ADB operations.

The Welcome Gathering 2020. The gathering, held on 20 November 2020, brought together 163 participants. The gathering's objectives were to introduce incoming scholars to the ADB–JSP goals, facilitate their meeting with fellow awardees, and establish a close network at an early stage.

Participants were welcomed by Takahiro Yasui, Executive Director for Japan, ADB and Masashi Tanabe, Director, Multilateral Development Banks Division, International Bureau, MOF. Woochung Um, Director General and Chief Compliance Officer, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB delivered the keynote speech, where he acknowledged the Government of Japan's long-standing cooperation and support for human capital development through the JSP. He also described ADB's initiatives in the education sector in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Abdygulov Tolkunbek, Chairperson and Governor of the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and former ADB–JSP scholar gave an inspirational message to all the new scholars. He spoke about the life-changing experience of receiving a scholarship and making lifetime professional connections to exchange ideas in solving global issues.

Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program
Welcome Gathering 2020
 November 20, 2020

Virtual Welcome Gathering for new scholars. A new batch of ADB-Japan Scholarship Program participants meet online in November 2020 (photo by Cristina Fernandez).

ADB-Japan Scholarship Program Enhancement. In 2020, a comprehensive review process of the ADB-Japan Scholarship Program was initiated to review the realignment of the fund to better meet the demand of newly emerging development priorities. The report was finalized and shared with the Government of Japan in November 2020. The major recommendations of the comprehensive review focused on (i) scholar's selection criteria and process, (ii) designated institution's selection, (iii) designated institution's fields of studies, and (iv) measures to promote visibility. Based on the recommendations, ADB-JSP formulated the new ADB-JSP Policy Guidelines and revised the Implementation Guidelines for 2021.

International learning environment. The Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Oita Prefecture became a partner university of the 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 is comprised of foreign nationals from all over the world (photo by Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University).

Summary and Conclusions

Since 1988, the ADB–JSP has been enabling ADB’s DMCs to participate in regional cooperation for socioeconomic development—a key element for success in fighting poverty. The ADB–JSP has awarded scholarships to 4,039 mid-career professionals from 37 DMCs. Through graduate studies at 25 well-known universities in Asia and the Pacific, ADB–JSP recipients have acquired the necessary skills for implementing 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 under the ADB–JSP, plays a crucial 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 academic year 2020, the ADB–JSP supported 226 scholars (122 new scholars and 104 continuing scholars). At the end of academic year 2020, 123 recipients had completed their studies and graduated

from their host universities. The ADB–JSP will continue to focus on socioeconomic development fields at the master’s degree level and ensure that degree courses will be relevant to ADB’s Strategy 2030 (footnote 2). It will also continue to prioritize selecting 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 and developments concerning the designated institutions. It will engage in more activities to raise Japan’s profile in the region, intensifying Japanese visibility and increasing opportunities for candidates from DMCs. It will progressively strengthen the partnership with its designated institutions to advance program objectives and quality through a shared vision and common action. It will promote knowledge sharing and bolster the network among ADB scholars, alumni, institutions, and ADB to support future collaboration.

APPENDIX 1

Designated Institutions and Program Coordinators, ADB–Japan Scholarship Program

United Nations University. Dedicated to realizing a sustainable future for people and our planet, this research and teaching institute serves the international community by producing evidence-based knowledge and solutions to inform policy making and address priority issues for the United Nations system (photo by United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability).

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
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
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

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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	Gretchen Shinoda Manager, Office of Student Services 777 Kokusai-cho, Minami Uonuma-shi, Niigata 949-7277, Japan Tel +81 25 779 1103 Fax +81 25 779 1180 oss@iuj.ac.jp
Keio University International Graduate Programs on Advanced Science and Technology Graduate School of Economics Graduate School of System Design and Management	Japan	December 2004 June 2010 June 2010	Kenjiro Takemura Chair, Committee for International Affairs 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	Yohei Okada 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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Kyushu University Graduate School of Bioresource and Bioenvironmental Sciences Graduate School of Law	Japan	June 2010	Yuka Kashima Administrative Staff 744 Motooka, 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 and Major Gifts Office of Development Opposite Sector "U," DHA, Lahore Cantt., Lahore 54792, Pakistan Tel +92 42 3560 8182 UAN +92 42 111-11-LUMS Ext: 8182 ahmad.qureshi@lums.edu.pk
Nagoya University Graduate School of International Development	Japan	August 2000	Sunate Kamperparb 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
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies	Japan	August 2000	Mayu Abe Director, 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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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 Administrative Staff 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	Sachiko Shimodaira 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
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Tokyo Institute of Technology	Japan	May 2010	Naoya Abe Associate Professor Department of Transdisciplinary Science and Engineering, School of Environment and Society 2-12-1-14-4 Ookayama, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 152-8550, Japan Tel +81 3 5734 3797 Fax +81 3 5734 3797 inquiryadb.tokyotech@jim.titech.ac.jp

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The University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong, China	June 1989	Henrietta Chan Senior Manager, Scholarships Office, The Registry 9/F Knowles Building, Pokfulam Road Hong Kong, China Tel +85 2 2219 4972 Fax +85 2 2858 5454 scholarships@hku.hk
The University of Tokyo Department of Civil Engineering	Japan	March 1989	Hironori Kato Professor of Civil Engineering and Foreign Student Officer 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-8656, Japan Tel +81 3 5841 6141 Fax +81 3 5841 8509 fso@civil.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp
The University of Tokyo Department of Urban Engineering	Japan	February 2002	Akito Murayama Associate Professor of Urban Engineering and Foreign Student Officer 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-8656, Japan Tel +81 3 5841 6241 Fax +81 3 5841 8509 fso@civil.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp
The University of Tokyo Graduate School of Public Policy	Japan	June 2010	Mayumi Takahashi International Student Adviser #1314, International Academic Research Bldg., 7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan Tel +81 3 5841 0860 Fax +81 3 5841 1714 intl-affairs@pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp

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The University of Tokyo School of International Health	Japan	April 1997	Masamine Jimba Officer in Charge of ADB-JSP & Professor, 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
University of Tsukuba Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences	Japan	February 2011	Hisahiro Naito Director Program in Economic and Public Policy Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8571, Japan Tel +81 29 853 6785 Fax +81 29 853 6797 wbgsdp@dppe.tsukuba.ac.jp

Source: Asian Development Bank.

APPENDIX 2

Scholarships Awarded and Completed by Country, 1988–2020

Training global leaders. International University of Japan is training leaders who can contribute to the practical resolution of global problems; as well as governments, private sector, and nongovernment organizations, to extend public and social benefits globally (photo by International University of Japan).

Table A2: Scholarships Awarded and Completed by Country, 1988–2020

Country	1988–2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		Total			
	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	%	C	%
Philippines	309	279	27	15	21	19	30	33	18	23	25	19	430	10.65	388	10.52
Bangladesh	337	290	18	17	16	17	15	12	14	15	13	13	413	10.23	364	9.87
Nepal	354	314	15	18	13	17	12	13	11	13	7	11	412	10.20	386	10.47
Viet Nam	347	318	12	13	9	11	6	12	2	9	16	7	392	9.71	370	10.03
Indonesia	253	229	5	14	16	3	22	11	18	14	17	20	331	8.20	291	7.89
Pakistan	231	202	10	11	10	7	6	6	17	10	10	9	284	7.03	245	6.64
Sri Lanka	189	170	5	8	2	5	8	5	5	1	8	7	217	5.37	196	5.31
People's Republic of China	210	196	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	210	5.20	199	5.40
Myanmar	159	133	12	14	7	10	12	13	9	8	4	9	203	5.03	187	5.07
India	182	167	4	10	5	5	1	4	4	3	1	4	197	4.88	193	5.23
Bhutan	121	109	9	7	7	8	7	6	6	4	7	8	157	3.89	142	3.85
Mongolia	129	115	4	1	7	5	1	5	2	5	1	1	144	3.57	132	3.58
Thailand	95	80	7	9	7	6	4	6	2	6	2	4	117	2.90	111	3.01
Cambodia	99	91	3	5	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	105	2.60	98	2.66
Kyrgyz Republic	61	58	2	0	2	2	2	4	0	0	0	2	67	1.66	66	1.79
Other Countries	310	276	7	9	12	7	11	7	10	13	10	8	360	8.91	320	8.68
Total	3,386	3,027	140	153	134	123	138	138	119	124	122	123	4,039	100.00	3,688	100.00

A = awarded, C = completed.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

APPENDIX 3

Profile of ADB–Japan Scholarship Program Scholars and Graduates, 1988–2020

“Creating a Future Beyond Borders.”
Ritsumeikan University supports the individualized learning and development of its students from diverse backgrounds, empowering them to become agents in the process of creating a future beyond their national boundaries (photo by Ritsumeikan University).

Table A3.1: Number of Scholars by Gender, Degree Program, and Field of Study, 1988–2020

Academic Year	Gender			Degree Program				Field of Study				
	Female	Male	Total	Certificate or Diploma	Master’s	PhD	Total	Business and Management	Economics	Law	Science and Technology	Total
1988–2010	925	1,769	2,694	24	2,544	126	2,694	660	669	226	1,139	2,694
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	35	21	55	134
2018	78	60	138	0	131	7	138	17	43	18	60	138
2019	55	64	119	0	118	1	119	20	33	16	50	119
2020	51	71	122	0	122	0	122	11	35	18	58	122
Total	1,566	2,473	4,039	25	3,867	147	4,039	833	1,041	426	1,739	4,039

PhD = doctor of philosophy.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

Table A3.2: Number of Graduates by Gender, Degree Program, and Field of Study, 1989–2020

Academic Year	Gender			Degree Program				Field of Study				
	Female	Male	Total	Certificate or Diploma	Master's	PhD	Total	Business and Management	Economics	Law	Science and Technology	Total
1989–2010	820	1,538	2,358	22	2,223	113	2,358	587	586	196	989	2,358
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
2019	65	59	124	0	121	3	124	18	31	23	52	124
2020	61	62	123	0	119	4	123	15	40	14	54	123
Total	1,437	2,251	3,688	24	3,534	130	3,688	773	948	391	1,576	3,688

PhD = doctor of philosophy.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

APPENDIX 4

Scholarships Awarded and Completed by Designated Institution, 1988–2020

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).

Table A4: Scholarships Awarded and Completed by Designated Institution, 1988–2020

Institution	1988–2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		Total			
	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	%	C	%
AIM	488	465	14	12	13	12	13	13	12	11	12	11	552	13.67	524	14.21
AIT	347	319	9	16	10	4	10	12	8	7	13	10	397	9.83	368	9.98
ANU-CSPP	149	136	6	3	3	8	3	3	1	3	2	3	164	4.06	156	4.23
APU	15	10	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	0	3	24	0.59	22	0.60
EWC	162	151	5	4	3	4	4	6	3	4	0	2	177	4.38	171	4.64
GRIPS	268	248	5	12	9	5	10	8	10	11	15	7	317	7.85	291	7.89
HIT	8	6	2	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	13	0.32	10	0.27
HKU	155	139	4	6	6	4	3	4	3	5	3	3	174	4.31	161	4.37
IITD	53	38	1	2	3	2	0	1	2	3	1	0	60	1.49	46	1.25
IRRI	73	65	5	3	0	1	2	4	4	2	2	0	86	2.13	75	2.03
IUJ	356	320	14	15	12	11	14	14	8	10	14	13	418	10.35	383	10.39
Keio	23	17	2	5	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	27	0.67	26	0.70
Kobe	14	9	1	1	5	4	2	1	2	4	3	3	27	0.67	22	0.60
Kyoto	5	0	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	4	3	18	0.45	12	0.33
Kyushu	17	11	3	4	4	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	30	0.74	26	0.70
LUMS	86	74	0	0	2	0	2	0	3	2	1	1	94	2.33	77	2.09
NTU-NBS	12	10	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	0	2	19	0.47	19	0.52
NU-GSID	91	77	6	6	7	7	7	6	6	6	4	6	121	3.00	108	2.93
NUS	124	112	4	6	5	5	4	4	4	5	3	4	144	3.57	136	3.69
RU	28	22	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	40	0.99	33	0.89

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Table A4 *continued*

Institution	1988–2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		Total			
	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	C	A	%	C	%
SU	188	164	13	13	10	9	13	12	8	10	11	11	243	6.02	219	5.94
Tokyo Tech	8	3	1	2	4	3	2	1	2	3	2	2	19	0.47	14	0.38
Tsukuba	6	4	2	0	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	18	0.45	13	0.35
TU	44	31	1	2	0	1	3	0	2	2	1	2	51	1.26	38	1.03
UNU-IAS	3	0	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	13	0.32	9	0.24
UOA	84	76	2	3	2	4	2	4	3	0	1	3	94	2.33	90	2.44
UOM	75	70	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	0	2	83	2.05	79	2.14
UOS	126	119	2	0	3	3	3	2	0	3	1	0	135	3.34	127	3.44
UOT-Civ Eng	188	168	10	9	5	7	8	8	7	6	9	8	227	5.62	206	5.59
UOT-Env	60	53	3	5	2	2	3	3	4	1	3	2	75	1.86	66	1.79
UOT-GraSPP	15	10	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	2	27	0.67	23	0.62
UOT-Int'l Health	95	85	6	5	4	5	3	5	5	5	5	3	118	2.92	108	2.93
UOT-Urban	20	15	4	3	3	2	3	4	2	2	2	4	34	0.84	30	0.81
Total	3,386	3,027	140	153	134	123	138	138	119	124	122	123	4,039	100.00	3,688	100.00

A = awarded; 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; C = completed; 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 & 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.

APPENDIX 5

Scholars and Alumni Testimonials

Developing leaders in international health.
The School of International Health was founded as the 11th school in the Graduate School of Medicine, and is Japan's premier graduate school specializing in international health (photo by The University of Tokyo, School of International Health).

Dexter Balilla (Philippines)
Asian Institute of Management
Master in Development Management
January 2018–December 2018

Taking the master's in development management (MDM) program at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) through the help of the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) improved my management and leadership skills in handling various challenges in the Armed Forces of the Philippines whose mandate is to serve the country and its people.

After my graduation from AIM, I was promoted as Director for Acquisition, Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff for Logistics of the Philippine Air Force (PAF). I handled more than 200 projects of the PAF annually, which includes aircraft spares, office requirements, drugs and medicines, medical supplies, and infrastructure projects and all the requirements of the PAF to sustain its operation. I made sure that all projects will be procured and completed on time and with the required quality.

After a year, I was again promoted to Director for Aircraft Maintenance Management of the PAF. I was in charge of the maintenance and sustainment of the 152 aircraft of the Air Force. During my stint, four aircraft were recovered to full mission-capable status; four inspection and repair procedures as necessary were conducted; four performance-based navigation of SF-260FH were upgraded; and multiple transmission assemblies, engine assemblies, propellers, and other aircraft components were repaired and/or overhauled. This translates to a total of 2,013 scheduled maintenance; 2,180 unscheduled maintenance; 7,464 spares procurement; and 2,935 spares repair and/or overhaul completed.

Aircraft restoration and recovery, aircraft maintenance activities, aircraft component repair and/or overhaul, and aircraft component major repair and/or testing are all aimed to sustain the operational readiness of the PAF by increasing its air assets and capabilities in order conduct sustained air operations in support to Armed Forces of the Philippines Mission, which is “to protect the people and secure the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Philippines.” The PAF’s innate capabilities of providing air support, air mobility, and humanitarian aid and disaster relief define the role of the Air Force in the battlefield, calamities, nation building, and development.

Geraldine Ann Layaoen (Philippines)
Asian Institute of Management
Master in Business Administration
September 2017–December 2018

After graduation, I focused on our business, which is rice farming. My husband and I put up a store, HeaGer's Hut, to sell our produce from our farm. We aim to provide quality rice at a reasonable price specifically the healthy pigmented varieties that we produce, process, and promote. As part of our campaign, we encourage students from our alma mater, the University of the Philippines Los Baños to conduct field research and educational tours at our farm. We are millennial farmers who would like to encourage the youth to see farming as a profession that could provide a bright future for the next generations to come.

Aside from our own business, I am currently the business development manager of a start-up company, Straw Innovations. Sharing the same vision on sustainable farming enables me to contribute to this innovative company. Focusing on the triple bottom line empowers my will to continue aiming high as this will not only benefit us but the whole farming community. An endless gratitude and appreciation to ADB for giving me the privilege to earn my MBA at AIM enabling me to be equipped with the proper gears to face various challenges and opportunities.

Narayan Prasad Nihure (Nepal)
Asian Institute of Management
Master in Development Management
January 2011–December 2011

ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) provided me such a golden opportunity for better understanding of stakeholder dynamics for development project planning, development, and management system via master's in development management degree. Especially, the strategic management and system thinking along with negotiation and conflict management techniques, which are more crucial for the development project implementation phase made me confident to handle complex development problems in Nepal as a project manager. The tools and techniques of project management, leadership, and strategic management helped me to think more critically and analytically for strategic decisions while planning, doing, checking, acting, as well as leading the project team.

Through the sharing and integration of knowledge, skills, and attitude among the international development practitioners and experts, AIM boosted my ability to solve the complex issues of peace and sustainable development in the physical infrastructure sector within the scarce resources of the 21st century. I got more confidence, motivation, and enthusiasm to work for sustainable and well-managed physical infrastructure development in the road sector within Nepal. After graduation from AIM, I successfully implemented the various strategic road projects of Nepal as project manager with responsibilities in project planning, development, procuring, and implementing along with contract management and administration. The promotion and awards I have received after graduating from AIM include the following:

1. On 15 April 2015, I was appointed Senior Divisional Engineer–Highway (SDE, Gazetted Second Class Officer—Undersecretary Level) through competitive examination by the Public Service Commission of Nepal.
2. On 5 March 2017, I graduated from the Purbanchal University with a master's in engineering management degree with distinction.
3. On 5 March 2017, I was awarded the “Narayan Prasad Koirala Gold Medal” for securing the top position in the master's level examination 2015.
4. On 5 March 2017, I was awarded the “Late Dilli Bahadur Adhikari Gold Medal” for securing the top position in IT and Engineering Examination 2015.
5. On 8 September 2018, I was awarded the “Nepal Bidhya Bhushan Padak Kha” by the Rt. Honorable President of Nepal.
6. On 13 August 2019, I was awarded “Best Performance Award 2018/19” as Project Manager by the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport, Department of Roads, Nepal.

Rosalin Juniati Pakpahan (Indonesia)
Asian Institute of Management
Master in Business Administration
September 2018–December 2019

I want to deeply thank ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) for giving me the opportunity to take my master in business administration (MBA) from the Asian Institute of Management. It was a transforming journey that empowers me with a right mindset, knowledge, network, and resources to grow during my 16 months of study. This journey has developed a social entrepreneurship spirit that helped my team get selected for the regional competition of Hult Prize 2019, where we as a team designed a solution to tackle the global youth unemployment crisis.

The experience and knowledge I gained during my study also equipped me to have a deep economic analysis to turn challenges into opportunities, especially during this economic downturn caused by coronavirus disease right after graduation. Prior to my MBA, my investment portfolio never beat the return of market index in the stock market. With knowledge gained from my MBA, return from my portfolio in 2020 was almost three times the market index. I started to use some of the return from the stock market to support youth who want to start a small business. I hope I can help more people in the future and create a greater impact. I realized that I have been blessed with a transforming scholarship program. Now, I also feel the responsibility to give others the opportunity to transform themselves.

Phuntsho Wangmo (Bhutan)
East–West Center
Shidler College of Business,
University of Hawai‘i, United States
Master in Business Administration
August 2019–May 2021

Being a civil servant in a developing country, fantasizing about pursuing a master’s degree outside the boundaries of Bhutan seemed very difficult. I am very grateful to the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program for giving me the opportunity to fulfill my desire of pursuing a master in business administration degree at the Shidler College of Business, University of Hawai‘i, United States.

Learning from this program has helped equip me with a lot of assistance in broadening my intellectual horizon and changing my perspective, which will be very relevant and useful in my daily discharge of duties when I return to my organization.

Living on campus with the scholars from the Asia and Pacific community gave me a great learning experience with a great sense of friendship, open forums for healthy discussions, and creating a network of people thriving toward bringing a positive change in the Asia and Pacific region. I also got the opportunity to represent Bhutan and share our rich history, people, government, and the unique developmental philosophy of Gross National Happiness (GNH) to the Asia and the Pacific community, which is gaining global attention at the moment.

My journey would not have been possible without the support of the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program. I will forever be indebted to ADB–JSP for giving me the chance to fulfill my dreams in such a beautiful place as Hawai‘i.

Rachael Wong Sook Zhen (Malaysia)
East-West Center
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Master in Urban and Regional Planning
August 2019–May 2021

I am grateful to the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP), which has allowed me to fulfill my dream in pursuing my master's in urban and regional planning (MURP) degree at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM). Before being awarded the scholarship, I worked as an Architectural Associate for an urban and infrastructure consultancy firm in Malaysia for 4 years. Aside from seeking to advance my career, my interest in broadening my knowledge in sustainable urban and regional development fueled my motivation to pursue my postgraduate education. With the generous support of the ADB–JSP and the East–West Center (EWC), I was able to pursue further studies abroad, which has opened more doors to opportunities for me.

My experience with the UHM's MURP program and at EWC has been an enriching one. The diversity of the student community, faculty, and staff, who hail from different backgrounds and cultures, creates a dynamic learning environment that is imperative for developing a broader worldview. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which has led to unprecedented disruptions in many aspects of our daily lives, such as the education system in which classes have to be moved entirely online, has also made me realize the importance of strong, supportive communities in responding to the crisis, which I have fortunately found in the UHM, and the EWC. I wish to take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt gratitude once again to the ADB–JSP, UHM and EWC for all the support given to my education and study abroad.

Thiha Wint Aung (Myanmar)
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
Master of Public Policy
October 2019–September 2020

As a Myanmar national, it is an honor and a humbling experience for me to be given a chance to study in Japan's National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS).

GRIPS provided an excellent avenue to hone my analytical and critical thinking skills in research, policy making, and politics. In addition to its outstanding faculty members and curriculum, GRIPS offered me a chance to learn from my classmates who come from Japan and from different parts of the world with rich and diverse experience in governance and policy making. It was an eye-opening learning experience for me.

A month after graduating from GRIPS, I was offered a senior program manager position in the Forum of Federations Myanmar Office, an international nongovernment organization working in Myanmar to provide technical expertise and assistance on federalism and devolved governance. My study in Japan has equipped me with the tools and skills to contribute to improving people's lives.

I dedicate my degree to the people of my country. This is a chance and opportunity I do not take for granted. I will work hard to pay forward all the love and support I received from everyone during my study in Japan.

Nanda Ika Dewi Kumalasari (Indonesia)
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
Master of Public Policy
October 2018–September 2020

At the dawn of this crisis, we mourn for the losses of the world due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Waiting for the pandemic to be over, I am lucky enough to be able to finish my master's degree in public policy in 2020. I feel honored to have this opportunity to express my feelings about my academic journey in Japan as a representative of ADB scholars from GRIPS.

Growing up in a small rural village in Java, I am familiar with the contradicting appearance of a woman's status. On one hand, women seem to have high status and access to resources, but on the other hand, the situation suggests that Javanese women experienced lack of real power and autonomy. We, women, are expected to have responsibilities in supporting the families and controlling household finances and yet women are rarely seen as the leader of the family.

As suggested by Tickamyer and Kusujiarti in a 2014 study on power, change, and gender relations in rural Java, these symbols and potential sources of independence and influence are determined by a culturally prescribed, state-reinforced, and patriarchal gender ideology that limits women's autonomy, including accessing higher levels of education. Therefore, I am here not only to represent myself, but also women in my village who do not have the opportunity to become better educated, let alone study abroad. For this reason, I express my sincere gratitude to ADB for granting me this scholarship and affording me the opportunity to continue with my academic journey in GRIPS.

I believe that the program is more than just “earning a degree,” but more of a lifetime experience that connects students like myself with the rest of the world. In GRIPS, I had the opportunity to learn new knowledge related to science, technology, and innovation policy, which come in handy in my work as a researcher. I conducted research on the implementation of open innovation in government institutions and exploring the innovation of ecosystem in public research institute. Those research experiences help me navigate my current research on the impact of government social media on policy making. And for that valuable experiences, I will be forever grateful. I would like to quote the former first lady of the United States, Michelle Obama, “every girl, no matter where she lives, deserves to develop the promise inside of her.” I believe the knowledge I acquired in Japan will be meaningful, especially in supporting equality in education for men and women. Thank you very much and God bless you.

In GRIPS, I had the opportunity to learn new knowledge related to science, technology, and innovation policy, which come in handy in my work as a researcher.

Abror Mirzo Olimov (Uzbekistan)
Hitotsubashi University
Master of Public Policy
September 2018–August 2020

I have always dreamed of studying abroad in one of the best universities and expanding my academic and professional knowledge. In 2018, my dreams came true, and I was honored to be a recipient of the ADB–JSP to study at the Hitotsubashi University (HIT), one of the top universities in Japan, and earn my master of public policy degree.

Two years of studying and living in Japan taught me a lot, as I gained valuable knowledge in the field of public policy, which greatly broadened my perspective on governance, politics, and economics. The HIT professors taught us the best practices and strategies from both developed and developing countries through their insightful lectures, profound knowledge, and discussions.

With the support of the ADB–JSP scholarship, I put my best effort to gain rich knowledge and was honored with “The Best Thesis Award” among the highly competitive students. In addition to knowledge, I made many friends from all over Asia and learned a lot from different cultures and traditions.

After returning to Uzbekistan, I was promoted, and now I could apply the knowledge gained from my professors for further economic reforms in my country. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the ADB–JSP for giving me a life-changing opportunity and facilitating my living in Japan.

Rifat Ara Mostofa (Bangladesh)
The University of Hong Kong
Master of Urban Design
September 2019–August 2020

Being interested in growing cities and development, as an architect I always aspired to study urban design and planning. After earning my bachelor's degree, ADB–JSP provided me an amazing opportunity to pursue my dreams and goals. The 1-year Master of Urban Design program provided me with knowledge all over the world and broadened my scope of work.

While studying, I got the chance to be engaged with international students and professors all over the world, which not only allowed me to learn but also strengthen my professional network. Apart from the technical learning, I was also fortunate enough to visit Europe and physically observe the notion of cities and culture. The program helped me to realize the context of urban design all over the world and what is the scope of work in my own country.

My master's thesis “Gendered Space” about public spaces for women in cities was mostly inspired by my personal experience as a citizen of Dhaka. The professors not only inspired me to take this challenge but also supported me to find a strategic plan that will help me in the future. The thesis was just the beginning; I plan to work in this field in my own country and in other developing countries around the world, which has been possible with ADB's support.

I would like to convey my gratitude to ADB–JSP and the University of Hong Kong for providing me an opportunity to express myself, be kind, and to persevere.

Mark Ian Calayugan (Philippines)
International Rice Research Institute Los Baños
Master of Science in Plant Breeding
August 2016–July 2018

Because of the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) I had a wonderful experience and chance to work with diverse colleagues from International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) Rice Breeding and Strategic Innovation Platform, IRRI Education, co-scholars from the southeast Asian countries, and expert scientists for my MS research. Together and with the immense help of biofortification team of IRRI led by Dr. Mallikarjuna Swamy, I have authored and co-authored 10 oral and poster paper presentations in local and international conferences. In July 2018, I presented my research at the 48th Crop Science Society of the Philippines Scientific Conference, where I was one of the finalists in the best paper competition of the upstream research category. In March 2019, I also presented our poster paper and won 3rd place in the best poster paper competition at the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) Annual Scientific Conference. In June 2019, I co-authored one paper published in *Frontiers in Nutrition* and in February 2020 our paper on “Genetic Analysis of Agronomic Traits and Grain Iron and Zinc Concentrations in a Doubled Haploid Population of Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.)” in which I am the first author was published in *Nature Scientific Reports*.

At present, I work as university research associate at the Crop Breeding and Genetic Resources Division of the Institute of Crop Science, University of the Philippines Los Baños. I am involved in the implementation of research projects on rice including rainfed rice breeding, national multi-environment trial, national cooperative testing, conservation, and management of rice germplasm.

My heartfelt thanks to the ADB–JSP for the generous support and in helping me grow personally and professionally.

Kiki Purbosari (Indonesia)
International University of Japan
Master of Arts in Public Management
and Policy Analysis Program
September 2013–June 2015

Currently, I am the Coffee and Payment for Ecosystem Services Programme Manager of Rikolto in Indonesia. Rikolto is a nongovernment organization with international office in Leuven, Belgium. Rikolto has more than 50 years of experience partnering with farmers and food chain actors in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America.

When I joined Rikolto in 2019 as a Coffee Sector Coordinator, I brought 2 years of experience in handling business development of small and medium enterprises in the coffee industry, and 5-1/2 years of experience in higher education program development with a master's degree in public management from the International University of Japan. Since then, I have gained experience managing the coffee program of Rikolto in Indonesia.

In August 2020, I was promoted as the Coffee and Payment for Ecosystem Services Programme Manager. My scope of responsibility extends to issues of sustainability and conservation in relation to the coffee sector. The number of direct beneficiaries of the program that I lead is 6,600 coffee farmers in 6 regencies of 3 provinces in Indonesia. At the national level, I was asked several times to be a resource person in webinars on the topic of capacity building for coffee farmers, sustainable coffee production, and the adaptation of coffee agriculture to climate change.

I am grateful to have the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in 2013–2015 under the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program at IUJ majoring in Public Management and Policy Analysis Program. It has developed my knowledge, skills, and critical thinking in development program design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.

Mirzobobo Yormirzoev (Tajikistan)
International University of Japan
Master of Arts in International
Development Program
September 2004–June 2006

After my master's degree at IUJ, I earned my PhD from Washington State University, and now am an associate professor of Economics at University of Central Asia's (UCA) School of Arts and Sciences. Prior to joining UCA, I was a faculty at Higher School of Economics in the Russian Federation where I taught a wide range of economics courses, including econometrics, macroeconomics, economic growth, and business statistics.

Overall, my research interests are broad and interdisciplinary, ranging from international migration and remittances, to consumer studies in the context of the former Soviet republics. I recently co-published an article with International JIC (International Journal of Consumer Studies) entitled "Consumers' willingness to pay for organic versus all-natural milk—Does certification make a difference?" The article aims to identify the willingness to pay for organic products, and the perception of organic products in Russia. We found that while the perception of organic milk is that it is better for your health and the environment, this alone does not have a major impact on the consumer's willingness to pay over traditional milk products.

Aside from the said publication, I have also written and co-authored several peer-reviewed journal articles.

Araf Al Rafi (Bangladesh)
Keio University
Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
October 2018–September 2020

The ADB–JSP scholarship gave me the opportunity to pursue my MSc degree in Mechanical Engineering from a reputed institution like Keio University. Keio University gave me a versatile learning experience that is both academic and practical. It also gave me the opportunity to work as an intern in the research and development department of Toshiba. This experience was valuable to me, as it gave me the ability to apply what I learned in a real-life case.

My MSc degree gave me the unique opportunity to live in the multicultural society of Japan. Apart from doing research and gaining knowledge, I was also able to interact with people from different countries, participate in campus festivals, and teach English to the elementary school students of Japan. All these experiences helped me to have a new way of thinking and grow as a human being. For my MSc thesis I worked on a project funded by the Government of Japan, where I carried out research to improve the frictional properties of lubricants.

After receiving my MSc degree, I came back to Bangladesh and started working as a lecturer in Daffodil International University. I am also preparing myself to start my PhD. I firmly believe that the knowledge and experience that I have gathered during the 2 years of my stay in Japan will help me to earn a PhD degree in the future and establish my career in academia.

Vinny Dwi Melliny (Indonesia)
Kobe University
Master in Economic Development and Policies
October 2018–September 2020

Being a part of the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) in 2018, I was grateful to pursue my postgraduate studies in Economic Development and Studies at the University of Kobe, Japan. They offered many great classes, with outstanding lectures that provided me excellent insights on interdisciplinary subjects such as economics, political science, and disaster management. Fortunately, I had some opportunities to take intensive courses taught by experts who have worked for international organizations, including Prof. Nicholas Burnet (current Chair of the UNESCO IIEP Governing Board), Prof. Mari Shoji (senior education specialist at the World Bank), Dr. Naoki Umemiya (Japan International Cooperation Agency–JICA expert), and Prof. Duncan Snidal (senior professor at Oxford University).

I feel very privileged to have been given the golden opportunity to achieve my dream. Without ADB's funding support, my dream would have remained a dream. Now, I have a bigger role as one of the leaders arranging a structurally new department in Economic and Business Faculty at University of Muhammadiyah Palembang. My current goal is to help transform my university to have a more intellectual and more academic environment approaching international university standards. My deepest gratitude to ADB as my dream is coming true.

Ramida Khalilova (Azerbaijan)
Kobe University
Master of Economics
October 2015–September 2017

My master of economics course at the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies at Kobe University, Japan with the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) for 2 years was valuable and one of the most rewarding experiences for me, both academically and professionally. I had a chance to take lectures from the outstanding professors at Kobe University.

My study in Japan gave me a chance to get in touch with its culture and fall in love with this country forever. Moreover, I had the opportunity to learn about the culture of and find friends from different countries.

After graduating from Kobe University, I joined the teaching staff of the University of Technology of Azerbaijan. On a professional level, I contribute the knowledge and skills I learned in Japan to help other students to achieve their goals and dreams. Also, I am volunteering at a nongovernment organization in developing projects related to the economic development of regions.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the ADB–JSP for its support, to Professor Matsunaga Nobuaki, and other professors, and all faculty members at Kobe University for their kind support during my master's course in Japan. I am sincerely happy and proud to be an alumna of the ADB–JSP and Kobe University.

Kyaw Kyaw Htoo (Myanmar)
Kyoto University
Master of Agricultural Science
October 2018–September 2020

I am a public officer in Myanmar. I was formerly trained as a forester at the University of Forestry in Myanmar. I completed my graduate work in tropical forest ecology at Kyoto University in 2020, with full support from the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program. In Japan, I had a chance to work with excellent technical equipment and be supervised by internationally well-connected scientists.

My research centers on the tropical montane forest ecology along high mountains. In the continental Asian countries, the knowledge about tropical forests is incomplete and Myanmar still suffers from a gap in the regional studies. Therefore, understanding the ecology and processes of tropical forests in Myanmar benefits the stability of forest ecosystems especially in the tropics.

After my graduate work, I was assigned to work at the nature and wildlife conservation division under the forest department of Myanmar. With experiences gained from Kyoto University, I am now able to contribute in the areas of forest ecology and management of Myanmar with great confidence. More importantly, I am currently one of the alumni of Kyoto University and from now on I could be able to extend networking in ecological works with research institutions not only in Japan but also around the world.

Soe Moe Nwe (Myanmar)
Kyushu University
Master of Agro-environmental Science
October 2018–September 2020

It was my dream to pursue a master's degree in Japan. Thanks to ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) for giving me a great opportunity to study and do research at Kyushu University, which is one of the best research universities in the world. The learning environment at this university is excellent, as it is equipped with modern technologies and advanced facilities that made me enjoy studying in Japan. The courses offered at Kyushu University were so enriching. From classroom sessions, field trips, seminars, workshops, and other opportunities for learning provided by the program, I gained theoretical knowledge, multiple skills, and practical experiences.

At Kyushu University, I belonged to the laboratory of Ecohydrology, where I had a chance to study advanced techniques. I conducted a research for my thesis on “The effect of throughfall and stemflow reduction on soil moisture and sap flow of a Japanese cypress plantation.” Aside from studying, I had a chance to meet new friends from different countries, exchange multiculturalism, languages, and experiences. I was also able to enjoy the lifestyle, culture, and food of Japan.

I am currently working as a junior environmental and social expert at Myanmar Koei International Co., Ltd., which is a branch of Nippon Koei Co., Ltd. I am responsible for analyzing environmental and social assessment in different types of projects. I am thankful to the ADB–JSP and Kyushu University for supporting and teaching me.

Dorji Kuenang (Bhutan)
Kyushu University
Master in International Economic and Business Law
October 2019–September 2020

It has been my dream to pursue an International Economic and Business Law degree in a reputable university and expand my knowledge in the fields of economics and business. The support from the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) to pursue my master’s in international economic and business law at Kyushu University was wish fulfilling. Honestly, I feel that without the funding support from the ADB–JSP, my wish would have remained as a dream forever.

Studying in Japan was a life experience, despite being under tremendous pressure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Life was eventful, and I got to make lots of friends from around the world. The staff, *sensei*, and supervisors were unbelievably helpful. The knowledge and skills gained have greatly changed my perspective in viewing and analyzing matters related to economic and business law. Additionally, the program greatly helped me understand investment laws and sensitive issues arising from foreign direct investment.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the ADB–JSP and the Graduate School of Law, Kyushu University for providing me the support. I am confident that the support rendered will never be in waste, as it would help me and my country to cross many milestones in the near future. I am looking forward to making a positive impact and help my king, country, and people.

Jaime Genaro Zulueta (Philippines)
Nanyang Technological University
Double Master in Business Administration
July 2017–August 2018

I am extremely grateful to the ADB–JSP for awarding me the scholarship in 2017. I come from a modest background and could only dream of studying and living abroad. Under the scholarship, I obtained my master in business administration from Nanyang Technological University and Waseda University. Up to that point, my entire life had been spent in the Philippines. The opportunity to live and breathe in another country was extremely valuable. Not only did I meet wonderful people from around the globe and learn from esteemed professors, I also developed a different world view.

The ADB–JSP not only fulfilled my initial dream but gave me a sense of purpose of giving back to my country and community. One night in my Tokyo dormitory, while overlooking the city lights, I realized that people and my country can have it better. A higher quality of life. Efficient public and private services. Well-being and security. These may seem like basic services, but they are something we Filipinos must continuously struggle and fight for.

Upon my return to the Philippines, I embarked on a career in the financial impact space where the companies that I have worked with give opportunity to numerous unbanked and underfinanced small and medium enterprises and individuals. I am now fulfilling the purpose that the ADB–JSP helped me discover. Everywhere I go, everything I do, I try to add value and impact to those around me.

My life transformed positively during and after the program. It is my hope that one day, others can experience the same.

Cho Mar Naing (Myanmar)
Nagoya University
Master of Arts in International Development
April 2013–March 2015

Before studying in Japan, development studies were just interesting to me as a person from an information technology background. As a huge turn of a lifetime, my application to the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) was successful in 2013! I graduated with a master’s degree from the Graduate School of International Development (GSID), Nagoya University. My stay in Japan gave me the best memories of my life and, also served as a strong ladder for my career growth. With a chance to learn development studies in such a multidisciplinary and diversified environment as GSID, I was able to be more confident and motivated, as it broadened my space of knowledge and perspectives.

After returning to Myanmar, I joined the Myanmar–Japan Center for Human Resources Development as a Senior Project Staff. It was my first experience to be involved in such a project and I was able to carry out the assignments by utilizing know-how and insights that I gained from Japan. I am now working in the Project Office of the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship as an assistant country officer. As I am always willing to be a part of development process, sincerely, I am proud of being involved in this working environment.

I am deeply thankful to the ADB–JSP and GSID for bringing this greatest opportunity into my life. I will keep on in pursuing more knowledge and experience by engaging in more practical development works.

Poonnawatt Kornwika (Thailand)
Nagoya University
Master of Arts in International Development
April 2016–March 2018

With ADB support, I could fulfill my dream of furthering my studies in the field of development. In Japan, I was surrounded by brilliant academia and academic support from Nagoya University. I was able to improve my research and communication skills from seminar folks. Apart from the academic world, I experienced a great understanding of multicultural societies. These have made me ready to adapt myself to this fast-changing world.

After my graduation from Nagoya University in 2018, I returned to Thailand and joined an American organization, International Rescue Committee, as a program officer. Eventually, I got promoted as senior cultural orientation program officer. During this period, I utilized my skills, knowledge, and experiences to build better communication channels and activities for our clients. I was selected to be the representative from Asia to join the Overseas Cultural Orientation Provider Exchange 2020, which was arranged and funded by Cultural Orientation Resource Exchange in Washington State, United States. Also, I was nominated for many team projects to improve internal systems, update useful curricula, and conduct training.

Without the ADB–JSP and Nagoya University, I could not see myself reaching this life milestone. I am very grateful to ADB for offering me opportunities to achieve my life goals. Thank you!

Isiri Nagasinghe (Sri Lanka)
Saitama University
Master of Engineering in Environmental Science
and Civil Engineering
April 2018–March 2020

It was a great privilege to pursue a master's degree as an ADB–JSP scholar at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering of Saitama University. The scholarship provided to me not only gave me significant exposure to develop research skills but also an immense opportunity to explore the unique Japanese culture. Furthermore, I experienced being in a multicultural setting during my stay at Saitama University—thereby expanding my network of international contacts.

My master's research was to evaluate the applicability of construction and demolition waste and industrial by-products as alternative liming agents to neutralize acidic geo materials, which was carried out at the geo-environmental laboratory. Most importantly, I received the Excellent Master Thesis Award under the International Graduate Program on Civil and Environmental Engineering, Program in Environmental Science and Civil Engineering, Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Saitama University in fiscal year 2019. In addition, I was fortunate to follow a Japanese language course at Saitama University parallel to the master's degree and able to be fluent by the end of 2 years. In the summer vacation of 2019, I succeeded in climbing the summit of Mount Fuji, seeing the breathtaking view of the sunrise. Therefore, I believe that I have reaped the best of the granted opportunity, and it became a milestone in my lifetime, thanks to the ADB–JSP scholarship.

Currently, I am serving in the academic sector of Sri Lanka as a university lecturer. The wide experience gained from 2 years in Japan makes me confident in my academic career. I am sincerely grateful to the ADB–JSP scholarship grant without which I could not have reaped these positive outcomes in my life in both academic and social perspectives.

Kelum Chamindu Deepagoda Thudwe Kankanamge (Sri Lanka)
Saitama University
Master of Engineering in Soil Mechanics
April 2006–March 2008

I am really indebted to the ADB–JSP Scholarship Program, which allowed me to open many windows of opportunities to reach the academic and professional goals I have dreamed of.

Having obtained a master's degree under the ADB–JSP Scholarship Program at Saitama University, I joined Aalborg University in Denmark as a PhD candidate under the strong collaborative research between the two universities. During my PhD study, I revisited the Saitama University as a visiting scholar and co-supervised a master's student under the program. Upon completion of my PhD degree, I pursued three postdoctoral fellowships at Aarhus University (Denmark), University of Copenhagen (Denmark), and Colorado School of Mines (United States), respectively before joining the Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya (Sri Lanka) where I am presently serving as a Senior Lecturer. I further obtained a highly competitive LEARN fellowship from the New Zealand Government to pursue a postdoctoral study at Lincoln University, New Zealand. In 2018, I received a Presidential Award from Sri Lanka as recognition for my significant contribution to the scientific community.

None of these achievements could have been possible without the generous support of the ADB–JSP Scholarship Program, which laid a strong foundation in my life to climb the ladder and achieve a high professional integrity.

Nugraha Syarif Husein (Indonesia)
Tokyo Institute of Technology
Master of Environmental Science and Technology
October 2015–September 2017

I am a civil servant at a government agency focusing on environmental issues in Bekasi Regency, Indonesia. I dreamed of studying in Japan to improve my knowledge in environmental issues. In 2015, my dream came true, I got the scholarship from the ADB–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB–JSP) to pursue my study in Japan. I got the opportunity to continue my master’s degree at Graduate School of Environmental Science and Engineering–Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech). I am very happy and grateful to the ADB–JSP and Tokyo Tech for this opportunity.

Studying in Japan gave me so many experiences that I never had before. In Tokyo Tech, I joined both Murayama and Nishikizawa laboratories to conduct research on environmental policy and planning. In this laboratory, I met many people from different countries and cultures, shared about environmental issues in our country and discussed each other to broaden our knowledge. When I lived in Japan, I joined some social organizations and learned many things about Japanese culture. I am very impressed and grateful for those experiences, and I hoped to bring those positive vibes and experiences to my country.

After graduating from Tokyo Tech, I returned to Indonesia and held positions such as environmental analyst and law enforcement officer, EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) Appraisal Commission board for government of Bekasi regency, and have been a part-time lecturer at the Faculty of Environmental Engineering–President University. On some occasions, I have also been invited as a speaker in seminars or discussions about environmental issues. In such opportunities, I always like to apply what I have learned in Japan and hopefully it will make good changes and contribute for better future especially in environmental issues in my country. Thank you very much, ADB–JSP.

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Md Kamrul Ahsan (Bangladesh)
Department of Civil Engineering,
The University of Tokyo
Master of Engineering in Civil Engineering
September 2016–September 2018

It has always been my dream to pursue higher studies abroad at a globally leading university, with a view not only to expand my knowledge but also to experience the different customs and cultures of countries. Fortunately, the ADB–JSP Scholarship Program allowed me to turn my dream into reality by financially supporting me to study at The University of Tokyo, which is one of the world's most prestigious universities, and live in a country of cultural wonder, Japan.

My 2 years at the University of Tokyo was filled with lifelong learning, new challenges and opportunities, self-exploration, and personal growth. During my master's studies, apart from conventional coursework activities, I attended several seminars and workshops organized by top professionals, which was an eye-opener for my career and future path. Moreover, intercultural experiences gathered at the campus and daily life in Japan helped me grow, adapt to different circumstances, and respect others' opinions.

After returning to Bangladesh, I rejoined my former institute but with a different perspective. Now I know that persistence and dedication are the main ingredients to achieve goals. The learning and experience in Japan will assist me in being an ideal academician and convey the knowledge to my country's future generations.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the ADB–JSP and The University of Tokyo for providing me with this once in a lifetime opportunity. The memories are special and will always be preserved in my heart.

Maureen Tamayo (Philippines)
Department of Urban Engineering,
The University of Tokyo
Master of Engineering in Environmental Engineering
September 2017–August 2019

It has been my dream to study in Japan. To be granted that opportunity with just a one-time attempt at the country's top university, The University of Tokyo, coupled with the generous and supportive ADB–JSP scholarship, feels like the most exciting chapter of my life to date. Before pursuing graduate school, I worked for at least 2 years in the field of water resources engineering mainly focusing on flood and drainage. And while living in the city, I have witnessed the inadequacy of the urban water system. Thus, I decided to heed my calling in eventually contributing to the solution by choosing the environmental engineering field under the Department of Urban Engineering for my graduate studies.

Currently, I work for an international engineering consultancy firm on a project entitled "Integrated Flood Risk Management Sector Project" that aims for flood risk reduction in six priority river basins in the Philippines. With my country's current setting, I have yet to apply the new learning I got from my MS education. I am planning to further my studies and solidify my foundation in this field so that I could be one of the catalysts who could advance and work on the Philippines' urban water issue.

Shaila Islam (Bangladesh)
Department of Urban Engineering,
The University of Tokyo
Master of Engineering in Urban Planning
September 2017–August 2019

Before attending the University of Tokyo with an ADB–JSP scholarship, I was involved in both academia and architectural practice in my home country Bangladesh. Growing up in a highly dense, developing context, issues related to cities, mobility, and urban development always fascinated me. However, the mainstream design-driven, product-oriented architecture education is more tailored toward superficial realities escaping from our everyday real-life challenges. Therefore, to expand my understanding of the built-environment I decided to pursue a research-based master's degree in planning that will equip me with a strong theoretical base combined with specialized aptitudes.

ADB–Japan Scholarship Program provided me the opportunity to study in an esteemed institution like The University of Tokyo and spend 2 years in the incredible city of Tokyo, which was truly inspiring and fulfilling in so many ways. I acquired valuable experiences by working on projects in various areas of Tokyo and through collaborative endeavors with foreign institutes like Georgia Tech and Politecnico di Torino. Apart from that institutional education I absorbed and learned a lot from Japanese culture and tradition, which is precious to me. In conclusion, my time in Japan made me confident, compassionate, and committed to my life and responsibilities.

David Syam Budi Bakroh (Indonesia)
Graduate School of Public Policy,
The University of Tokyo
Master of Public Policy
September 2014–August 2016

After completing the Master of Public Policy International Program, I immediately returned to Indonesia. I always try to make my best contribution to my country, especially in the field of education. Thus, I decided to become a lecturer at Polytechnic of State Finance, a vocational college under the Ministry of Finance. On weekends, I also work as an online tutor at the Open University, which provides affordable education to the public. Right now, I am pursuing a PhD in Social Sciences from the University of Helsinki, Finland, with pension fund management reform as the focus.

Apart from teaching, I have also been active in various research and community services. In 2017, I was invited by the World Bank to conduct a sharing session related to the use of online learning in the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Since one of my professors at the University of Tokyo once told me about the importance of networking. I try to stay active in various international activities. For example, I was involved in the 2018 Annual Meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in Bali. In the same year, I enrolled in a training program arranged by the Netherlands Education Support Office (Nuffic Neso) to learn best practices in performance measurement budgeting.

I am very grateful to The University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Public Policy as well as to the ADB–JSP for enabling me to pass on the knowledge that I have learned to our young generation.

As a payback, we formed an alumni association to persuade more juniors to pursue the best education abroad.

Kongleaphy Keam (Cambodia)
Graduate School of Public Policy,
The University of Tokyo
Master of Public Policy
September 2018–August 2020

After I earned a master's degree in public policy from The University of Tokyo thanks to ADB–JSP, I returned to Cambodia as a Managing Editor at the Construction & Property Magazine, a media department under the Cambodia Constructors Association. Under this new position, I now can make even greater impacts on society, especially with the strong economic and financial analytical skills I obtained.

For the past 5 years, construction and property have been one of the top sectors driving economic growth in Cambodia. However, growth comes with risks. That is why we are now creating a series of educational content on social media to help the society realize both the potentials and risks entailed in the two sectors. I am glad that the show is getting more popular and hope that people from different social groups will take the right actions.

This kind of show demonstrates how journalism acts like a mirror; it reflects society and calls for people to take action. Although journalism cannot solve the world's problems directly, it can indirectly contribute to creating awareness and encourage people to take action.

Aside from my strong belief in journalism, I also have vowed to help improve Cambodia's education system by being a lecturer at a local university and by joining the Cambodia Educational Reform Committee. I am now preparing myself for that by first being a part-time tutor for high school students. Thus, when the opportunity comes, I will jump right in.

Krishna Prasad Sapkota (Nepal)
School of International Health,
The University of Tokyo
Master of Health Science in
Community and Global Health
April 2018–March 2020

I am extremely honored and thankful to be the recipient of the ADB–JSP award to pursue a master's degree in global health from The University of Tokyo, one of the most prestigious universities in the world. When I was planning to get a higher degree from a foreign university, the scholarship came as the lucky charm for me to lead in a bright path. I believe that I am one step closer to my career goals and this award has played academically, financially, and emotionally an important role in my life.

As a part of my thesis, I researched about the nutritional status of children with disabilities in Nepal and after graduation, I got an opportunity to work on the same field. I am working as a monitoring and evaluation manager for Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Program at Karuna Foundation Nepal (<https://karunanepal.org/>). Before going to Japan, I worked as a monitoring and evaluation officer. However, I was able to get a higher position after I finished my international degree. I am working with great enthusiasm applying all the learning gained from Japan, such as punctuality, dedication, and accountability toward work.

I would like to take this chance to thank, from the bottom of my heart, all my professors, ADB–JSP coordinators, secretaries, and colleagues in the community and global health department of The University of Tokyo for strengthening my belief in myself.

APPENDIX 6

ADB–Japan Scholarship Program Independent Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements for the Years Ended 31 December 2020 and 2019

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).

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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 2020 and 2019, 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 Japan Scholarship Program as of 31 December 2020 and 2019, 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 2020 and cumulative as of 31 December 2020 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 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 black ink that reads "Deloitte Touche LLP".

Public Accountants and
Chartered Accountants
Singapore

17 May 2021

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JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
(Administered by Asian Development Bank)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As of 31 December 2020 and 2019
Expressed in Thousands of United States Dollars

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
ASSETS		
DUE FROM BANKS (Note J)	\$ 4,798	\$ 3,516
INVESTMENTS		
Time deposits (Notes C, J and K)	—	3,945
ADVANCES TO DESIGNATED INSTITUTIONS	2,925	2,570
ACCRUED REVENUE	—	2
TOTAL	\$ 7,723	\$ 10,033
LIABILITIES AND UNCOMMITTED BALANCES		
PAYABLE TO RELATED FUND (Note D)	\$ 17	\$ 28
ACCRUED EXPENSES (Note E)	11	6
OTHER PAYABLE (Note F)	—	2
UNDISBURSED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED (Notes G and K)	4,553	4,409
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,581	4,447
UNCOMMITTED BALANCES (JSP-2) (Note H), represented by:		
Net assets without donor restrictions	3,142	5,586
TOTAL	\$ 7,723	\$ 10,033

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

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JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
(Administered by Asian Development Bank)

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
For the Years Ended 31 December 2020 and 2019
Expressed in Thousands of United States Dollars

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
CONTRIBUTIONS (Note H)	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,269
REVENUE		
From investments		
From interest income	28	191
From other sources		
Interest income	11	67
Miscellaneous income	0	0
	<u>39</u>	<u>258</u>
Total	<u>5,039</u>	<u>4,527</u>
EXPENSES		
Scholarship distributions (Note G)	(7,653)	(7,438)
Administrative expenses (Note I)	<u>(159)</u>	<u>(175)</u>
Total	<u>(7,812)</u>	<u>(7,613)</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS AND REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	(2,773)	(3,086)
EXCHANGE GAINS—net	<u>329</u>	<u>91</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(2,444)	(2,995)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,586	8,581
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 3,142	\$ 5,586

0 = Less than \$500.

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

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JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
(Administered by Asian Development Bank)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Years Ended 31 December 2020 and 2019
 Expressed in Thousands of United States Dollars

	2020	2019
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Contributions received	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,269
Interest received on investments	30	195
Interest earned on bank account	12	67
Miscellaneous income	0	0
Scholarship distributions	(7,691)	(8,590)
Administrative and financial expenses paid	(14)	(71)
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	(2,663)	(4,130)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Maturities of investments	300,970	423,899
Placement of investments	(297,025)	(419,394)
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	3,945	4,505
Net Increase in Due From Banks	1,282	375
Due from Banks at Beginning of Year	3,516	3,141
Due from Banks at End of the Year	\$ 4,798	\$ 3,516

0 = Less than \$500.

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

JSP-4

JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
(Administered by Asian Development Bank)

STATEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS
For the Year Ended 31 December 2020 and Cumulative as of 31 December 2020
Expressed in Thousands of United States Dollars

<u>DESIGNATED INSTITUTION</u>	<u>Distributions During 2020</u>	<u>Cumulative Distributions to 31 December 2020</u>
International University of Japan	\$ 981	\$ 25,972
University of Tokyo	1,204	24,059
Asian Institute of Management	468	14,947
Saitama University	648	15,563
National Center for Dev't. Studies	176	12,887
Asian Institute of Technology	508	10,456
East-West Center	422	9,818
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies	430	10,625
University of Sydney	77	6,278
University of Hongkong	182	7,694
Graduate School of International Development	402	7,300
University of Melbourne	107	5,625
University of Auckland	86	5,333
Institute of Environmental Studies	254	4,806
National University of Singapore	164	4,941
International Rice Research Institute	109	2,959
Lahore University of Management Sciences	45	2,552
Ritsumeikan University	172	2,766
Kelso University	8	1,775
Thammasat University	56	1,698
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	8	729
Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo	146	1,675
Kyushu University	119	1,546
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University	127	1,538
University of Tsukuba	94	906
Nanyang Technological University	45	1,307
Hirosubashi University	58	721
Kobe University	143	1,400
Tokyo Institute of Technology	144	987
United Nations University - Institute for Sustainability and Peace	139	782
Kyoto University	131	756
TOTAL	\$ 7,653	\$ 190,833

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JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
(Administered by Asian Development Bank)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 December 2020 and 2019

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 2020 totaled \$191,571,000 (\$186,571,000 – 2019).

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 its objectives.

Functional and Reporting Currency

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

Investments

All investments held by the JSP are reported at fair value (FV). Interest income on time deposits is recognized as earned and reported in 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.

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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 2020 based on current costs amounted to \$5,857,000 (\$4,990,000 – 2019).

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).

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.

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 June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standard Update (ASU) 2016-13, "Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326) – Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments," and subsequent ASUs in 2018 and 2019, collectively referred to as the Updates, replacing the incurred loss impairment methodology with a methodology that reflects expected credit losses on financial instruments and other commitments to extend credit. DUE FROM BANKS is included in the scope of the updates, but no expected loss is determined based on credit quality. These Updates did not have a significant impact to the JSP's financial statements when it took effect on 1 January 2020.

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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 took effect on 1 January 2020 but did not have a material impact 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 of funds invested. 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.

There were no investments as of 31 December 2020. All investments held as of 31 December 2019 were in US dollar time deposits.

The rate of return on average investments held during the year ended 31 December 2020 was 0.50% (2.41% – 2019).

Fair Value Disclosure

The FV of investments as of 31 December 2019 was as follows:

(\$ thousand)		Fair Value Measurements			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
2019					
Investments					
Time deposits	\$ 3,945	\$ –	\$ 3,945	\$ –	

Time deposits are reported at cost, which approximates FV.

NOTE D—RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

The interfund payable to OCR as of 31 December 2020 and 2019 was subsequently settled on 20 January 2021 and 27 January 2020, respectively, and reported as PAYABLE TO RELATED FUND.

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NOTE E—ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accrued expenses pertain to audit fees and other administrative expenses incurred but not yet paid as of 31 December 2020 and 2019.

NOTE F—OTHER PAYABLE

Other payable pertains to administrative and scholarship expenses advances by external parties other than OCR.

The other payable as of 31 December 2019 was subsequently settled on 10 and 14 January 2020.

NOTE G—SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AND RELATED UNDISBURSED AMOUNTS

As of 31 December 2020, the total number of annual scholarships awarded for academic years 1988-1989 through 2020-2021 was 4,039 (3,917 – 2019). 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 2020 totaled \$4,553,000 (\$4,409,000 – 2019).

NOTE H—CONTRIBUTIONS AND UNCOMMITTED BALANCES

In 2020, the Government of Japan committed contributions to the JSP amounting to \$5,000,000 (\$4,269,000 – 2019).

Uncommitted balances comprise amounts which have not been committed by the JSP as of 31 December 2020 and 2019.

NOTE I—EXPENSES*Administrative expenses*

Administrative expenses include consultants, audit fees, and other expenses, which are incurred for management and general supporting activities.

The table below summarizes the administrative expenses for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019:

(\$ thousand)

	2020	2019
Consultants	\$ 76	\$ 14
Staff related expenses	55	52
Audit fees	17	17
Business travel	6	44
Other administrative expenses	5	47
Total	\$ 159	\$ 174

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NOTE J—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, the JSP invests cash in excess of daily requirements in short-term investments.

As of 31 December 2020, the JSP has a liquidity of \$4,798,000 (\$7,461,000 – 2019) consisting of DUE FROM BANKS of \$4,798,000 (\$3,516,000 – 2019) and INVESTMENTS in Time deposits of nil (\$3,945,000 – 2019), 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 K—OTHER FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURES

As of 31 December 2020 and 2019, the JSP has no assets or liabilities measured at FV on a non-recurring basis. See Notes C and G 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 FV.

NOTE L—SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The JSP has evaluated subsequent events after 31 December 2020 through 17 May 2021, the date these financial statements are available for issuance. On 27 January 2021, the JSP received its 33rd contribution from the Government of Japan amounting to \$5,000,000.

APPENDIX 7

Profile of Scholars and Graduates for Academic Year 2020

International academic gateway. Saitama University strives to be an international academic gateway, welcoming students and researchers from around the world not just as guests, but as valued colleagues and collaborators (photo by Saitama University).

Table A7.1: Number of Scholars by Gender, Degree Program, and Field of Study, 2020

Institution	Gender			Degree Program		Field of Study				
	Female	Male	Total	Master's	Total	Business and Management	Economics	Law	Science and Technology	Total
AIM	2	10	12	12	12	4	8	0	0	12
AIT	7	6	13	13	13	1	1	0	11	13
ANU-CSPP	0	2	2	2	2	0	1	0	1	2
GRIPS	6	9	15	15	15	0	0	15	0	15
HKU	1	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	3	3
IITD	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
IRRI	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
IUJ	9	5	14	14	14	2	12	0	0	14
Kobe	2	1	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	3
Kyoto	2	2	4	4	4	2	0	0	2	4
Kyushu	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	2
LUMS	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
NU-GSID	4	0	4	4	4	0	4	0	0	4
NUS	2	1	3	3	3	0	0	1	2	3
RU	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	2
SU	2	9	11	11	11	0	0	0	11	11
Tokyo Tech	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
Tsukuba	2	1	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	3
TU	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
UNU-IAS	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
UOA	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
UOS	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
UOT-Civ Eng	1	8	9	9	9	0	0	0	9	9

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Institution	Gender			Degree Program		Field of Study				
	Female	Male	Total	Master's	Total	Business and Management	Economics	Law	Science and Technology	Total
UOT-Env	1	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	3	3
UOT-GraSPP	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
UOT-Int'l Health	4	1	5	5	5	0	0	0	5	5
UOT-Urban	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
Total	51	71	122	122	122	11	35	18	58	122

AIM = Asian Institute of Management; AIT = Asian Institute of Technology; ANU-CSPP = Australian National University, Crawford School of Public Policy; GRIPS = National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies; HKU = The University of Hong Kong; IITD = Indian Institute of Technology Delhi; IRRI = International Rice Research Institute; IUJ = International University of Japan; Kobe = Kobe University; Kyoto = Kyoto University; Kyushu = Kyushu University; LUMS = Lahore University of Management Sciences; 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; 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 A7.2: Number of Graduates by Gender, Degree Program, and Field of Study, 2020

Institution	Gender			Degree Program			Field of Study				
	Female	Male	Total	Master's	PhD	Total	Business and Management	Economics	Law	Science and Technology	Total
AIM	2	9	11	11	0	11	4	7	0	0	11
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	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	2
GRIPS	2	5	7	7	0	7	0	0	7	0	7
HIT	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	2
HKU	2	1	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	3
IUJ	10	3	13	12	1	13	3	10	0	0	13
Keio	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Kobe	3	0	3	2	1	3	0	3	0	0	3
Kyoto	0	3	3	3	0	3	1	0	0	2	3
Kyushu	2	1	3	3	0	3	0	0	1	2	3
LUMS	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
NTU-NBS	1	1	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
NU-GSID	4	2	6	6	0	6	0	6	0	0	6
NUS	2	2	4	4	0	4	1	0	1	2	4
RU	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
SU	5	6	11	11	0	11	0	0	0	11	11
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	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
UNU-IAS	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	2
UOA	3	0	3	3	0	3	2	1	0	0	3
UOM	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	2
UOT-Civ Eng	4	4	8	8	0	8	0	0	0	8	8
UOT-Env	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	2
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	3	4	3	1	4	0	0	0	4	4
Total	61	62	123	119	4	123	15	40	14	54	123

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; IUJ = International University of Japan; Keio = Keio University; Kobe = Kobe University; Kyoto = Kyoto University; Kyushu = Kyushu University; LUMS = Lahore University of Management and 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; 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 8

Theses and Research Papers Completed in 2020

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 A8: Theses and Research Papers Completed in 2020

Name	Country	Field of Study	Period of Study	Topic or Title of Research
Asian Institute of Management				
Anuja Koirala	Nepal	M Development Management	January 2020–December 2020	Strategy to Enhance Prehospital Care System in Nepal
Karma Choida	Bhutan	M Development Management	January 2020–December 2020	Strategy Paper on Instructional Leadership and Its Impact on the Academic Performance of Grade 6 Students in Choekhorling Middle Secondary School
Chhimi Rinzin	Bhutan	M Development Management	January 2020–December 2020	A Management Strategy Paper to Strengthen the Integration of ICT in Classroom Teaching-Learning for Improving the Quality of Education in Primary Schools of Lhuentse Dzongkhag, Bhutan
John Oliver M. Tablazon	Philippines	M Development Management	January 2020–December 2020	Sarangani Youth Leadership Academy (Syla): A Youth Development Leadership Program of Sarangani Province
Phan Thanh Tri	Viet Nam	M Development Management	January 2020–December 2020	Evaluating and Strategy to Scale-Up a Holistic Training Program Helps Young Vietnamese Achieve Their Well-Being
Akash Thakur	Nepal	M Development Management	January 2020–December 2020	Strategy Paper for Enhancing Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in Ramdhuni Municipality to Support Development of Agri-Based Microenterprises for Inclusive Growth
Hoang Anh Dung	Viet Nam	M Development Management	January 2020–December 2020	Building a new strategy for LIN Center for Community Development: A Civil Society Organization in the South of Vietnam for 2021–2025

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Name	Country	Field of Study	Period of Study	Topic or Title of Research
Asian Institute of Technology				
Gulay Jannat	Bangladesh	MSc Gender and Development and Studies	August 2018–May 2020	Climate-Induced Migrants in the Urban Slums of Dhaka City: Exploring the Gender Dimensions of Insecurities
Samina Alam	Bangladesh	ME Energy	August 2018–May 2020	Municipal Solid Waste to Energy: A Case Study of Chittagong, Bangladesh
Farah Yerro Sevilla	Philippines	MSc Natural Resources Management	August 2018–May 2020	Understanding Community Perceptions of the Mangrove Ecosystem and Community Participation in Its Management: A Case Study of Ban Khlong Khon in Central Thailand
Camella Anne Acharon Arellano	Philippines	MSc Food Engineering and Bioprocess Technology	August 2018–May 2020	Protective Effects of Carrier and Enzyme-Chitosan Cross Linking Reaction during Spray Drying of Proteolytic Enzyme Extract from Papaya (<i>Carica Papaya</i>) Peels
Nay Chi Win	Myanmar	ME Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Management	August 2018–May 2020	Relationship Between Scope Management Activities of Contractors and Performance of Construction Projects in Myanmar
Neelam Thapa	Nepal	ME Transportation Engineering	August 2018–May 2020	Determination of Perception-Reaction Time of Thai Motorcyclists for Stopping Sight Distance Using Driving Simulator
Bonny Pradhan	Nepal	ME Information Management	August 2018–May 2020	A Model for On-Demand Services' Niche Markets: An Application of a Ride Hailing Service for Women
Percy Koi Roary	Papua New Guinea	MSc Information and Communications Technologies	August 2018–May 2020	Detection of Leaf Disease Using Image Processing and Deep Learning
Deo Raj Biswa	Bhutan	ME Mechatronics	August 2018–May 2020	Development of a Segway-Type Forklift
Millisa Econar Saramosing	Philippines	M Business Administration	August 2018–May 2020	An Employee Perspective of Job Retention Strategy and Its Relationship on Knowledge Sharing Behavior: The Case of the Philippines' Agribusiness Sector
Hitotsubashi University				
Abror Mirzo Olimov	Uzbekistan	MPP Public Policy	September 2018–August 2020	The Main Determinants of Bank Stability. Evidence from the Uzbekistan Banking Sector
Daniel Basar	Indonesia	MPP Public Policy	September 2018–August 2020	Local Government Spending and Poverty: The Case of Indonesia 2016 to 2017
International University of Japan				
Po Pyae Shang	Myanmar	PhD International Relations	September 2017–June 2020	Myanmar's Foreign Policy after 2011: Perspective of Domestic Factors
Racquel Therese Valencia Acuin	Philippines	MA International Relations	September 2018–June 2020	Analyzing Fake News in the Philippines

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Name	Country	Field of Study	Period of Study	Topic or Title of Research
Dilafroz Rajabova	Uzbekistan	M Business Administration	September 2018–June 2020	Japan Human Resources Management Practices and Its Transferability to the Companies of Kashkadarya Region in the Republic of Uzbekistan
Anh Van Nguyen	Viet Nam	M Business Administration	September 2018–June 2020	A Spatial Analysis of Recent FDI in Vietnam
Napatsorn Chingulprasan	Thailand	M Business Administration	September 2018–June 2020	An Empirical Test of High-Dividend-Yield Investing Strategy in the Thai Stock Market
Do Thuy Dung Phan	Viet Nam	MA International Relations	September 2018–June 2020	The Limitations of Dispute Settlement System and the Impact of These Limitations on the Integration of Developing Countries into the Multilateral Trading System (WTO)
Eunice May Patdu Dizon	Philippines	MA Public Management and Policy Analysis	September 2018–June 2020	Emotional Labor of Frontline Service Bureaucrats in the Philippines
Ilias Djekishev	Kyrgyz Republic	MA International Relations	September 2018–June 2020	Hybrid Warfare: A Case Study—Operation Crimea Road Back Home
Alice Jar Rein Aung	Myanmar	MA Public Management and Policy Analysis	September 2018–June 2020	Education, Fertility, and Child Mortality: Evidence from Policy Change in the Philippines
Giang Ha Van	Viet Nam	MA International Development	September 2018–June 2020	Food Demand in Vietnam under Urbanization: An EASI Approach
Nopnara Kulrakampusiri	Thailand	MA International Relations	September 2018–June 2020	Thailand's Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC): New Hope for National Development
Abdul Shakoor Jawad	Afghanistan	MA Public Management and Policy Analysis	September 2018–June 2020	Applying Multiple Streams Framework and Punctuated Equilibrium in Understanding the Emergence of the Chabahar Trade Policy in Afghanistan
Ma. Divina Camu Olaguera	Philippines	MA International Development	September 2018–June 2020	Natural Disaster Impact on Child Health Outcomes and Health Investments: Evidence from Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines
Keio University				
Araf Al Rafi	Bangladesh	MSc Mechanical Engineering	October 2018–September 2020	Shear Dynamics of Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane Under Nanoconfinement
Kobe University				
Khisa Dhrupadi	Bangladesh	M Regional Cooperation Policy Studies	October 2018–September 2020	Raising Landslide Awareness and Preparedness with the Leadership of Community Representatives: A Case Study of Devastative Landslide in Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh
Vinny Dwi Melliny	Indonesia	M Economic Development and Policies	October 2018–September 2020	Regional Specialization and Labor Productivity of Small Industries in South Sumatera, Indonesia

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Kyoto University				
Kyaw Kyaw Htoo	Myanmar	M Agricultural Science	October 2018–September 2020	Altitudinal Variations of Tree Community Structure and Composition in the Montane Forests in the Natma Taung National Park, Chin State, Myanmar
Saw Win Myo San	Myanmar	M Agricultural Science	October 2018–September 2020	Local People's Perceptions and Attitudes Towards Protected Forest Management in Kayin State, Myanmar
Kyushu University				
Soe Moe Nwe	Myanmar	M Agro-environmental Science	October 2018–September 2020	The Effect of Throughfall and Stemflow Reduction on Soil Moisture and Sap Flow of a Japanese Cypress Plantation
Khin Myat Thu	Myanmar	M Bioresource Sciences	October 2018–September 2020	Studying the Regional Variation of the Genus Capsicum in Myanmar
Kuenzang Dorji	Bhutan	M International Economic and Business Law	October 2019–September 2020	Developing a Balanced Foreign Direct Investment Law in Bhutan: Lessons from India and Indonesia
Lahore University of Management Sciences				
Muhammad Shahzeb	Pakistan	M Business Administration	October 2018–September 2020	Management Consultancy—Business Plan for Manzil Ventures Pvt Ltd
Nagoya University, Graduate School of International Development				
Dechen Choden	Bhutan	MA International Development	April 2018–March 2020	Teachers' Perspective on the Implementation of Educating for Gross National Happiness Initiative in Bhutan: A Case Study of a Primary School
Ngeun Visisombath	Lao PDR	MA International Development	April 2018–March 2020	Factors Affecting Foreign Direct Investment in ASEAN Under the AEC Framework: A Case Study of Lao PDR
Dimas Erwan Atmaja	Indonesia	MA International Development	April 2018–March 2020	Free Trade Agreements Impact on Indonesia's Trade in Value Added
Napacharapat Kulrakampusiri	Thailand	MA International Development	April 2018–March 2020	From Philosophy to Reality: Thailand's Homegrown Approach in Its International Sphere (Case Study: Lao PDR)
Suzan Purnamasari	Indonesia	MA International Development	April 2018–March 2020	Mandatory Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Law: A Comparison Between India and Indonesia
Ann Sudarshani Dabarera Methisge	Sri Lanka	MA International Development	April 2018–March 2020	Sri Lankan Tea Competitiveness in the World Market

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Nanyang Technological University - Nanyang Business School				
Laura Denise Lutao	Philippines	D-MBA Business Administration	July 2019–August 2020	Lion Global Expansion: Entry into Philippines
Abdul Samad Mangi	Pakistan	D-MBA Business Administration	July 2019–August 2020	Industry Study of Sony Interactive Entertainment
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies				
Nanda Ika Dewi Kumalasari	Indonesia	M Public Policy	October 2018–September 2020	Exploring the Innovation Ecosystem of Government R&D Institution
Thiha Wint Aung	Myanmar	M Public Policy	October 2019–September 2020	Breakdown of Semi-Democratic Regime: Case Study of Regime Collapse (1962)
Khizar Sajid Ali	Pakistan	M Public Policy	October 2019–September 2020	Rethinking Causes of Out of School Children in Pakistan
Muhammad Waqas Aslam	Pakistan	M Public Policy	October 2019–September 2020	The Impact of Female Labor Force Participation on Pakistan's Industry, Agriculture, and the Service Sectors
Sufian Habib	Pakistan	M Public Policy	October 2019–September 2020	Quantitative Analysis of the Recovery Process of Public Utilities with Focus on Water Disruption after Major Earthquakes in Japan
Rocio Isabel Raymundo Paloma	Philippines	M Public Policy	October 2019–September 2020	Creating Shared Value: Case Studies of Coffee Shop Innovations in the Philippines
Christopher Alfonso Cartago Castro	Philippines	M Public Policy	October 2019–September 2020	Analysis on Duterte's Independent Foreign Policy
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University				
Ellyanto Sisca	Indonesia	MSc Asia Pacific Studies	October 2018–September 2020	Indonesian Youth in Volunteering: A Case Study of Pengajar Muda (Young Teachers) Program
Vermie Nadura Acharon	Philippines	MSc International Cooperation Policy	October 2018–September 2020	Adoption of a National Human Resource Information System (HRIS): Models and Obstacles for the Philippine Public Sector
Auria Atama Putra	Indonesia	MSc International Cooperation Policy	October 2018–September 2020	The Impact of Education on Regional Economic Growth, Poverty Reduction and Income Equality in Indonesia
Ritsumeikan University				
Danielle Katrina Mallari Santos	Philippines	M Economics	October 2018–September 2020	Empirical Analysis of Direct Payment Subsidies for Environmentally-Friendly Agriculture on Profit Efficiency of Rice Farmers in Japan
Yessi Rahmawati	Indonesia	M Economics	October 2018–September 2020	A Spatial Econometric Analysis of Tourism Demand of Foreign Visitors to Japan: How Are Regional Nature and Culture Connected Tourism Development?

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Saitama University, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering				
Mohammad Saiful Islam	Bangladesh	ME Structural Engineering, Mechanics and Materials	April 2018–March 2020	Probabilistic Distribution of Buckling Strength of Wide Stiffened Steel Plates Considering Large Flexural Rigidity of Stiffener
Ibrar Ahmed	Pakistan	ME Geotechnical and Geosphere Research	April 2018–March 2020	Effect of Suction and Degree of Compaction on the Strength and Deformation Characteristics of Unsaturated Soil
Kumari Kanchana Mallika Achchillage	Sri Lanka	ME Geotechnical and Geosphere Research	April 2018–March 2020	Landslide Catchment Analysis of Granitic Areas in Japan; Case Study of Disaster Areas in Hiroshima Prefecture
Alok Kumer Saha	Bangladesh	ME Earthquake Disaster Prevention and Mitigation	April 2018–March 2020	Rate-Dependent and Frequency-Dependent Characteristics of Laterally Loaded Piles
Surendra Ghimire	Nepal	ME Structural Engineering, Mechanics and Materials	April 2018–March 2020	An Investigation of Vibration Characteristics of RC Deck Slabs in Existing Bridges with Different Condition Ratings by Visual Inspection
Isiri Upeksha Nagasinghe	Sri Lanka	ME Geotechnical and Geosphere Research	April 2018–March 2020	Utilization of Construction and Demolition Waste (CDW) and Industrial By-Products (IBPs) as Low-Cost Liming Agents for Neutralization of Soil Acidity
Sajith Udayanga Pathiraja Arachchillage	Sri Lanka	ME Transportation and Planning	April 2018–March 2020	Analysis of Crowdsourced Traffic Data in Transportation Engineering Applications
Tabassum Navila	Bangladesh	ME Earthquake Disaster Prevention and Mitigation	April 2018–March 2020	Numerical Analysis of Dip Slip Fault Displacement Affected by Railway Structure Foundation
Asiya Nurhasanah Habirun	Indonesia	ME Structural Engineering, Mechanics and Materials	April 2018–March 2020	Study of Hydration and Chloride Binding Properties of Slag-Bended Cement with Different Blending Ratios
Kabul Fadilah	Indonesia	ME Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering	April 2018–March 2020	Effect of Humic Acid on Zinc Accumulation in Aquatic Plant
Navoda Tharunduni Abeygunawardana	Sri Lanka	ME Structural Engineering, Mechanics and Materials	April 2018–March 2020	Investigation the Effect of Joint Hoops on Deformation and Strength of Interior Beam Column Joints
Thammasat University				
Karma Yoezer	Bhutan	M Economics	August 2018–July 2020	Efficiency and Technical Change in the Bhutanese Rice Sector: A Malmquist Total Factor Productivity Approach
Fazlul Hoque	Bangladesh	M Economics	August 2018–July 2020	Profit Efficiency and Technology Adoption of Boro Rice Production in Bangladesh

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Tokyo Institute of Technology				
Shital Babu Acharya	Nepal	PhD Architecture and Building Engineering	October 2017–September 2020	Integrated School–Community Functions—A Planning Framework for Rural Schools in Nepal
Fiansyah Reiza Bidari	Indonesia	M Chemical Science and Engineering	October 2018–September 2020	Growth Kinetics and Viscoelasticity Studies of DNA Origami and Organic Molecular Thin Films
The University of Hong Kong				
Parasar Ghimire	Nepal	MSc Urban Planning	September 2018–September 2020	Public Transport Accessibility and Its Relationship with Socioeconomic Status of Residents in Kathmandu Valley, Nepal
Rifat Ara Mostofa	Bangladesh	M Urban Design	September 2019–September 2020	Women and Public Spaces in High Density Tropical City
Pallavi Rai	India	M Urban Design	September 2019–September 2020	Preserving the Identity of Informal Settlements in Hong Kong
The University of Auckland				
Fara Shabira Arrasya	Indonesia	MA Development Studies	March 2019–November 2020	Jakarta's Riverbank Kampung Resettlement
The University of Tokyo, Department of Civil Engineering				
Lilangi Varunika Wijesinghe	Sri Lanka	ME Spatial Information	September 2018–August 2020	Impact assessment of Urbanization on Air Quality in Colombo, Sri Lanka
Laurenz Luigi Baet Cruz	Philippines	ME Hydromechanics and Environment	September 2018–August 2020	Transport of Floating Plastics within Manila Bay
Rose Erasan Quiocho	Philippines	ME Hydromechanics and Environment	September 2018–August 2020	Role of Grain Size and Shape in the Formation of Different Bed-Structures and Sorting Patterns around Bridge Piers on Gravel Bed Rivers
Md. Robiul Islam	Bangladesh	ME Hydromechanics and Environment	September 2018–August 2020	Synchronous Flood Peak Study at the Confluence of Multiple Rivers: A Case Study in the Ganges, Brahmaputra, and Meghna River in Bangladesh
Hafiza Fatima Zahid	Pakistan	ME Infrastructure Technology and Design	September 2018–August 2020	Effect of Multi-Directional Reinforcement on the Corrosion Cracking Pattern
Awais Ahmad	Pakistan	ME Infrastructure Technology and Design	September 2018–August 2020	Long Term Probabilistic Traffic Prediction for Fatigue Evaluation of Bridges by Frequency Domain Method
Rosiyani	Indonesia	ME Infrastructure Technology and Design	September 2018–August 2020	Experimental Study on Development of Small Scale In-Situ Ground Freezing Technique to Obtain Undisturbed Samples of Sand
Anh Tuan Pham	Viet Nam	ME Infrastructure Technology and Design	September 2018–August 2020	A Study of Critical State Mechanics of Cement Mixed Sand

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The University of Tokyo, Department of Urban Engineering				
Vu Duc Canh	Viet Nam	PhD Environmental Engineering	April 2017–March 2020	Molecular Detection Methods for Assessing Virus Occurrence and Viability in Water Supply Systems
Sachithra Madhushani Imbulana	Sri Lanka	ME Environmental Engineering	September 2018–August 2020	Groundwater Quality in the Endemic Areas of Chronic Kidney Disease of Unknown Etiology (CKDu) in Sri Lanka and Its Treatment by Community-Based Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plants
Anvar Mukhamedjanov	Uzbekistan	ME Urban Planning	September 2018–August 2020	Reshaping the Concept of Transit-Oriented Development as a Response to Public Space Overheating in Tokyo
Tri Atmaja	Indonesia	ME Environmental Engineering	September 2018–August 2020	A Valuation Estimation of Urban Farming Services in Improving Cities Resilience
The University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Public Policy				
Zikry Auliya Ghifary	Indonesia	MPP Public Policy	September 2018–August 2020	Gearing up Vocational Education Preparedness Towards Industrial Labor Force in Indonesia: Challenges and Bottlenecks
Kongleaphy Keam	Cambodia	MPP Public Policy	September 2018–August 2020	Fake News and Social Inequality: Analyzing How Audience Behavior Drives Fake News in Cambodia
The University of Tokyo, Division of Environmental Studies				
Masudur Rahman	Bangladesh	PhD Environmental Studies	September 2017–August 2020	Origins and Dynamics of Groundwater Salinity in Southern Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna Delta of Bangladesh
Win Sithu Maung	Myanmar	M Environmental Studies	September 2018–August 2020	Assessment of Natural Recovery of Mangrove from Anthropogenic Disturbance Using Neural Network-Based Classification of Satellite Images
Mst Taskia Khatun	Bangladesh	M Environmental Studies	September 2018–August 2020	A System Dynamics Approach Towards Design and Management for Software Development Projects
The University of Tokyo, School of International Health				
Madhu Kharel	Nepal	MPH Community and Global Health	April 2018–March 2020	Parental Migration and Psychological Well-Being of Left-Behind Adolescents in Western Nepal
Ulbayar Shinejil	Mongolia	MPH Community and Global Health	April 2018–March 2020	Changes in Cesarean Section Rates in Mongolia and Associated Factors: Analysis Based on Robson Classification
Krishna Prasad Sapkota	Nepal	MPH Community and Global Health	April 2018–March 2020	Factors Associated with Nutritional Status of Children with Disabilities in Kathmandu, Nepal: A Cross-Sectional Study

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United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability				
Hatif Hawari Saputra	Indonesia	MSc Sustainability	September 2018–August 2020	Climate Compatible Development for Village Community in Indonesia: An Assessment at the National Level on Expenditure and Policy Interplay
Dan Jezreel Ardaniel Orendain	Philippines	MSc Sustainability	September 2018–August 2020	Ignored No More: Integrating Urban Internally Displaced Persons (uIDPs) Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Cities
University of Tsukuba				
Carlos Camoes	Timor-Leste	MA Economics	October 2018–March 2020	The Impact of Female Headed Cash Transfer on Household Consumption Expenditure in Timor-Leste
Fatema Kashefi	Afghanistan	MA Economics	October 2018–March 2020	Impact of Micro-Entrepreneurship Grant on Livelihood: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan
Md. Alamgir Hossain	Bangladesh	MA Economics	October 2018–March 2020	Impact of Credit on the Welfare of Rural Households: Evidence from a Long-Run Panel in Bangladesh

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