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Subject : The Master's Degree Programme in Strategic Management and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) at the Aoyoma Gakuin University (AGU), Tokyo, Japan (March 2017-March2018) -Reg

Central Board of Excise & Customs , WCO Cell, New Delhi vide letter F.No : 21000/29/2014-IC(ICD) Dt 30.05.2016 informed that the Secretary General, World Customs Organisation has invited nominations from the Customs Administrations for the Master's Degree Programme in Strategic Management and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) at the Aoyoma Gakuin University (AGU) , Tokyo, Japan. For eligibility criteria and other details please refer to the Administrative procedures and application procedure enclosed herewith.

In view of the above, officers who are willing and eligible may submit their willingness to the establishment section **on or before 22.07.2016** for further process.


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(T.RAVI VARMA)
ASST COMMISSIONER (Estt)

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F. No.21000/29/2014-IC (ICD)

Dated the 30th of May, 2016

To

All Members of Central Board of Excise and Customs
All Chief Commissioners of Customs and Customs (Preventive)
All Chief Commissioners of Central Excise / Customs & Central Excise
All Director Generals
All Joint Secretaries/Commissioners working in the Board

Subject:- The Master's Degree Programme in Strategic Management and Intellectual Property Rights(IPR) at the Aoyama Gakuin University (AGU), Tokyo, Japan(March 2017-March 2018)- Reg.

Sir/Madam,

The Secretary General, World Customs Organization has invited nominations for The **Master's Degree Programme in Strategic Management and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** at the Aoyama Gakuin University (AGU), Tokyo, Japan. This Master's Degree programme will start in March 2017 and finish in March 2018. Administrative provisions and application procedure are attached.

2. The Scholarship Programme is aimed at promising young managers from the Customs administrations of developing-country WCO Members. Candidates should have demonstrated potential for growth and commitment to the service of their Administration and should be fully proficient in English. Conditions of candidacy and selection are specified in the attachment.

3. Conditions of candidacy and selection

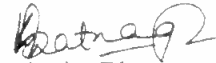
- The candidates should be in good health, preferably below 40 years of age as of 1 April 2017.

5. Funds for the scholarship will be provided by Japan Customs under the Japan-WCO Human Resource Development Programme (Scholarship Programme).

6. It is requested to forward nominations of willing and suitable officers who fulfill the criteria by the WCO with vigilance clearance and APAR grading for the last years may be sent by email in pdf format to indiaawco-cbec@nic.in and copy to jscus@nic.in. **The nominations should be sent as soon as possible but not later than 15th July, 2016.**

7. *It is requested that the officers may be advised not to send their applications/nominations to WCO directly. Further, they should not enter into any correspondence with WCO in this regard. The nominations of suitable officers will be sent to WCO after approval of the Board.*

Yours faithfully



Dr. Kavita Bhatnagar
Additional Commissioner,
WCO Cell

Enclosures:

1. Administrative Provisions-Annex 1
2. Application Procedure-Annex 2

Japan-WCO Human Resource Development Programme
(Scholarship Programme)

【Strategic Management and Intellectual Property Rights】
2017/2018

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Introduction

1. The Japan-WCO Human Resource Development Programme (Scholarship Programme) provides a grant covering travel, subsistence, admission, tuition and other approved expenses to enable promising young Customs managers from developing countries to undertake Master's level studies at the Aoyama Gakuin University (AGU) in Tokyo, Japan.
2. The following administrative provisions govern this Scholarship Programme. If a nominee or a concerned person in the nominating administrations has any questions, he/she should address them to the Capacity Building Directorate of the WCO Secretariat before the Scholarship is accepted.

Capacity Building Directorate,
World Customs Organization,
Rue du Marché 30, 1210 Brussels, Belgium
Tel : + 32 2 209 96 47
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Conditions of candidacy and selection

3. The candidates should be in good health, preferably below 40 years of age as of 1 April 2017.
4. The recipients of Scholarships under this Programme will enrol for **the Master's Degree programme in Strategic Management and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** programme at the AGU.
5. This Scholarship is for one academic year starting from April 2017. There will be a preparatory course in March 2017 for a few weeks before the start of the Programme. The Scholarship period cannot be extended.
6. The candidates should be Customs officers **fully proficient in English** (a minimum TOEFL score of internet Based Test (iBT) 79 / Paper Based Test (PBT) 550 or IELTS 6.0, to prove their language proficiency). They should have a university degree or equivalent qualification.
7. The candidates should have at least **3 years** of work experience in Customs and should have assessed potential for advancement. In the selection, preference will be given to candidates who have experience in IPR border enforcement, and who are expected to work in the IPR-related section of their Customs administration after this Scholarship Programme.
8. Individuals who have already been awarded a scholarship under the Japan-WCO Human Resource Development Programme in the past will not be entitled to apply for this Scholarship Programme.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Accommodation and living allowance

16. An all-inclusive allowance of 147,000 Japanese yen per month will be granted to cover the cost of accommodation, meals and incidental expenses for the study period. The amount of the allowance is subject to change according to the decision of the Japanese Government. (The allowance will be paid in Japanese yen.)
17. The Scholars will be offered assistance by the AGU to find residential accommodation at a reasonable rent.
18. The candidates should note that the allowance will not be sufficient to cover the expenses of any accompanying dependants. No family-related expenses will be paid or added to the monthly living allowance.

Health certificate

19. The Scholars selected will have to submit a certificate from a licensed physician **certifying that they are in good health and do not suffer from any debilitating chronic ailments.**

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Travel costs

20. The cost of travel (return trip) between the Scholar's place of residence and Tokyo will be borne by the Programme budget. For this purpose, an economy class pre-paid air ticket by the most direct route will be arranged by the AGU through a local travel or airline office or by courier in the country of the selected candidate.

Insurance

21. No insurance coverage is provided by the WCO/Japan in respect of personal accidents or damage to or loss of personal effects during transport to or from Tokyo.

Passports - Visas - Health regulations

22. Persons entering Japan must hold a valid passport and visa. Vaccination requirements depend upon nationality, and the Scholar is personally responsible for complying with those requirements. The AGU will provide the selected candidates with a letter certifying enrolment in the Japan-WCO Scholarship in order that he/she may apply to the Japanese Embassy in his/her home country for a **college student visa**, authorizing temporary residence in Japan for the duration of the Programme.

COMPLETION OF PROGRAMME

23. Scholars are expected to complete the Programme as scheduled. Early repatriation may be authorized only on medical grounds or for other similarly important reasons. If a Scholar withdraws from the Programme before commencement of the Programme or before its scheduled completion, he/she shall not be entitled to any benefits from the date of the

<Note from the Aoyama Gakuin University>

Strategic Management and Intellectual Property Rights Program (SMIPRP)

The Graduate School of Business at AGU welcomes potential students who have a strong interest in conducting rigorous empirical and/or theoretical research integrated with their own practical work experiences. If you wish to apply for the SMIPRP at AGU, please visit our website (<http://www.aoyamasmiprp.jp/>), carefully read and strictly follow the admission guidelines and instructions.

1. Program

Strategic Management and Intellectual Property Right Program (SMIPRP)

2. Number to be admitted

The number of students to be admitted for SMIPRP course is approximately 10.

3. Application Requirements

- **Bachelor's Degree or Higher**

- **Proficiency in English:**

Suitable level of proficiency in English to be able to write a thesis is required.

Minimum scores in relevant English tests should be as follows:

TOEFL iBT (internet based test) 79,

TOEFL PBT (paper based test) 550,

IELTS 6.0 (in each band)

The score should be obtained within the past two years of the application.

TOEFL ITP score is not accepted.

- **Online PC Environment:**

Applicants must have online PC environment in which you can run Skype(<http://www.skype.com/intl/en/home>) for an interview.

6. WCO Scholarship

Full tuition scholarship is awarded to full-time candidates who have been accepted for study at AGU and approved by the WCO. You may apply for the scholarship when you submit the application for admission.

Requirement to apply for the Scholarship

- Government officials of developing countries with at least three years' experience in customs-related fields.
- Preferably under 40 years of age as at April 1, 2017

What the Scholarship covers

- A monthly stipend is granted to cover living expenses during your studies at AGU. This stipend cannot be increased to cover family members. The amount of your stipend is subject to change.*
- Your admission and tuition fees will be paid by the scholarship sponsors.
- Round-trip economy-class air tickets between your home country and Japan are also included.

*The total amount of the scholarship is 147,000 yen per month. (as of 2016)