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Fellowship for Intellectual Exchange 2009-2010

1. Program Details

Objectives and Program Overview

The Fellowship Program for Intellectual Exchange 2009-2010 is designed to provide selected intellectuals in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa with an opportunity to visit Japan and conduct their own individual research on a chosen topic as well as networking/exchange activities. The program thus seeks to assist in the development of a new generation of Eastern European, Middle Eastern and African intellectual leaders who are familiar with Japan through established individual and institutional networks and are able to incorporate topics/elements related to Japan to their own field of research in future.

Eligibility of Applicants

1. Scholars, researchers (except undergraduate and graduate students), journalists and professionals who are engaged in research activities in the fields of the humanities or the social sciences, or who have practical experience in research, media, or non-profit organizations. In this fellowship, the applicant's specialization should **not** be Japanese studies, but he/she should aim to conduct research that is related to Japan.
2. Individuals with adequate English-language proficiency to take part in collaborative interaction and to conduct research in Japan (Japanese-language ability is not assessed. Please attach a certificate showing the applicant's English-language ability, if you have one.)
3. Applicants who are under 45 years old (as a general rule), and who are nationals or permanent residents with an active academic/professional affiliation in any of the following countries:

[Eastern Europe] : *Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Republic of Kosovo, Kyrgyz, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan*

[Middle East] : *Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Interim Self-Government Authority, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen*

[Africa] : Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central Africa, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Eritrea, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

4. Applicants who can find their own affiliated institutions and advisors in Japan.
5. Japanese-language students, students of industry training courses, or students of courses in traditional culture (e.g., flower arranging, karate) are **not** eligible. Also, training for governmental officials will be excluded.

Research Topics

The content must include surveys and/or individual research and/or collaborative research, in the fields of either the humanities or the social sciences. The research topic must be one that is appropriate for visiting Japan (i.e., there should be a reason the fellow wishes to conduct research in Japan).

The topic must fulfil at least one of these requirements:

1. It must incorporate Japanese issues into your area of specialization.
2. It must be of mutual interest to Japan – Eastern Europe (including Russia, Central Asia and Caucasus), or Japan - Middle East, or Japan - Africa.
3. It must be an international topic (global issue), related to Japan.

Examples of topics are given below (these are only examples; research topics are NOT limited to these):

Environment and Development, Peace and Security, Social order/Law enforcement, Globalization of the economy and international cooperation, Corporate Social Responsibility, Education and human resource development, Energy issues, Gender issues, Population problem, etc.

Expected Number of Fellows

Approx. 20

Fellowship Period

The fellows are required to start their fellowship within the period from May 10, 2009, to March 25, 2010. The duration of the fellowship must be more than 1 month and less than 2 months.

* It is advised, however, that fellows should avoid visiting Japan from December 20, 2009 through January 6, 2010, because meeting and travel arrangements are virtually impossible.

Obligations of the Fellows

1. Fellows will independently conduct their own individual research activities on their chosen topic as described in the application.
2. If possible, it is desirable that Fellows will give **two** presentations about their research during their stay in Japan; one presentation at a seminar organized by the Japan Foundation, and one presentation organized by their affiliated institution and advisor.
3. Fellows are expected to submit a final project report to the Japan Foundation.

Contents of Fellowship Award

1. Round-trip, discount economy-class air ticket (PEX).
2. Allowance to cover accommodation, meals, local transportation, research expenses and other incidentals (17,000 Japanese yen per day).
3. Insurance:
Please note that the insurance coverage provided will be in accordance with the general guidelines set forth by the Foundation.
4. Domestic Transportation:
Domestic transportation expenses within Japan will be provided only when a Fellow needs to travel no less than 100 km from the airport to his/her site of research.
5. The Japan Foundation will directly pay the supervisor fee (JPY 50,000) to the academic advisor.
6. The Japan Foundation will directly pay the assistant fee (JPY 30,000) to the assistant to the fellow. Please note that the need for an assistant will be determined by the advisor.

Application Materials and Procedure

1. For an application package and further information, please contact the Japanese Embassy or Consulate in your country. For applicants in Hungary and Egypt, please contact the Japan Foundation Office instead.
2. Please note that electronic applications will not be accepted.

Applicants should send the following documents:

- Fully Completed Application Form
- Curriculum Vitae
- One Letter of Recommendation from applicant's organization in their country
- List of publications (optional)
- Copies of letters, faxes, or e-mail messages from the institution or advisor in Japan with which applicants intend to affiliate themselves.

Application Deadline

Applications must arrive at the Japanese Embassy in Romania by December 1 2008.

Notification of Results

Notification will be sent in April 2009.

About the Japan Foundation

For general information on the Japan Foundation, please contact the Japanese Embassy or Consulate in your country or visit the Foundation's website: www.jpf.go.jp

Disclosure of Information

- (1) Concerning projects we support, information such as the name of the fellowship program and project descriptions will be made public in the *Kokusai Koryu Kikin Jigyo Jisseki* (Detailed Annual Reports of the Japan Foundation Activities) and other public relations materials.
- (2) When we receive a request for information based on the "Law Concerning the Disclosure of Information Held by Independent Administrative Institution, etc." (Law No.140 of December 5, 2001), as a general rule, submitted application forms and related materials will be disclosed, except for information stipulated by the law as something not to be disclosed.

Protection of Personal Information

- (1) The Japan Foundation handles personal information appropriately in accordance with the Law Concerning Access to Personal Information Held by Independent Administrative Institutions (Law No. 59 of 2003).
- (2) The Japan Foundation uses fellows' personal information, such as name, address, project title, and organization written on the application form, for the following purposes, as well as for screening, implementation, and evaluation procedures of the project.
- (3) Details of the fellowship, such as your name, gender, occupation, position, specialization, project title, and affiliation are published in the *Detailed Annual Report of the Japan Foundation Activities*, the *Annual Report*, *The Japan Foundation News*, the Japan Foundation's website, and in other public-relations material. They are also used in compiling statistics carried in the *Annual Report*.
- (4) There may be cases in which details of the fellowship, such as your name, gender, occupation, position, specialization, project title, and affiliation are released to the press for publicity purposes.
- (5) There may also be cases in which the Japan Foundation uses the information written on

the application form to contact you to inform you of other Japan Foundation activities or to send you some public-relations materials.

- (6) Copies of applications, including attached documents, final project reports, and the outcome of research projects are provided to outside consultants in order to facilitate the screening process and the evaluation of the results of projects.
- (7) Concerning projects that we support, there may also be cases in which the Japan Foundation uses the information written on the application form to send questionnaires to follow-up on our projects.
- (8) There may be also cases in which the submitted final project reports and the outcome of research projects are released to the press for publicity purposes.
- (9) Submitted application forms and attached documents will not be returned to applicants.
- (10) Details of the fellowship, such as your name, nationality, address, gender, date of birth, project title, affiliation, position, term of fellowship are provided to the following institutions for necessary procedures:
 - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and related Japanese Diplomatic Offices.
 - Insurance Company.
 - Travel agency and airline office.

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