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Japan Awards Pacific LEADS Program Scholarships

H.E. Mr. Takuji Hanatani, Ambassador of Japan, will host the Send Off reception for scholarship recipients of the Pacific LEADS (Leaders' Educational Assistance for Development of State) program 2016 at his residence (337 Princes Road) on Friday, 19 August 2016 at 6:00PM.

We welcome your attendance at the reception, and for further queries please contact Ms. Vanessa Macaraig Vudikaria on email address: vanessa.macaraig@fj.mofa.go.jp or eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp and telephone number: 3304633.

Background of the Pacific-LEADS Program

The Pacific-LEADS program is a new training program for young leaders in the Pacific, which was announced by Japanese Prime Minister Hon. Shinzo Abe at the 7th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM 7), where leaders of Japan and the Pacific Island Countries agreed to enhance cooperation focused on: (1) disaster risk reduction; (2) climate change; (3) the environment; (4) people-to-people exchanges; (5) sustainable development (including human resource development); (6) oceans, maritime issues, and fisheries; and (7) trade, investment, and tourism.

Providing scholarships for 100 competent young government officials over the next 3 years from Pacific Islands Countries (PICs) to obtain master's degrees from Japanese universities and to work on internships in Japan, Pacific-LEADS Program aims to foster young leaders who play a vital role in creating the future of the Pacific region, as well as to further strengthen friendship between their countries and Japan.

10 Fijians, 4 I-Kiribati and 3 Ni-Vanuatu young leaders will attend the send-off reception as they depart for Japan on 22 August 2016. In Japan, they will be joined by 24 other young leaders from Republic of Marshall Islands(1), Papua New Guinea(6), Samoa(4), Solomon Islands(7), Republic of Palau(1), Federated states of Micronesia(1) and Tonga(4), as the total number of the initial scholarship recipients is 41.

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太平洋島嶼国リーダー教育支援プログラム（案）
（Pacific LEADS）2016 壮行会
Program for Send Off Reception of Pacific LEADS (Draft)

日 時：2016年8月19日（金）18時～20時（開場17時40分）

Timing：Friday, 19 August 2016 from 18:00 to 20:00 (Opening 17:40～)

場所：大使公邸

Venue: Japanese Ambassador's Residence (337 Princes Road, Suva)

司会：ヴァネッサ ブンディカリヤ

MC : Ms. Vanessa Vudikaria, ODA Coordinator

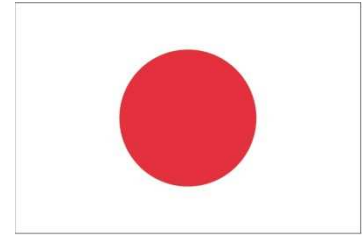
1. 花谷大使挨拶
Speech by H.E. Mr. Takuji Hanatani, Ambassador of Japan
2. 来賓挨拶 1（フィジー政府代表挨拶）
Speech by Representative of the Government of Fiji
3. 来賓挨拶 2（リモン/キリバス高等弁務官）
Speech by H.E. Mrs. Reteta Rimon-Nikuata, High Commissioner of the Republic of Kiribati
4. 来賓挨拶 3（エマニュエル/バヌアツ臨時代理高等弁務官）
Speech by Mr. Emmanuel Blessing, Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. at the High Commission of the Republic of Vanuatu
5. 留学生代表挨拶
Speech by Representative of Participants of the Pacific LEADS Program
6. 乾杯
Toast (Kanpai)
7. 写真撮影
Photo Session (Ambassador, All Ministers, High Commissioners, Resident Representative of JICA Fiji, Permanent Secretaries and Participants of the Pacific LEADS Program)
8. 歓談
Refreshments

Dress Code: Bula/Smart Casual

	Country	Full Name (First Family)	Sex (M/F)	Organization	Name of University
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PACIFIC LEADERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STATE (Pacific-LEADS)

1. What is “Pacific-LEADS”

The Pacific Leaders' Educational Assistance for Development of State (Pacific-LEADS) is the new training program for young leaders in the Pacific, launched by the Government of Japan at the 7th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM7) in Iwaki-City, Fukushima, Japan on May 22-23, 2015.

Providing opportunities for 100 competent young government officials of Pacific Islands Counties (PICs) to obtain master degrees from Japanese universities and to work on internships in Japan, Pacific-LEADS aims to foster young leaders who play a vital role towards the resolution of development challenges in the Pacific region, as well as to further strengthen the relationships between their countries and Japan.



2. Target Participants

Main target participants are government officials/ civil servants in Fiji. With the endorsement/recommendation of government, persons from the semi-governmental organisation or educators can be considered as well.

3. Main Qualifications

1. Citizens of Fiji
2. Under 40 years old in principle
3. A bachelor's degree
4. More than three years working experience

4. Number of Participants / Durations

In the period of 2016-2018, 33-34 Participants from 14 PICs will be selected annually. The duration of stay in Japan will be a maximum of 2.5 years (including internship).



5. Deadline for the 2nd Batch Application

28th October, 2016

6. For Further Information

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