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Japan Awards Pacific LEADS Program Scholarships

H.E. Mr. Masahiro Omura, Ambassador of Japan, will host the Send Off reception for scholarship recipients of the Pacific LEADS (Leaders' Educational Assistance for Development of State) Program 2017 at his residence (337 Princes Road) on Friday, 11 August 2017 at 2:30PM.

We welcome your attendance at the reception, and for further queries please contact Ms. Vanessa Macaraig Vudikaria on email address: 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 3 years (2016-2018) 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.

16 Fijians, 5 I-Kiribati, 1 Tuvaluan and 3 Ni-Vanuatu young leaders will attend the send-off reception as they depart for Japan on 14 August 2017. In Japan, they will be joined by 16 other young leaders from Papua New Guinea(6), Solomon Islands(3), Republic of Palau(1), Federated states of Micronesia(1), Niue (1) and Tonga(4), as the total number of the scholarship recipients for the second batch is 41. The first batch of 39 participants, including 10 Fijians, 4 I-Kiribati and 2 Ni-Vanuatu young leaders, are currently studying in Japan.

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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）2017 壮行会
Program for Send Off Reception of Pacific LEADS (Draft)

日 時：2017年8月11日（金）14時30分～17時（開場14時10分）

Timing：Friday, 11 August 2017 from 14:30 to 17:00 (Opening 14:10～)

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

M C : Ms. Vanessa Vudikaria, ODA Coordinator

1. 大村大使挨拶
Speech by H.E. Mr. Masahiro Omura, Ambassador of Japan
2. 来賓挨拶（フィジー政府代表挨拶）
Speech by Representative of the Government of Fiji
3. 留学生代表挨拶（各国1名ずつ）
Speech by Representative of Participants of the Pacific LEADS Program
(each country)
4. 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)
5. 歓談
Refreshments (Afternoon Tea)
6. 留学生による国歌斉唱（各国）
Singing of National Anthems by Participants of the Pacific LEADS
Program (each country)
7. 閉会挨拶（JICA フィジー事務所長）
Closing Remarks by Mr. Hiroyuki Sawada, Resident Representative,
JICA Fiji Office

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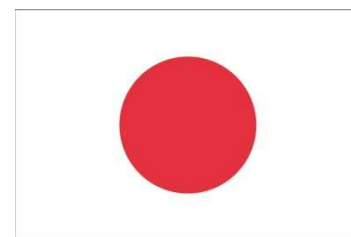
List of Participants of Pacific LEADS Program 2017

Attachment 2

	Country	Full Name (First Family)	Sex (M/F)	Organization	Name of University
1	Fiji	SERUBASAGA Luke	M	Ministry of Education	Naruto University of Education
2	Fiji	TINIVATA Epeli Vitilevu	M	Office of the Prime Minister	International University of Japan
3	Fiji	RATU Milika Tabua	F	National Trust of Fiji	Rikkyo University
4	Fiji	NARAYAN Simon Shiri Sat	M		Nagoya University
5	Fiji	CORIAKULA Andrew Koro	M		Toyo University
6	Fiji	CAKAUNITABUA Ulamila Wati	F	Department of Town & Country Planning	Toyo University
7	Fiji	DELAI Salesi	M	Ministry of Education	Waseda University
8	Fiji	NAVIA Miliana Saboti	F		Hokkaido University
9	Fiji	KISHORE Thomas Douglas	M		Kyoto University
10	Fiji	VESIKULA Adi Lamawanaivalu Boseisomosomo	F	Ministry of Education	Naruto University of Education
11	Fiji	TABUAURA Dominiko Tavou	M	Ministry of Economy	International Christian University
12	Fiji	TUISUVA Salanieta	F	Fiji National University	Sophia Universtiy
13	Fiji	LUO Guo Fu	M	Ministry of Agriculture	Okayama University
14	Fiji	TABUYAQONA Jovilisi Mosese Dau	M		Okayama University
15	Fiji	MATAIKA Kelera Lomaloma	F		Nagoya Institute of Technology
16	Fiji	BAINIVALU Alitia Vakatai B Cirikiyasawa	F	Ministry of Fisheries	Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology
17	Kiribati	MIKAERE Eriteti	F	Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives	Kwansei Gakuin University
18	Kiribati	NGUTU Wanro	F	Public Service Office	Kwansei Gakuin University
19	Kiribati	UBAITOI Mamara	M	Kiribati Police & Prison Services	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
20	Kiribati	KAROTU Aketa Awerika	F	Public Service Office	International University of Japan
21	Kiribati	IOROME Riteta	M	Ministry of Public Works & Utilities	Kumamoto University
22	Tuvalu	LUSAMA Luamano Paasisamata	F	Ministry of Education	International University of Japan
23	Vanuatu	DOAN Nicky Evans	M	Prime Minister's Office	International University of Japan
24	Vanuatu	VUROBARAVU Mark	M	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Livestock and Biodiversity	International Christian University
25	Vanuatu	WONG Alexander	M	Vanuatu Seventh Day Adventist Mission	Okayama University



master degree
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internship
in Japan



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 3rd Batch Application

27th October, 2017

6. For Further Information

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