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## **Japan formalizes Batch 2 Funding for the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship**

1. The Government of Japan will formalise funding with the Government of the Republic of Fiji for the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS). The total funding provided under this batch 2 funding tranche is **200 million Japanese Yen**. This brings the total grant funding provided for the JDS Program to **365 million Japanese Yen or approximately \$5.5 million Fijian Dollars**.
2. H.E. Mr. Rokuichiro MICHII, Ambassador of Japan to Fiji will formalise Japan's assistance to Fiji and sign with the Acting Permanent Secretary for Civil Service, Mr. Pita Tagicakirewa at an Exchange of Notes Signing ceremony hosted by the Government of Fiji, at the **Fiji Learning Institute for Public Service (FLIPS) in Nasese at 10:00AM on 15 September 2025.**
3. Following the signing of the Exchange of Notes, Mr. Satoshi WAKASUGI, Resident Representative of JICA Fiji Office will sign the Grant Agreement with the Acting Permanent Secretary for Civil Service, Mr. Pita Tagicakirewa.
4. We welcome your attendance at the ceremony, and for further queries please contact the Embassy of Japan and JICA Fiji Office.

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## **Details of the Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)**

### **Background**

Unlike conventional general grant aid projects supported through JICA, such as infrastructure development projects, the JDS program focuses on human capacity development

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) is designed to foster exceptional human resources in partner countries by imparting advanced expertise to JDS Fellows through studying at Japanese universities. JDS is also aimed to contribute to strengthening the partnership between Japan and Fiji through the JDS Fellows who gained not only academic knowledge by personal experience in Japan.

The main objective of the JDS program is to support the human resource development of Fiji. The program targets highly capable young government officers, who are expected to engage in formulating and implementing social and economic development plans in Fiji. Therefore the JDS project contributes towards capacity development on Fiji's future leaders in the 21<sup>st</sup> century through opportunities by completing masters degree courses in Japan.

The JDS program was one of the key decisions agreed by Pacific Leaders and Japan at the PALM 10 meeting in Tokyo.

### **Fiji JDS Fellow Batch 1**

Sub Programme (Priority Area)	Components (Development Issues)	Universities	Dept.	Allocated Slots
1.Strengthening Administrative Capacity for Resilient and Sustainable Growth	1-1. Public Policy	International University of Japan (IUJ)	Graduate School of International Relations (GSIR)	2
	1-2. Public Financial Management	Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)	Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies	1
2.Strengthening a Free and Open International Order	2-1. International Relations	Doshisha University	Graduate School of Global Studies	1
3.Advancement for Climate Change, Environment, and Disaster Risk Reduction Policies	3-1. Climate Change Countermeasures/ Environmental Policy	University of Tsukuba	Graduate School of Sciences and Technology	2
Total				6

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