GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS ~JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE PROGRAM (PROGRAM B) 2014-2015~ AND ~JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP~

1 Qualifications

1) Institution:

Applicants must be enrolled in an institution (a university, a faculty or a school) having an exchange agreement with Kanazawa University.

2) Nationality:

Applicants must be a national of a country with which Japanese government has diplomatic relations. Applicants who have Japanese nationality may not apply for this program.

3) Age:

Applicants must be born between April 2, 1984 and April 1, 1996.

4) Academic Background:

Applicants must be enrolled in an institution mentioned above 1) as undergraduate students (junior or senior) majoring in Japanese language or Japanese culture at the time of arriving in and leaving Japan.

Those majoring in fields of study other than Japanese language and Japanese culture and who wish to pursue complementary studies in Japanese language and culture should apply for other programs such as Program A (KUSEP), E (KUEST) or C.

5) Language:

A level equal to that of Japanese Language Proficiency Test Level N2 is required.

6) Health:

Applicants should be certified to be healthy by a qualified and recognized physician.

7) Arrival in Japan:

Scholarship grantees must arrive in Japan in late September, 2014.

8) Applicants are required to acquire a "College Student" visa when they come to Japan.

9) Others:

Those who meet one of the following conditions may NOT apply for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship:

- a) Those who are applying for this scholarship through another institution in Japan.
- b) Those who are applying for this scholarship through a Japanese embassy or consulate.
- c) Recipients of scholarships from other institutions than MEXT including JASSO and government institutions in their home countries.
- d) Those who are already enrolled at Japanese universities with "College Student" visa status, or those already enrolled or are scheduled to be enrolled in universities in Japan as non-scholarship students, from the date of application in their home countries to before the first receipt of the scholarship
- e) Those who are military personnel or military civilian employees registered on the active list.
- f) Those who are not able to arrive in Japan within the designated date mentioned in the 7).
- g) Those who have received a Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho:MEXT) scholarship in the past three years (as of 1 October, 2014).

2 Scholarship Benefits

- 1) Monthly Allowance:
 - 117,000 yen (as of 2013)

The scholarship will be paid to each grantee from October 2014 to August 2015. However it will be stopped in case the grantee is absent from the university for a long period.

2) Travel allowance:

round-trip air ticket to and from Japan

(Scholarship grantees must depart from and return to the country of their nationality.)

3) Tuition fees:

to be waived

3 Application Procedure (for Program B and Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship)

Applicants must submit the following documents to Kanazawa University through their home institution. <u>All</u> the documents must be written in either Japanese or English, or accompanied by a translation in Japanese.

1) Application for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship

(Before filling in, please print two pages on one sheet, i.e. p.1 on one side and p.2 on the other side / p.3 on one side and p.4 on the other side. **Please fill it out as much as possible in Japanese**.)

- 2) Essay: Written by the applicant in only Japanese (about 800~1000 letters) with the theme "The most remarkable Japanese social phenomenon". 「最も注目すべき日本社会の現象」
- 3) Photographs (4 clear copies (4.5x3.5cm); upper front figure without a hat; taken within the past 6 months) Nationality and name must be indicated on the reverse side. One of the photographs should be pasted on the application form.)
- 4) Certificate of Enrollment issued by the applicant's home institution
- 5) Official transcript (academic record) issued by the applicant's home institution (In case the academic record is not in a 100 point scale, please indicate a record of evaluation in a 100 point scale. Also, please mark (put a check(✓)) the subjects concerning Japanese and Japanese culture.)
- Recommendation [prescribed form] from the university president or dean of the applicant's home institution addressed to the President of Kanazawa University
- 7) Photocopy of the applicant's passport (If unavailable at the time of application, please submit a photocopy of the birth certificate or the certificate of citizenship in the applicant's home country along with a translation in Japanese or English.)
- 8) Pledge [prescribed form]
- 9) Photocopy of the Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test and the result sheet (For those who hold the certificate of the test Level 1, 2 or N1, N2 only.)
- 10) Certificate of health [prescribed form]

(Note)

If the applicant is accepted and will take part in the program as a privately financed student (without Japanese Government scholarship), "Agreement for Defraying Expenses" with Statement of Bank Account Balance which proves that the participant has funds equivalent to JPY 1,000,000 will be required to submit. The details will be informed later.

4 Notes

- Applications will not be accepted if any of the above documents are incomplete, incorrect or not supported by evidence. They also will not be accepted if they arrive after the deadline. In case it is difficult to meet the deadline, please email or fax the applications first before the deadline, and send the original documents by express mail later.
- 2) The documents submitted will not be returned.
- 3) The payment of scholarship may be terminated and admission can be cancelled;
 - a) If any of the information supplied with an application is found to be false later.
 - b) If scholarship grantee violates the pledge (above 3-8)).
 - c) If scholarship grantee has been subjected to a disciplinary punishment or has been judged by the faculty as not being able to continue the program.
 - d) If the college student visa is changed to another status of residence.
 - e) The recipient has received a scholarship from another institution (excluding those specified as being for research expenditures).
- 4) The scholarship will be stopped in case a grantee is absent from the university for a long period.
- 5) In 2013, 12 out of 21 students who applied for the scholarship through Kanazawa University were selected to receive the scholarship. (University Recommendation ONLY)

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