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Subject: Call for Applications for Japan-IMF Macroeconomic Seminar for Asia (JIMS)

Dear Sir/Madam.

We are pleased to announce the launch of a senior executive program run by the Japan-IMF and the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) called the "Japan-IMF Macroeconomic Seminar for Asia" during February 23–27 2015, in Tokyo, Japan.

This letter is to ask for your kind cooperation in disseminating information about this Program within your organization, and to encourage your most promising staff to apply. A brochure of the Program and of our University is enclosed for your reference.

The "Japan-IMF Macroeconomic Seminar for Asia (JIMS)" is an intensive executive training program for macroeconomic policy makers in Asia, run jointly by Japan-IMF and the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) since 2012. The objective is to provide better understanding for senior Asian officials from key economic agencies on current policy issues in macroeconomics, and their relevance to the region, as well as to facilitate exchange of views and experiences among participant countries. The Program is for one week in Japan, comprised of seminars and debates. Japan-IMF will provide financial support to the participants, covering airfare, accommodation and daily allowance.

GRIPS is a national graduate school in Japan with the mandate to educate future leaders in the policy area. It is one of the most international universities in Japan with the majority of our students being government officials from abroad.

Participants will be selected after a screening process of all applications. The deadline for application is <u>11 November</u>, <u>2014</u>. Please refer to the JIMS website indicated below for further information.

We look forward to receiving applications from excellent candidates.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosed: Leaflets

For further details on the Program:

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