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**APPLICATION TO THE JAPAN-IMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ASIA
AND THE JAPAN-IMF MACROECONOMIC SEMINAR FOR ASIA**

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Mr. Nim Dorji
Joint Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Thimphu, Bhutan

Dear Mr. Dorji:

The IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (OAP) is pleased to inform you that the application for the above-mentioned programs is now open. We would be grateful if your institution could distribute the enclosed flyers to interested officials and encourage them to apply. A detailed description of the programs is available on OAP's website at <http://www.imf.org/external/oap/index.htm>.

I. Japan-IMF Scholarship Program for Asia (JISPA) for Junior Officials: The JISPA is designed for junior government officials from economic policy-making agencies in emerging and developing economies in the Asia-Pacific region. This year, 35 scholarships will be awarded under the partnership track where the scholars study at specially designed master's programs. **The application deadline is December 1, 2016.** Accepted scholars are expected to put their knowledge into practice upon returning home as part of the IMF's capacity building efforts.

In addition to the partnership track scholarships, the JISPA also provides a small number of scholarships under an open-track program. Applicants should also be government officials who would like to pursue graduate studies (preferably at Ph.D. level) in macroeconomics at any university in Japan. The application deadline is June 1, 2017 for the admission in September/October 2017.

II. Japan-IMF Macroeconomic Seminar for Asia (JIMS) for Senior Officials: The JIMS is a one-week seminar targeting senior officials from the Asia-Pacific Region that serves as a forum for policy discussions. It will be held this year on February 20-24, 2017, with **the application deadline on November 9, 2016.**

If you or interested officials have questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact Ms. Saika Kin (e-mail: sakin@imf.org; phone: (81-3) 3597-6708; fax: (81-3) 3597-6705) or Ms. Kazuyo Katafuchi (e-mail: kkatafuchi@imf.org; phone: (81-3) 3597-6709), both in OAP.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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