



**WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION
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The Secretary General

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Brussels, 1 December 2014.

Dear Director General,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Customs Organization (WCO) will award a number of scholarships for the Master's Degree Programme in Public Finance at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo, Japan. Funds for these scholarships will be provided by Japan Customs under the Japan-WCO Human Resource Development Programme (Scholarship Programme).

The Scholarship Programme is aimed at **promising young managers from the Customs administrations of developing-country Members**. Candidates should have demonstrated **potential for growth and commitment to the service** of their administrations and should be **fully proficient in English**. Conditions of candidacy and selection are specified in the attachment. This Master's Degree Programme will start in September 2015 and finish in September 2016.

The Master's Degree Programme comprises two segments: an academic segment and a practical segment. The academic segment provides rigorous, economics-oriented training aimed at developing a broad understanding of the theoretical, empirical and institutional aspects of Customs policy implementation and administration. The practical segment is taught in co-operation with Japan Customs, including the Japan Customs Training Institute.

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***To Customs Administrations
of developing-country Members***

- cc : - *Admission Office of the
National Graduate Institute for
Policy Studies (GRIPS)*
- *Mr. Yoshihiro KOSAKA,
Director for Technical Cooperation
Customs and Tariff Bureau,
Ministry of Finance (MOF) Japan.*

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Attached to this letter you will find a set of documents explaining the administrative provisions governing the Programme, application procedures and information for applicants from the University. If you would like to nominate a candidate from your Administration for this Scholarship Programme, please arrange for the application to be submitted with all supporting documents, including the Nomination Form from your Administration.

The application process for candidates is as follows:

- The nominated applicant requests website access via the Online Entry option on the GRIPS's Website, which should be completed **by 13 February 2015** (no later than 17:00 Japan Standard Time (JST)).
- The applicant must then complete the online application and submit all the supporting documents (except for the Nomination Form) **by 20 February 2015** (no later than 17:00 JST) to the GRIPS Admission Office address as indicated on the application Web page.
- The Nomination Form should also be completed and submitted to the relevant address indicated on the GRIPS Website **by 31 March 2015**.
- The applicant is invited to visit the Website (<http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/pstudents/admissions/online/>). The Nomination Form can be downloaded online.

Please note that applications received after the deadlines will not be considered.

If you have any questions regarding this Programme, a member of your staff may contact Ms. Harumi CHIKADA of the WCO Capacity Building Directorate (Tel : +32 2 209 96 47; Fax : +32 2 209 94 96; or e-mail : scholarship@wcoomd.org), or the GRIPS Admissions Office (Tel : + 81 3 6439 6046 ; Fax : + 81 3 6439 6050; e-mail : admissions@grips.ac.jp).

Yours sincerely,



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Annexes : 2

- Administrative provisions
- Application Guidebook 2015