

# I . Overview

## 1. Objectives

The Young Leaders' Program was established in 2001 as a one-year Master's program by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). Currently, five different programs are offered in the fields of Government, Local Governance, Healthcare Administration, Business Administration, and the Law.

This program aims to contribute to the fostering of future national leaders in Asian countries. In addition, while deepening the participants' understanding about Japan, it aims to form a network of national leaders who will play a key role in establishing friendly relations and improved policy planning among Asian countries, including Japan.

The Graduate School of Law, Kyushu University administers the "Young Leaders' Program in Law" under the framework of the MEXT's scholarship system. In 2015, we invited 13 international students from 7 countries of Cambodia, Korea, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Malaysia under this program.

## 2. Institution and Location

Kyushu University was founded in 1911 as one of the seven imperial universities in Japan. Today, Kyushu University consists of eleven Faculties with 18,846 students including 1,972 international students and 2,106 faculty members.

The Faculty of Law, with its outstanding staff and library, is one of the leading research and educational institutions of law and political science in Japan. The faculty is well known for the historical and comparative research in which its members have engaged, aided in part by one of the largest collections of international and foreign-language materials for political science and social science in Japan. It has also taken an active theoretical interest in legal or political problems appropriate to its geographical location; i.e., those of Western Japan,

especially Kyushu, and of Southeast Asian countries.

In 1994, we instituted Japan's first Master's program taught entirely in English, the "LL.M. Program in International Economics and Business Law." In 1999, the "LL.D. Program in International Economics and Business Law" and the "Comparative Studies of Politics and Administration in Asia" were also started. As a result of the success of these programs and the prestige of the Faculty of Law, Kyushu University was chosen to host the Young Leaders' Program in Law.

Kyushu University is located in Fukuoka, which is the capital city of politics and commerce in Kyushu Island in the southern part of Japan. Fukuoka has a long history and mutual relationships with Asian countries as an international city facing the East China Sea.

## 3. Participants

**The Number of Participants:** There will be about 15 students accepted by Kyushu University in 2016.

**Nationality:** Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Korea, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Thailand, The Philippines, Vietnam, Singapore, India, South Africa, Turkey and Bhutan.

**Age:** Applicants must be, in principle, under 40 years of age as of October 1, 2016 (i.e. born on or after October 2, 1976)

**Academic Background and others:** Applicants must have obtained a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university, and at least 4 years of work experience in the applicant's home country in a law office or in the legal section of a company or government department. This work experience must be full-time and after graduation from university.

**English Ability:** A minimum TOEFL (Paper-based) score of 550 or TOEFL-CBT score of 213 or equivalent. Applicants are required to have the ability to join discussions and write papers in English without any supplementary lessons of English.

**Others:**

- 1) Military personnel and military civilian employees registered on the active list are excluded.

- 2) The grants may be cancelled if grantees fail to arrive in Japan by the appointed date.
- 3) The applicant whose spouse has already won a Japanese Government scholarship will not be selected as a grantee, and likewise in the case of a couple applying at the same time.
- 4) The applicant who is already enrolled in a Japanese university is not eligible to apply for admission.

## 4. Scholarship

**Term of Scholarship:** One year from October 2016 to September 2017.

**Allowance:** In 2015, ¥ 242,000 per month (this figure will be adjusted in 2016 according to the approved budget.)

**Transportation:** A tourist class air ticket to/from Japan.  
**School Fees:** Participants will be exempted from fees for the entrance examination, matriculation and tuition.

**Accommodation:** The above monthly allowance includes the accommodation fee.

**Others:** Students receive medical insurance.

## 5. Selection

Based on the recommendation of our counterpart institutions in the participating countries, Kyushu University will select initial candidates from among applicants by means of review of the submitted documents, a short essay and an interview. Those who have been selected by Kyushu University will be put forward to the committee of experts, established by the MEXT, for the final selection.

## 6. Application

More detailed information on application procedures is available at the Embassy of Japan in your home country.

## II. Curriculum Guidelines

### 1. Basic Concepts

The primary focus of the YLP in Law is international economic and business law. The program has been specifically designed to expose students to both theoretical and practical perspectives on a wide range of contemporary legal issues related to international trade and commercial transactions. As such, the program aims to provide students with the diverse intellectual skills necessary for pursuing a law-related career in an increasingly global business environment.

For an up-to-date curriculum:

<http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programsinenglish/>

### 2. Courses

- Introduction to Legal and Political Studies
- Legal Research Methodology and Writing
- Japanese Case Law & Practice
- Basics and Current Debates in Japanese Law
- Introduction to EU Law
- Japanese Law in Comparative Perspectives
- Law & Economics of Contracting & Organizations
- Int'l Law in Today's World
- Comparative Corporate Law
- International Business Law
- World Trade Law
- Int'l Maritime Law
- Int'l Arbitration
- Consumer Protection Law
- IP and Private International Law
- Contemporary Issues in Competition Law
- Jap. Constitutional & Administrative Law
- White Collar and Corporate Crime
- Bioethics and the Law
- Int'l Sports Law
- Japanese Intellectual Property Law Practice
- Creative Economy, Innovation & the Law
- Facts and Theories of Conflict Management

### 3. Internship

Each YLP student will be assigned to a Fukuoka-based law firm for around 2 weeks (in February -March) to experience legal practice in Japan. The interns will attend court hearings and accompany the lawyers for consultations with clients. During the internship students will visit other law-related institutions and will engage in discussions with serving judges.

Students are also provided with various summer internship opportunities at Tokyo based law firms and/or large corporations. These internships provide students with the unique chance to experience international commerce and legal practice in Japan.

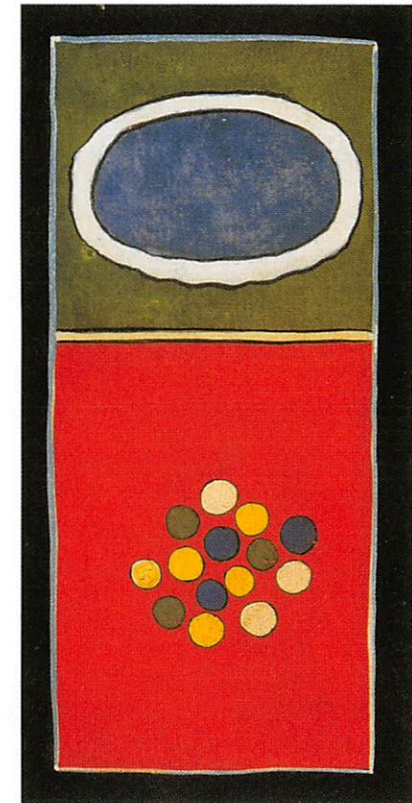
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