



**WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION  
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The Secretary General  
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Brussels, 12 December 2017.

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 2018 and finish in September 2019.

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 : - Admissions Office of the  
National Graduate Institute for  
Policy Studies (GRIPS)
- Mr. Naoki IDA,  
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 Nomination Form from your Administration (downloadable from below-mentioned Website after online registration).

The application process for candidates is as follows :

- The nominated applicant must read the GRIPS Online Application Guide thoroughly :  
[http://www.grips.ac.jp/cms/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/GRIPS\\_OnlineAppGuide\\_2018.pdf](http://www.grips.ac.jp/cms/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/GRIPS_OnlineAppGuide_2018.pdf)
- The applicant fills out and submits the Online Entry Form (<https://gast.grips.ac.jp/entry/>) **by 9 February 2018** (no later than 17:00 Japan Standard Time (JST)). The GRIPS Admissions Office will send you an ID and a password by e-mail.
- The applicant must then complete and submit the Online Application Form and send all the supporting documents (except for the Nomination Form) **by 16 February 2018** (no later than 17:00 JST) to the GRIPS Admissions Office address as indicated on the application Web page.
- The Nomination Form, which can be downloaded on the application Web page, should also be completed and submitted to the GRIPS Admissions Office **by 30 March 2018**.

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 Mr. Shinji ODA of the WCO Capacity Building Directorate (Tel.: + 32 2 209 96 47; Fax : + 32 2 209 94 96; or E-mail : [scholarship@wcoomd.org](mailto:scholarship@wcoomd.org)), or the GRIPS Admissions Office (E-mail : [admissions@grips.ac.jp](mailto:admissions@grips.ac.jp)).

Yours sincerely,



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