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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs (WCO Cell)
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Dated: The 18th December, 2017
New Delhi

To,

All Members of Central Board of Excise and Customs
All Chief Commissioners of Customs and Customs (Preventive)
All Chief Commissioners of Central Excise / Customs & Central Excise
All Director Generals
All Joint Secretaries/Commissioners working in the Board

Subject: - Master's Degree Programme in Public Finance at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo, Japan (2018-2019)-reg.

Sir/Madam,

The Secretary General, World Customs Organization has informed that the 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). This Master's Degree Programme will start in September 2018 and finish in September 2019. Programme's administrative provisions are attached.

2. 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**.

3. Conditions of candidacy and selection

- The candidates should be in good health to productively pursue studies in Japan, preferably below 35 years of age as of 1 April 2018.
- The recipients of scholarships under this Programme will enrol for a Master's degree in the Public Finance Program at the GRIPS.
- This Scholarship is for 13 months academic year starting from September. The Scholarship period cannot be extended.
- Individuals who have already been awarded a scholarship under the Japan-WCO Human Resource Development Programme in the past will not be entitled to apply for this Scholarship Programme.
- Candidates should be Customs officers fully proficient in English (a minimum TOEFL score of iBT 79 / PBT 550, IELTS Academic 6.0). Applicants should

have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent. They should have at least two-year work experience in Customs field as of 1 September 2018, and should have assessed potential for advancement.

- After the completion of the Programme, the candidates should continue to work in their home Customs administration for 3 years at least.
- The candidates will be selected by the WCO in consultation with the GRIPS. The GRIPS shall inform the candidates about their selection or otherwise. The WCO will send an appropriate congratulatory letter to the home administration.

4. The recipients of scholarships under this Programme will enroll for the Master's degree programme in Public Finance at the GRIPS. This Scholarship is for 13 months academic year starting from September. The Scholarship period cannot be extended. In accepting a Scholarship the candidate undertakes:


- To work full time on the assigned Programme. It will not be possible to undertake other activities not related to the Programme.
- To comply with the laws and show due respect to the culture and life of the host country.

5. 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.

6. It is requested to forward nominations of willing and suitable officers, who fulfill the criteria set by the WCO, with **vigilance clearance and APAR grading for the last 5 years** by e-mail to indiaawco-cbec@nic.in and copy to jscus@nic.in . The nominations should be sent on or before **15th January, 2018**.

7. It is requested that the officers may be advised not to send their applications/ nominations to WCO directly. Further, they should not enter into any correspondence with WCO in this regard. The nominations of suitable officers will be sent to WCO after approval of the Board.

Yours faithfully,


18/11/2017
(Hardeep Batra)
Additional Commissioner,
WCO Cell

Encl: as above.