



Asian Youth Fellowship (AYF) Program Information for 2010

Asian Youth Fellowship (AYF) Program aims to nurture human networking among ASEAN countries, Bangladesh and Japan.

The AYF preparatory course before entering Japanese Graduate School for Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) scholarship student is offered by The Japan Foundation. AYF program is open to university graduates in the region who wish to contribute to regional cooperation after receiving a Master and/or PhD Degree in Japanese Graduate Schools as follows:

1. Features of the Asian Youth Fellowship Program

AYF consists of the following component:

- Coordination of a host professor and research plan development during the preparatory course in Japan
- Preparatory course (Japanese Language and cultural activities)
- Follow ups after completing the preparatory course

The scholarship grantees will receive a 7-month preparatory course in Japanese at The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai, Japan. Participants in this course build friendship by studying the Japanese language together at the Institute. After living and studying the Japanese language and culture together in the community of Institute, they will contribute their home country the valuable social networks, friendship without borders, beyond their educational experience in Japan. This program gives priority to students who have not studied the Japanese language yet. If students have studied the Japanese language before, the level should not be higher than Level 4 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test. This level indicates that the examinees have mastered the basic elements of grammar, know around 100 kanji and 800 words, have the ability to engage in simple conversation and read and write short, simple sentences. This level is also normally reached after studying Japanese for about 150 hours and completing the first half of an elementary course.

(Please be noted that the special programs will not be provided even if some participants have higher level of the Japanese language than that described above.)

*After completing the preparatory course, grantees will be proceeding to Japanese graduate schools as Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) scholarship students (principally Research Student) from April 2011.

2. Field of Study

- Any of the fields in Humanities, Social Sciences, Engineering and Natural Science is acceptable.
- Students pursuing study areas that would contribute to his/her country or region will be given preference.

* Technical training course is excluded.

3. Qualifications

- (1) Nationality: Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand or Vietnam.
- (2) Age: under 35 years of age as of April 1, 2011 (i.e. born on or after April 2, 1976)
- (3) Academic Backgrounds: university or college graduates with a bachelor's degree or Master's degree (those who will graduate from a university or college by the Registration Day of AYF may apply, but the grants may be CANCELLED if grantees fail to arrive in Kansai on the starting day of the preparatory course.)
- (4) Other requirements:
 - a. Good proficiency in English is required.
 - b. Applicants should be in good health.
 - c. The applicant who has been awarded a Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) scholarship in the past will not be selected as a grantee unless he/she has had a few years' research or teaching experience after returning to his/her country.

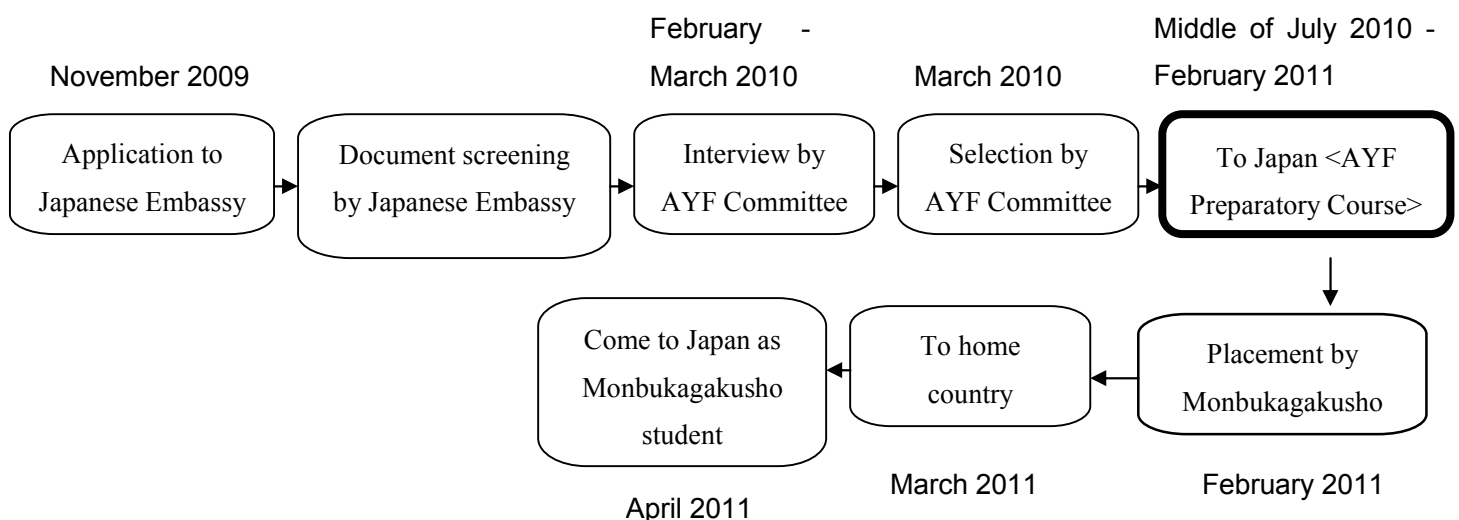
4. Grant Coverage during the Preparatory Course

- (1) Expenses necessary for participation in the official curriculum (transportation, teaching material, etc.)
- (2) Meals during the program (partly in the form of cash allowances) and a set amount of allowances to cover miscellaneous living expenses.
- (3) Accommodation (a single room) at the Institute
- (4) Overseas travel insurance for disease and injury for the duration of the program
- (5) Round-trip, economy-class airline between the nearest international airport from the residence and Kansai International Airport (Osaka, Japan) on the most direct and economical route.
- (6) Japanese visa as a trainee

*The above terms of the grant will be effective for the period of the preparatory course. After completing the AYF Program, grantees will proceed to Japanese universities as the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) scholarship students. Allowances, accommodations, and other status are subject to Monbukagakusho's regulations.

5. Selection

- (1) Japanese diplomatic missions concerned, in cooperation with the foreign governments concerned, will select preliminary candidates from among applicants by means of a review of the documents submitted.
- (2) Those who have been selected as the preliminary candidates will be recommended to Asian Youth Fellowship Committee, Tokyo, Japan. The Committee will select grantees from among the preliminary candidates by means of an interview made in their respective countries by a mission member assigned and dispatched by the Committee.
- (3) Final announcement in writing will be provided by the Embassy of Japan after the AYF Committee. The grantees of the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) scholarship for 2011 will be finally selected, on condition that they have completed the AYF preparatory course successfully, after the university placement has been made.



6. Application Procedure

Applicants must submit the following documents according to the instruction given by the Embassy of Japan in their own country by the date appointed. The documents submitted will not be returned.

DEADLINE: (Please contact the Embassy of Japan in your country) September - November * 2009

Documents	Original/ certified copy	Photo copy
Application for Admission (prescribed forms)	3	
Photographs (6:4 cm) taken within the past 6 months (should be pasted on the applications)	3	
Certified academic record of university attended (to be issued by the university authorities)	2	1
Reference from the university president or dean, or academic advisor	1	2
Reference from the present employer (if applicable)	1	2
University diploma of certificate of degree	3	

* If you have any questions, you should contact the Embassy of Japan in your country or visit our website (<http://www.asiaseed.org/ayfj/>) before submitting the application.

* "Certified copy" means that the document needs to be certified by the issuing authority (in the case of academic documents, usually the registrar)

7. Notes

(1) More detailed information on this program is available at the Embassy of Japan.

(2) A grantee will be deprived of his/her participation to the program in any of the following cases;

- a. A false statement has been made on his/her application dossier.
- b. He/she violates any article of his/her pledge.
- c. He/she has been subject to disciplinary action by the Asian Youth Fellowship or has no prospect for academic achievement (e.g. failure to achieve a satisfactory level in the Japanese language).

(3) After finishing the preparatory course, the grantee will be matriculated into Japanese universities as a Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) scholarship grantee. It is therefore recommended that the applicant should also refer to the guideline to the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) scholarship.

Schedule for 2010

August-November 2009	Application submitted (please check the dead line)
February-March 2010	Screening of Applicants
March 2010	Determination of Successful Applicants
Middle of July 2010	Coming to Kansai, Japan Starting Preparatory Course
July-November 2010	Counseling for the Placement to a Graduate School in Japan (to obtain the Letter of Acceptance by November 2010)
September 2010	Application for Monbukagakusho Scholarship 2010
February 2011	Placement to the Graduate School by Monbukagakusho

Hereafter, there are three possibilities for AYF Students.

(Case 1: take the entrance examination with successful result)

January or February 2011	Taking the Entrance Examination
March 2011	Ending Preparatory Course, going back to home country
April 2011	Coming to Japan as Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship Student, Regular Student at the Graduate School

(Case 2: take the entrance examination with unsuccessful result)

January or February 2011	Taking the Entrance Examination
March 2011	Ending Preparatory Course, going back to home country
April 2011	Come to Japan as Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship Student, Research Student at the Graduate School

(Case 3: does not take the entrance examination)

March 2011	Ending Preparatory Course, going back to home country
April 2011	Coming to Japan as Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship Student, Research Student at the Graduate School

In Case 2 and 3, applicants may take the Entrance Examination after 6 months or 1 year, if admitted by his/her supervisor at the Graduate School.

Privacy Policy

The Purpose of use of personal information

- 1) The Japan Foundation handles personal information appropriately in accordance with the Law Concerning Access to Personal Information Held by Independent Administrative Institutions (Law No. 59 of 2003).
- 2) The application form and other related documents cannot be returned to the applying individual under any circumstances.
- 3) Copies of applications may be given to those who evaluate the applications in the screening process.
- 4) There may be cases in which the Japan Foundation uses the information written on the application form to contact you to inform you of other Japan Foundation activities or to send you some public relations materials.
- 5) Personal information of the participants such as name, country, gender, specialization, affiliation, term of scholarship, etc. are published in the *AYF NEWS*, and may be published in *Detailed Annual Report of the Japan Foundation Activities*, the *Annual Report*, the Japan Foundation's website, and other publications by the Japan Foundation. They are also used in compiling statistics to be carried in *the Annual Report*, *the Detailed Annual Report of the Japan Foundation Activities*, website and other publications by the Japan Foundation.
- 6) There may be cases in which personal information of the participants such as name, country, gender, specialization, affiliation, term of scholarship, etc. are released to the press for publicity purposes.
- 7) There may be cases in which personal information of the participants such as name, country, gender, specialization, affiliation, term of scholarship, etc. are used in analysis for evaluation of the programs or for other academic purposes.
- 8) As to project we support, personal information of the participants such as name, country, gender, date of birth, home address, affiliation, term of scholarship, etc. are provided to the following institutions:
 - the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its overseas entities (for the issue of visa and sending of documents concerning the participation)
 - the insurance company and its agencies (for overseas travel accident insurance)
 - related airline companies (for preparation of air tickets)
 - related local governments, cultural and educational entities and host families (for various cultural activities)
 - related transport companies, hotels etc. (for preparation of field trips)
- 9) There may be cases in which we send questionnaires to the addresses written on the application form after the term of scholarship has ended.