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Reg. No.

Master's Degree and Internship Program of the African Business Education Initiative for Youth (ABE Initiative) 2st Batch

APPLICATION FORM

1. Declaration of desired university placement

1) See the Application Guidelines for the details and provide the following information. **Every applicant MUST specify first and second choice of Universities and the respective Field of Studies. Please fill in the necessary information by reference to "University Information for the Applicants" (Annex 3).**

Priority	Graduate School Code	Name of selected University and Graduate School	Program and Degree(See "4 .Program and Degree" of Detailed University Information)	Supervisor of Choice	Field of Study
Example	12	***University, Graduate School of***	Information and Computer Science/ Master of Science in Engineering	Professor *****	Engineering
1					
2					

2) In case disqualified by universities of first and second-choice at the 3rd and 4th Selection, the applicant will be able to request JICA to take procedures to match with other appropriate universities. To grant JICA the authority to choose the university for you, please sign your name below and answer the following questions.

I, (print your full name), give JICA full authority to choose the university at which I will study in Japan.

Field of Study * Please choose ONE.	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical and Electronics Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Material Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Geology and Mining Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Other Engineering Fields Agriculture (including Fishery, Dairy and Livestock) <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation, Water and Soil Management <input type="checkbox"/> Crop Science <input type="checkbox"/> Biochemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Microbiology <input type="checkbox"/> Food Science <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Science / Veterinary and Animal Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Fisheries Science <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Resources
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Economics <input type="checkbox"/> Other Agriculture Fields <input type="checkbox"/> ICT (Information & Communication Technology) <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Science <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Economics / Business Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Science <input type="checkbox"/> Social Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science / Public Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Others ()
<p>Anticipated Degree</p>	<p>Master's degree in</p>
<p>Time table to complete your course work and graduate (Years needed for graduation) * Please choose one.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> (a) To leave JICA's decision. <input type="checkbox"/> (b) Two (2) years as a Master's Student <input type="checkbox"/> (c) Starting as a Research Student, within six (6) months, and then two (2) years as a Master's Student after passing the entrance exam (for a total of two and a half years) <input type="checkbox"/> (d) Either (b) or (c) is available (two (2) years as a Master's Student <u>OR</u> Starting as a Research Student within six (6) months and then two (2) years as a Master's Student after passing the exam. (for two years <u>OR</u> two and a half years) <input type="checkbox"/> (e) One (1) year as a Master's Student <input type="checkbox"/> (f) Six (6) months as a Research Student and one (1) year as a Master's Student (one and a half years) <p>* Please note that your choice will not always be granted, since the term of your stay will be decided based on the schedules and conditions of the university. In addition, this is different from the period of stay in Japan. Period of stay in Japan is for a maximum of three (3) years (a half year for Research Student, two (2) years for Master's course, and a half year for Internship).</p>
<p>Internship program *Please choose one.</p>	<p>The internships after graduation are supposed to be offered for a maximum of six (6) months. Please indicate whether or not you wish to participate in the program. As stated in Declaration Section 9, this six-month internship is <u>mandatory for participants who are recommended by Japanese companies.</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I can participate <input type="checkbox"/> No, it is not possible. <p>*If you cannot participate in the 6 month internship program, please provide an explanation. Likewise, if you can participate in the internship program for a period of less than 6 months, please provide the length of time that is possible.</p> <p>Period : maximum _____ month(s) Reason :</p>

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2. Personal Information

(1) Nationality(as shown in your passport) : _____

(2) Name of applicant (Write in BLOCK LETTER, as in the passport.)

Family Name

Grid for Family Name

First Name

Grid for First Name

Middle Name

Grid for Middle Name

Paste a recent photograph here (Should have been taken within the past three months) Please write your name on the back of the photo size: 4 x 3 ※DO NOT STAPLE※

(3) Name of Organization: _____

(4) Date of Birth: (day)/ (month)/ (year)

(5) Age (as of 1st April 2015) _____

(6) Sex: [] M / [] F

(7) Marital Status: [] Single / [] Married / [] Engaged

(8) Current Physical Location Address: _____

(9) Current Postal Address (Mail to): _____

(10) Mobile Phone:

Grid for Mobile Phone

(11) Home Phone

Grid for Home Phone

(12) Phone number of a contact person other than (10) and (11)

- Name:
Relationship (Family or Relative):
Phone number:

(13) Email Address: _____

(14) Confirmation of the nomination by the applicant's current organization/ institute

I agree to nominate this person on behalf of our organization/institute.

Signature and stamp area with fields for Date, Signature, Name, Designation, Department, Telephone, and E-mail.

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3. Educational Background

Level	Name of School / Department	Location (City and Country)	Number of years of schooling you have attended	From /To (Month/Year)	Degree
Example	*** University Faculty of ***	Nairobi, Kenya	4 Years	<u>9/1999 to 6/2003</u> Month/Year Month/Year	Bachelor of ***
Primary Education				<u> / to / </u> Month/Year Month/Year	
Lower Secondary Education				<u> / to / </u> Month/Year Month/Year	
Upper Secondary Education				<u> / to / </u> Month/Year Month/Year	
Higher Education (University level)				<u> / to / </u> Month/Year Month/Year	
Other Higher Education (except training)				<u> / to / </u> Month/Year Month/Year	
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Total Years of Education: _____ year(s) _____ month(s)					

(1) Score of any English Assessment Exams that you have taken

a. **TOEFL:**

b. **IELTS:**

(2) State your level of **English** proficiency

Listening [] Excellent [] Good [] Fair [] Poor

Speaking [] Excellent [] Good [] Fair [] Poor

Reading [] Excellent [] Good [] Fair [] Poor

Writing [] Excellent [] Good [] Fair [] Poor

(3) Have you ever been awarded a scholarship for studying abroad?

[] **Yes**

- Name of the Scholarship:
- Country where you studied:
- Duration From (month/year) to (month/year)

[] **No**

(4) Are you currently applying for any scholarship(s), other than ABE Initiative?

[] **Yes**

- Name of the Scholarship:

[] **No**

(5) Have you ever participated in any training course in your country or abroad including any offered by JICA?

[] **Yes**

- Name of the course:
- Country you visited:
- Name of the institution or agency:
- Duration From (month/year) to (month/year)

[] **No**

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4. Work Experiences

Provide the information of your work experience starting with the most recent one. Write it on a separate sheet of A4 sized paper when space is not enough. Full-time jobs, Part-time jobs and jobs before graduation from university can be included.

(1) Work Experience (as of application)

Organization	Department	Position	Period of Working	From /To (Month/Year)	Full-time or Part-time	** Type
Ex. Ministry of ***	*** Section, ***Directorate	Head	3 years	9/1999 to 6/2003 Month/Year Month/Year	Full	A
(Most recent)				/ to / Month/Year Month/Year		
				/ to / Month/Year Month/Year		
				/ to / Month/Year Month/Year		
				/ to / Month/Year Month/Year		

**For the type of organization, please choose from the followings:

- A. Private Sector B. Ministry/Governmental Institution
- C. Higher Education and TVET(Technical and Vocational Education and Training) Institutions D. Others

Total years of full-time job experience: _____ year(s) _____ month(s)

Total years of part-time job experience: _____ year(s) _____ month(s)

(2) Name of your current employer: _____
***Do not abbreviate the name.**

(3) Name of current department: _____
***Do not abbreviate the name.**

(4) Your Current Occupation (including Position Title): _____

(5) Work address: _____

(6) Work phone:

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5.Details of Current and Previous Employment

Please describe your responsibilities in your current and previous work within 150 words. When more space is needed, please write on separate sheets of A4 sized paper. Make sure to sign on each page.

(Current Work)

(Previous Work)

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6. Career Plan after Graduation

- In connection with the fields of study of your choice shown on page 1, please describe your idea /plan to utilize your knowledge, skills and experiences that you obtained in Japan after returning to your home country in 400-500 words.
- Please be reminded of the aim of the ABE Initiative which expects the participants to contribute to the development of industries of their home countries, to utilize the networks which are built up during stay in Japan, and to continue to foster good relationships between their countries and Japan.
- When more space is needed, please write on separate sheets of A4 sized paper. Make sure to sign each page.

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7. Research Plan

(1) Write a brief research plan of your proposed Master's thesis within 700 words (maximum of 3 pages). At the selections, this research plan will be used by the faculty members of the graduate school to evaluate your academic ability and motivation. When more space is needed, please write on separate sheets of A4 sized paper. Make sure to sign each page.

(2) Below is an example of the structure of the research plan. Usage of this structure is not essential but strongly recommended.

1. TITLE of your Master's thesis

2. INTRODUCTION (1 paragraph):

To state clearly what your research interests are. Necessary to include the followings:

- Background information regarding the selected topic and your involvement (e.g. what is the main reason that you chose the topic, your relevant working experience, etc.)
- The main objective of your study

3. MAIN BODY (approximately 3 paragraphs):

To provide specific information to support your ideas. To explain what you are going to study and how the research is conducted. Necessary to include the followings:

- Brief explanation for your analysis of this topic.
- Brief explanation for your research methodology.

Not to digress from the topic and to explain in brief what you want to learn in the Japanese university you chose.

!! IMPORTANT !!

- ✓ It must be demonstrated that your academic background and job experience are sufficient enough to engage in and complete the Master's course in Japan. In this regard, it is essential for applicants to select a research theme which is associated with his/her current or future assignment in his/her organization.
- ✓ It is desirable for applicants to discuss with his/her organization to get supporting references, such as a policy and/or strategic paper of the organization.
- ✓ Applicants must have a good understanding of the Master's courses offered by the universities of your choice. The description in the research plan is used to evaluate whether the course is capable of supporting applicant's research.
- ✓ Applicants should write the research plan in light of the requirements and characteristics of the Master's course. It is strongly recommended to contact the faculty before submitting the applications in order to know whether or not the universities of his/her choice can accept the research plan.

4. CONCLUSION (1 paragraph):

To stress the most important point(s) of your research plan, and your future work. Necessary to include the followings:

- The skills which you wish to obtain in Japan.
- How you intend to utilize your research to solve the issue(s) mentioned in the first part of the plan after returning to your home country. It should be focused on what difference will be made to your country/organization by your research and how to foster close connection with the Japanese private sector.

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8. Declaration

I, (print your full name) _____, declare that I apply for the Master's Degree and Internship Program of the African Business Education Initiative for Youth (ABE Initiative) with a full understanding of the "General Information for ABE Initiative" (hereinafter referred to as the "Guidelines"), especially the articles stipulated below:

1. All the information answered and provided in this application form by me is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability. My application will be cancelled if any information is proven to be false.
2. All the information provided by me in this application form had been approved by my supervisor in my organization. (Required only for Governmental Officials (including public organizations) and/or Educators.)
3. An application form which is incomplete or missing any necessary document(s) will be deemed ineligible and not considered..
4. The selection procedure and results rest entirely with JICA as the secretariat of ABE Initiative Program. No inquiries or objections by applicants regarding the result of the selection process will be considered.
5. If any act of dishonesty is found other than those above in the application and selection, I am to lodge no complaint about cancellation of the application.
6. The objective of the program is to provide African youth the opportunity to study in Japan at the master's level in order to support industrial development of their country while broadening and strengthening the linkage between their country and Japan. Therefore, I will participate in observation tours of companies, summer internship, and post graduate internship as designated by JICA.
7. I understand that I am required to contribute to the development of my nation's relationship with Japan after completing the Master's course and internship in Japan.
8. I understand that the objective of the program is not provision of employment in Japan upon completion of the program.
9. I agree that my personal information in the application form, provided to JICA, will be used for the purpose of the implementation of the program, and the information will also be supplied to the related university and companies.

Signature: _____

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Date: (day)____/(month)____/(year)_____