



## Republic of the Philippines

### Department of Education

**REGION IV-A CALABARZON** 



23 September 2025

#### Regional Memorandum

No.708 s.2025

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY - SDGS GLOBAL LEADER PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026

#### To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

- 1. With reference to DM-OULS-2024-083 from DepEd Central Office, this Office, through the Human Resource Development Division, announces the Call for Nomination of Japan International Cooperation Agency's (JICA) scholarship program offering titled SDGs Global Leader Program for Academic Year 2026 -Fall Intake.
- 2. The details of the scholarship program are as follows:

Scholarship Program	SDGs Global Leader Program AY 2026		
Course Schedule	- Two (2) years for Master's Program - Three (3) years of PhD Program * Depending on the programs offered by participating universities		
Modality	Face-to-Face		
Target Participants and Qualifications	Young and middle-career government officials or prospective academics who are expected to contribute to policy formulation or implementation to address sustainable development issues in their respective fields.		

- 3. For further information on the list of universities, program offerings, and documentary requirements for application, please refer to Enclosure 2 and access the link: https://tinyurl.com/R4AJICASLP.
- 4. Each Schools Division Office is encouraged to nominate one (1) qualified applicant for the program and submit the complete documentary requirements to https://tinyurl.com/R4AScholarForm on or before October 1, 2025, for screening and evaluation of the Regional Office Scholarship Secretariat.





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- 5. Please note that applications may be disqualified due to various reasons, such as but not limited to, incomplete submission of documentary requirements, lack of official endorsement/s, etc.
- 6. For inquiries and concerns, please contact the **Regional Office Scholarship** Secretariat through email <a href="mailto:hrd.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph">hrd.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph</a>.
- 7. Immediate dissemination of the Memorandum is hereby enjoined.

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#### OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR LEARNING SYSTEMS

#### MEMORANDUM DM-OULS-2025-083

TO

: Undersecretaries

**Assistant Secretaries** 

**Bureau and Service Directors** 

Regional Directors

Schools Division Superintendents

All Others Concerned

FROM

Carmela Coración : CARMELA C. ORACION

**Assistant Secretary** 

Officer-in-Charge

Undersecretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT : CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SDGs GLOBAL LEADER

PROGRAM (AY 2026 - FALL INTAKE)

DATE

: September 16, 2025

- 1. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), through its Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Long-Term), invites the Department of Education (DepEd) to nominate qualified personnel to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Global Leader Program (GLP) for the Academic Year 2026 - Fall Intake. Accepted scholars may pursue Master's or Doctoral degrees at partner Japanese universities.
- 2. The program aims to develop high-level human resources who can contribute to policy development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while strengthening the partnership between the Philippines and Japan.

The course details are as follows:

Course and Title	SDGs Global Leader Program	
Course Schedule	2 years (Master's); up to 3 years (Doctorate), depending on the host university/program.	
No. of Slots	To be announced by JICA (regional allocations apply)	
Modality	Face-to-Face	
Target Participants and Qualifications	Young or mid-career government officials / prospective academics expected to contribute to policy formulation or implementation on sustainable development issues.	
Deadline of Submission	October 3, 2025	





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- 3. For selection purposes, NEAP encourages each Region, Schools Division Office, and Bureau / Service from the Central Office to nominate one (1) qualified applicant per degree for the above-mentioned program. All nominees must first undergo the internal nomination and endorsement procedures at their respective offices. The endorsed applications shall then be submitted to NEAP for screening and issuance of the Official Nomination Letter. Once NEAP has issued the official Nomination Letter, the endorsed candidates shall directly submit their complete applications to JICA Philippines - Training Program Section via email at jicapp tps@jica.go.jp. It is likewise reiterated that nominees must not have any pending applications to other scholarship programs aside from the KCCP SDGs GLP.
- 4. JICA Application forms and additional information about the course may be downloaded through this link: https://tinyurl.com/SDG-INFO.
- 5. Nominees must meet the qualifications and submit the documentary requirements listed in Enclosure 1 and Enclosure 2.
- 6. The Participant Nomination Form and required documents must be filled out and uploaded on or before the set deadline, through this Google Form https://forms.office.com/r/xDe60Uu0SQ. Please use the official Department of Education (DepEd) email accounts and submit the documents in PDF.
- 7. Applications may be disqualified due to various reasons such as but not limited to incomplete requirements, lack of official endorsement/s, direct sending of application to the Secretariat's email, discrepancy in documents, etc.
- 8. For questions and clarifications, please email the DepEd Scholarship Secretariat at scholarships@deped.gov.ph
- 9. Immediate dissemination of and appropriate action on this memorandum are instructed.







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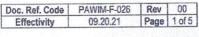
#### Enclosure 1

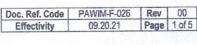
#### GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS/CHECKLIST

Name:	
Scholarship Program:	
Sponsoring Agency/Organization:	
Region/SDO:	
Work Station:	

Remarks ( ✓ , X , others)	Eligibility	Documentary Requirements
	a. Must be a Filipino citizen.	Updated Personal Data Sheet
	<ul> <li>b. Must have obtained a very satisfactory (VS) performance rating for two (2) consecutive years.</li> <li>c. Must present his/her Individual Development Plan (IDP) that is validated by</li> </ul>	rating with approved IDP
	the head of the office.  d. Must be holding a permanent item.	Updated Service Record
	e. Must be physically, mentally, and psychologically fit.	Medical certificate from any government physician as to health status.
	f. Must have no master's degree (for those who will apply for a master's degree) and shall have no doctoral degree (for those who will apply for a doctoral degree).	
	g. Must have no current or pending enrollment in other institutions for graduate	





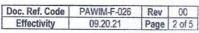




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or postgraduate degree programs (for degree programs).	
h. Must be willing to sign a Scholarship Contract and commit to its provisions.	(shall be complied after being officially nominated)
i. Must be willing to prepare, share, and implement a Scholarship Report and Work Application Plan (WAP).	
j. Must have no pending administrative, civil, or criminal case, and must have not been found guilty of any violation involving moral turpitude, corruption, or fraud.	
k. Has already finished his/her existing service obligation for a scholarship, if any.  **in any case that the HRDD has no existing format, please use Enclosure 2 of this memo  l. Has no pending application for retirement.	Clearance from HRDD/NEAP
m. Must be able to render his/her service obligation vis- a- vis duration of the scholarship.	









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#### Enclosure 2

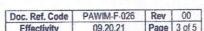
#### List of Requirements for the SDGs Global Leader JFY 2026 Application

- 1. Official Nomination Letter (From NEAP-Central Office)
- 2. SDGs Application Form (JICA Format)
  - Containing ID Photo, Official Stamp/Dry Seal (if applicable) and Signature of the Nominator, and Date indicated is within the application period
- 3. Annex 1: Declaration of Desired Universities Form (refer to SDGs Application Form for form)
  - Provide up to 3 target universities/program
- 4. Annex 2: Research and Career Plan Form (refer to SDGs Application for Form)
- 5. Annex 3: Medical History Form (refer to SDGs Application for Form)
- 6. Master's Thesis (for Doctoral Application)
- 7. Certified True Copy of Graduation Certificate/s (from Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees completed)
- 8. Certified True Copy of Transcript of Records (from Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees completed)
- Valid English Certificate (IELTS, TOEFL, Duolingo, Certificate of English as Medium of Instruction in University)
  - Please refer to List of Universities on the requirement per university.
- 10. Medical Certificate
  - Stating that the applicant is physically and mentally fit to study in Japan
- 11. Personal Data Sheet (CSC Format)
- 12. Certification from the Head/ Manager of the Human Resource Department stating:
  - That the said applicant has no pending administrative or criminal case
  - That the applicant has no pending nomination in another course
  - That the applicant has rendered the required service obligation for a scholarship previously enjoyed
  - That the applicant's PES ratings for the two immediate rating periods were at least Very Satisfactory
  - That the applicant is physically and mentally fit to travel and attend training abroad; and
  - That the applicant shall not withdraw from the nomination and once accepted shall complete the course and not be allowed to cancel or terminate the scholarship/training without justifiable reason and without giving prior notice to and getting the approval from the JICA and the nominating agency.
- 13. Official Passport Copy
  - If not yet available, personal passport copy will suffice. If no passport is available at the time of application, any valid ID containing full name, nationality, sex and date of birth will suffice for the meantime.



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Enclosure 3

#### SCHOLARSHIP CLEARANCE

I. NAME		
II. Position/Designation		
III. Permanent Station		
IV. Has availed any scholarship program	□ Yes	If yes, fill out sections V-X, as applicable.
	Program Type	Title of the Program
V. Scholarship Program	□ Degree □ Non-Degree	
VI. Scholarship Duration		
VII. Status	Completed the course (Submit a copy of Certificate of Completion)	Withdrawn from the Course (State the reason below)
VIII. Reason/s for Non-Completion  (must be supported by attachments)		
IX. Service Obligation		No. of Months/Yrs Completed





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	No. of Months/Yr Required	s
X. Reason for Non- Completion	Resignation    Transf	er 🗆 Retirement 🗆 Others
(must be supported by attachments)	Explain further.	
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