OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: JAPAN-IMF Scholarship Programme for Asia (JISPA) 2018-19 with National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS).

The IES Cadre Division, Department of Economic Affairs, being the Cadre Controlling Authority intends to nominate the two eligible and willing officers belonging upto 2012 Batch of the IES for Japan-IMF Scholarship Programme for Asia (JISPA) 2018-19 for the following programme.

"National Graduate institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) - Macroeconomic Policy Programme (Master of Public Policy – 1 year Programme)"

2. The benefits of the programme along with the details are available in the JISPA Brochure which may be accessed on the following link:

http://www.imf.org/external/oap/school.htm

3. It may be noted that post selection/nomination, ‘political clearance’/Visa Note etc. shall be obtained by the Department/Ministry where the officer is posted. The ‘Deputation Order’ shall also be issued by the Department/Ministry concerned.

4. The applications duly forwarded through proper channel must reach the undersigned latest by 11th December, 2017. The final selection would be done by JISPA/IMF Authorities.

5. This is with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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To,
JS (Admin) of all participating Ministries/Departments

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All IES Officers via e-mail
A. **Eligibility Conditions**

I. **Minimum Service:**
Officer should have completed minimum 5 years of Service in the Indian Economic Service, and should be holding Cadre Posts (not on Deputation of any type) at the time of submission of application and for the duration of the Programme.

II. **Upper Age Limit:**
The upper age limit should be 45 years at the time of commencement of the Programme.

III. **Foreign Training/Conferences/Workshops/Seminars:**
The Officer should not have attended any Foreign Training/Conferences/Workshops/Seminars abroad of duration of more than two weeks (excluding travel time) during the last two years.

IV. The officer should have Outstanding/Very Good gradings (with minimum of three outstanding gradings) in the last five year’s APARs, with no adverse entries.

V. **Departmental proceedings:**
The Officer should not have any Departmental proceedings/Vigilance cases pending or contemplated against him/her.

VI. The officer would need to submit an undertaking to serve in the IES for atleast five years or till retirement whichever is earlier, after completion of the course.

B. **Financial Assistance**

The entire cost of the proposed 1 year course under the Japan-IMF Scholarship Programme is funded by the Government of Japan and administered by the IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. In addition to the university admission and tuition fees, JISPA would cover medical insurance, a round-trip airfare, annual field trip fees etc.

C. **Applications**

Applications for the above mentioned Programme shall be accepted only when *duty forwarded through proper channel* (i.e. by the concerned administrative Ministry/Department where the Officer is posted) in accordance with the Guidelines as stated above.

D. **Others**

On return from the course, a detailed report is to be submitted by the officer to the IES Cadre within a fortnight of returning to the place of duty.

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