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Be an Ambassador to Japan! Young Foreign-Service Officers and Public Officials around the world to participate the program on Japanese language, culture and society (September 18, 2013 -)

The Japan Foundation invites young Foreign-Service Officers and Public Officials overseas who are expected to be for posts in Japan and for those who require obtaining the knowledge of Japanese language, culture and society for their diplomatic services related to Japan. The 8 months program is conducted in the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai (Osaka Prefecture).

As of 2013, 814 young diplomats have received training. Among them, 217 people have worked for diplomatic missions in Japan and 9 have become an ambassador to Japan.



Picture: 2012 participants

The 2013 Program will start on September 18, 2013. Total 39 young diplomats and public officials from around the world will come to Japan to participate in the program that covers a wide variety of opportunities to learn Japanese language, culture and society in real-life situations including the lectures in the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai, and the visits to government offices, public sectors, non-profit organizations, primary and secondary schools and Japanese families.

Also included in the program promotes to deepen understanding the development of Japanese Science and Technology, the current status of recovery from Great East Japan Earthquake, the interactions with influential figures in the various fields to recognize the goodness of Japan in order for young Foreign-Service Officers and Public Officials to acquire the necessary knowledge and information for diplomatic services related to Japan.

■ Program Dates:

Wednesday, September 18, 2013 – Friday, May 16, 2014 (8 months)

■ Number of participants: 39 (29 Foreign-Service Officers, 10 Public Officials), 35 Countries (Regions)

Participants to be listed on the next page.

※ The program will be conducted in Tokyo on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 and Thursday, October 3, 2013. For the media requests, please contact:

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**The Japan Foundation 2013
Japanese-Language Programs for Foreign-Service Officers and Public Officials
(The List of Members)**

<Foreign-Service Officers: 29>

No.	Country	Ministry/Organization	Job Title
1	Cambodia	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	Official, APT and EAS Division, General Department of ASEAN
2	Thailand	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Development Cooperation Officer
3	Laos	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Protocol Officer of the Protocol Department
4	Nepal	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Passport Officer
5	Pakistan	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Assistant Director
6	Fiji	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	Protocol Officer
7	Haiti	Department of Foreign Affairs	Second Secretary of IAEA/legal dossiers
8	Panama	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Third Secretary
9	Colombia	Department of Foreign Affairs	Second Secretary of Political Bilateral (Borders)
10	Chile	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Third Secretary of Human Rights Division
11	Georgia	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Attaché of Consular Department
12	Tajikistan	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Attaché of the General Information and Diplomatic Communication Department
13	Lithuania	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Attaché, Citizens Affairs and Consular Assistance Division, Consular Department
14	Palestinian Interim Self-Government	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Desk Officer of Visits Department
15	Egypt	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Officer of Financial Department
16	South Sudan	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	Second Secretary
17	Angola	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Officer of the Department of Asia and Oceania
18	Uganda	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Third Secretary of Protocol Department
19	Gabon	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Counselor
20	Cameroon	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Executive Secretary of Cabinet of Ambassador
21	Guinea	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation	Desk Officer

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No.	Country	Ministry/Organization	Job Title
22	Republic of Congo	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation	Agent
23	Tanzania	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	Second Secretary of Department of Africa
24	Burkina Faso	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation	Department of Bilateral Cooperation, American Service
25	Benin	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Officer of Interpreting and Translating Department
26	Botswana	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	Foreign Affairs Officer
27	Malawi	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation	Foreign Service Officer of Political Affairs
28	Mauritania	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation	Secretary of Foreign Affairs
29	Liberia	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Research Assistant of Europe Department

<Public Officials: 10>

	Country	Ministry/Organization	Job Title
1	Mongolia	Ministry of Mining	Officer, International Cooperation Division, Ministry of Mining
2	Cambodia	Council of Ministers	Senior Staff, Accreditation Committee of Cambodia
3	Vietnam	Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Official of North East Asia Division, Ministry of Industry and Trade
4	Vietnam	Youth International Cooperation Development Center	Program Officer of the CYDECO (Youth International Cooperation Development Centre)
5	Laos	Ministry of Planning and Investment	Officer of Asia Pacific Division, Ministry of Planning and Investment
6	Maldives	The Maldives National University	Administrative Officer, The Maldives National University
7	Micronesia	Pohnpei State Environmental Protection Agency	Inspector, Pohnpei State Environmental Protection Agency
8	Haiti	Ministry of Planning and External Cooperation	Sociologist, Ministry of Planning and External Cooperation
9	Honduras	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Analyst for Educational, Cultural and Scientific Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
10	Yemen	Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation	Head of department of cooperation with Asian States, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation