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The Royal Civil Service Commission is pleased to announce the availability of various LTT opportunities funded by the Government of Japan via the Young Leaders' Programme (YLP) under the MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) Scholarship for the 2027 intake, as detailed below:

| Particulars         | School of Government and School of Local Governance                       | Business Administration                                                             |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Course              | Master's Degree in Public Policy                                          | Master of Business Administration (MBA)                                             |
| Age                 | Under 40 as of 1 October 2027                                             | Under 40 as of 1 September 2027                                                     |
| Work Experience     | 3 years of work experience in public administration (preferably 5+ years) | At least 2 years of work experience (must remain employed at the same organisation) |
| Programme Duration  | 1 Year (from October 2027)                                                | 1 Year (from September 2027)                                                        |
| Target Participants | (Administration and Finance Services)                                     |                                                                                     |
| Host University     | National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)                    | School of International Corporate Strategy (Hitotsubashi ICS)                       |

1. Application form with photograph pasted on it
  - a. [Click here](#) for the application form and [click here](#) for the application guidelines for the School of Local Governance.
  - b. [Click here](#) for the application form and [click here](#) for the application guideline for the School of Government.
  - c. [Click here](#) for the application form and [click here](#) for the application

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2. One passport-size photograph in addition to the one pasted on the application form
3. Certified grade transcripts for each academic year (attested copy)
4. Copy of passport
5. A graduation certificate (attested copy)
6. Recommendation letter from your work supervisor (original copy)
  - a. [Click here](#) for the prescribed format for the recommendation letter.
7. Certificate of health ([click here](#) for the health certificate form) (original copy)
8. Essay explaining applicant's aspirations and future plans following the completion of the programme (3 pages).
9. Answer to essay questions. You will have to write answers to both essay questions and supplementary questions:
  - a. [Click here](#) for essay questions for the School of Government and Local Governance and
  - b. [Click here](#) for essay questions for Business Administration.
10. Certificate of English Proficiency (attested copy).
11. LTT Checklist form (get it from your respective HROs)

- **Programme Structure & Duration:** All three courses run as 1-year master's degree programmes taught entirely in English.
- **Financial & Travel Support:** Full MEXT scholarship coverage includes a monthly allowance of 242,000 yen, round-trip economy flights, and full tuition/entrance fee waivers.
- **Post-Graduation Commitment:** Grantees must return to their home countries upon completion to resume employment at their recommending organisations and apply their skills to strengthen international networks.
- **Three-Stage Screening:** The selection follows a strict multi-tier process: 1) First screening by designated recommending authorities in the home country, 2) Second screening by host universities (GRIPS or Hitotsubashi ICS), and 3) Final selection (online interview) by the MEXT YLP Committee.
- Civil servants applying for the above-mentioned programmes must fulfil eligibility criteria prescribed in BCSR 2023.

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