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Re-announcement of LTT Scholarship Opportunities via the Young Leaders' Programme under the MEXT Scholarship for 2027 Intake

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	Relevant civil servants	Relevant non-civil servants and civil servants
Host University	National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)	School of International Corporate Strategy (Hitotsubashi ICS)

Documents required during application:

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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guidelines for the Business Administration.

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)

Notes:

- **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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- Only eligible candidates as per criteria mentioned in the announcement are encouraged to apply.
- The course of study you apply for should be in alignment with the Competency and Professional Development (CPD) of your agency (for civil servants).
- The candidates must inform HRD of their respective agencies if they decide to apply.
- For non-civil servants, application should be routed through the Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD). The eligibility criteria should be vetted through the Skills Promotion and Liaison Division (SPLD) under MoESD before applying (Contact: spld@moesd.gov.bt for more information; only for non-civil servants).
- The scholarship is provided under the funding of the MEXT YLP, and all scholarship entitlements are confined to those offered by them. Therefore, no additional financial benefits from the RCSC/RGOB shall be admissible to candidates under these scholarship programmes.
- Please note that one applicant should choose only one field of study.
- While submitting the documents, make sure you submit the health certificate and recommendation letter in original form, while academic transcripts and certificates and the English Language Proficiency Certificate should be in attested form.
- Please note that there are no definite slots for Bhutan. The applicants will be compared with that of regional countries for selection.

Applicants are requested to submit the complete set of documents in hard copies routed through your working agency to HRDD, RCSC, no later than 20 October 2026.

At the same time, please email scanned copies of the same documents to hrdd@rcsc.gov.bt as a single PDF.

Annexures:

[Guideline for the YLP Programme](#)

[Details on the School of Government](#)

[Details on the School of Local Governance](#)

[Details on Business Administration](#)

[Outline of Young Leaders' Programme](#)

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For further clarification, submit your queries to gpkhadal@rcsc.gov.bt with a copy to hrdd@rcsc.gov.bt.



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