CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN Karachi

3 February 2015

Subject: <u>Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship for 2015 Teacher-Training</u> Students

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the Government of Japan is offering a scholarship to Pakistani teachers who wish to conduct research on school education under the *Monbukagakusho* (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Government of Japan: MEXT) Scholarship Program (Teacher-Training Students) for the fiscal year 2015. A grantee is classified as a non-degree student, but he/she will get a certificate after completing the required course at the university in Japan. This program is not designed for those who wish to enter Bachelor's, Master's or Doctor's degree courses. The candidate must meet the following requirements.

- 1. Age: Applicants must be under 35 years of age as of 1st April, 2015. (i.e. born on and after the 2nd of April 1980)
- 2. Educational Qualifications: Applicant must have graduated from a university or a teacher-training school and have worked as a teacher of an elementary school or secondary educational institute or a teachers-training school in his/her home country for at least five years in total, as of 1st April, 2015.
- 3. <u>Individual Criteria:</u> Applicants must be intellectually and psychologically capable of spending an eighteen month period in an international atmosphere in a society with a culture very different from that of Pakistan. Also, applicants must be willing to learn Japanese language and receive research guidance in Japanese, because many universities conduct courses only in Japanese. The courses will start in October 2015.

Kindly circulate this information among the teachers of your institution. Interested candidates are to apply directly to the Embassy of Japan in Pakistan no later than 27th February, 2015.

The required documents are:

1. A recent Curriculum Vitae (Indicating detail of educational qualification, years of teaching experience and complete contact info)

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- 2. A recommendation letter from the school Principal
- 3. A (brief) statement of purpose for applying in this scholarship

These documents must be labeled as "Japanese Government Scholarship for Teachers Training" and sent to the Public Affairs Section, Embassy of Japan, Diplomatic Enclave 1, Islamabad. Only short listed candidates will be contacted for the written test and an interview at the Embassy in Islamabad, around the first week of March 2015.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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