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University Grants Commission
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg
New Delhi - 110 002

F. No. 4-6/2009 (TG)

September, 2009

The Registrar

Sub: UNESCO/KEIZO OBUCHI Research Fellowships programme, Cycle 2010, Japan funds-in-Trust Project.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose a document/material received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Deptt. of Higher Education which is self explanatory. The application may please be sent to ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi, directly latest by 10th December, 2009. It may noted that there will be no financial liability on the part of UGC.

Yours faithfully,

(H. B. Sharma)
Under Secretary

Encl: As above.

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Government of India

Ministry of Human Resource Development

Department of Higher Education

INC Section

New Delhi the 24th August, 2009

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: UNESCO/ KEIZO OBUCHI Research Fellowships Programme, cycle 2010, Japan funds - in - Trust Project - regarding.

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The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of the UNESCO's letter No. DG/7/09.341 dated 15th July, 2009 on the subject mentioned above.

The UNESCO has invited applications for submission of short term individual fellowship requests. The priority attention is for the Least Developed Countries and Women Candidates. A maximum of two requests under this programme from officers of your Ministry/Institution/Organization who have the requisite qualifications and in your opinion, would be appropriate candidates, may be forwarded. The UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme focuses on post-graduate research activities in the four areas: Environment (with particular emphasis on Water Sciences); Intercultural Dialogue; Information and Communication Technologies; and Peaceful Conflict Resolution.

It is necessary that the candidates are below 40 years of age, have demonstrated the ability and interest to do serious research/training work abroad, are also in a position to seek and obtain admission in an institution abroad.

The criteria and conditions along with the application forms is enclosed for circulation among eligible and interested applicants. Further details could be seen from the website of UNESCO viz. www.unesco.org or MHRD website <http://www.education.nic.in/>. All applications must be **submitted by 10.12.2009** to this section for initiating further necessary action in the matter.

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Mr. Samra
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As per list attached.

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United Nations
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The Director-General



JAPAN

To: National Commissions for
UNESCO of Member States and
Associate Members concerned

Ref.: DG/7/09.341

Subject: **UNESCO/KEIZO OBUCHI
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME
Cycle 2010
Japan Funds-in-Trust Project**

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that, within the framework of the Japan Funds-in-Trust Project for Capacity-Building of Human Resources, Japan has generously offered to finance 20 research fellowships for the tenth consecutive year, in memory of the late Prime Minister of Japan, Keizo Obuchi. Mr Obuchi was known in the international arena for his personal commitment to development issues and for his determination to consolidate the efforts made by the international community to further the social and economic development of humankind. As you know, fellowships are an important tool in ensuring capacity-building in the Member States and Associate Members concerned.

The UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme focuses on post-graduate research activities in the following four areas, as identified by late Prime Minister Obuchi:

1. environment (with particular emphasis on water sciences);
2. intercultural dialogue;
3. information and communication technologies; and
4. peaceful conflict resolution.

Aware of your Government's interest in the empowerment of your young researchers, I should be grateful if you would transmit this announcement to interested governmental and non-governmental bodies, universities, institutes of higher education and scientific research institutes. All nominations should be submitted through your National Commission.

The target group, eligibility criteria, conditions and procedures for application, as well as the terms of the research fellowships, are set out in Annex I to this letter. To enable the Selection Committee to make the best possible choice, I should be grateful if you would arrange for your country's candidates - a maximum of two - to complete in the fullest possible detail the application form enclosed herewith as Annex II, and to attach thereto the required forms. All applications should be received at UNESCO (Section of Participation and Fellowships Programmes) by midnight on **8 January 2010**. An advance copy may be sent by fax to: +33 1 45 68 55 03, or by e-mail to a.zaid@unesco.org.

The Programme functions according to the rules of open competition. As the number of research fellowships put at the disposal of UNESCO under this Programme is limited, only candidates with the necessary qualifications, who demonstrate outstanding intellectual qualities, imagination and personal commitment, will have a chance of being selected.

I am confident that this jointly-sponsored UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowship Programme will serve to strengthen UNESCO's efforts to enhance the capacities of young researchers in areas crucial to global development.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Koichiro Matsuura

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cc: Permanent Delegations to UNESCO of the Member States concerned

UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme 2010 Cycle

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Mr Keizo Obuchi, former Prime Minister of Japan, passed away on 14 May 2000 at the age of 62. Soft-spoken and charismatic, he was known as a man of integrity, honesty and modesty. He built a reputation as an exemplary official and was a particularly adept negotiator. A member of Japan's Diet (Parliament) for over thirty years, he served as Japan's Foreign Minister in 1997, until he was elected Prime Minister in July 1998. Mr Obuchi was known in the international arena for his commitment to development issues and for his resolve to put Japan at the forefront of countries involved in consolidating the efforts of the international community to further progress in the social and economic development of humankind.

2. With a view to keeping alive and honouring the spirit of former Prime Minister Obuchi and his belief in "people building the next era", 20 fellowships per year, for the ninth consecutive year, will be awarded to deserving candidates from UNESCO developing countries, especially the least developed countries (LDCs), who are eager to undertake research on one or more of the topics listed below. The aim of the fellowships is to support innovative and imaginative post-graduate research in the areas of development to which former Prime Minister Obuchi was committed and which coincide with areas of particular interest to UNESCO.

B. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

1. The UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme funded under a Japan Funds-in-Trust project will aim, in particular, **to impact on capacity-building and research activities** in the following areas which were of particular importance to Mr Keizo Obuchi: 1. Environment (with particular attention to Water Sciences); 2. Intercultural Dialogue; 3. Information and Communication Technologies; and 4. Peaceful conflict resolution. **No other research topics will be considered.**

C. ELIGIBILITY

Applicants, a maximum of TWO from each applying National Commission, must meet the following general criteria:

1. Candidates under this Programme must be **post-graduate researchers**, already holding either an M.A. or M.Sc. degree (or equivalent) and wishing to pursue research work abroad (preferably in their own region) with a view to enhancing knowledge in one of the four specific fields mentioned in paragraph D.1 below. Thus, those who are in the process of completing their Master's degree must have completed it **PRIOR** to taking up their Fellowship.
2. Candidates must be persons of high intellectual promise who may be expected to make significant contributions to their country on return.

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3. Candidates must be no more than 40 years of age. Thus, applicants born before 1 January 1970 will not be considered under the Programme.
 4. The selected Fellow must carry out the research under the auspices of an academic supervisor in a host institution. Confirmation of acceptance from the academic supervisor is imperative.
 5. Priority attention will be given to:
 - * Women candidatures
 - * Candidates from least developed countries (LDCs)
 - * Palestinian researchers
 6. Candidates must be proficient in reading and writing the language of instruction in the proposed country of study/research.
 7. Applicants must be in good health (both physically and mentally).

D. CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATION

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| 1. Domains of research: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment (with particular emphasis on to Water Sciences) • Intercultural Dialogue • Information and Communication Technologies • Peaceful Conflicts Resolution |
| 2. Duration of proposed research: | <p>minimum: 3 months
maximum: 9 months</p> |
| 3. Closing date for receipt of applications: | 8 January 2010 |
| 4. Possible date of commencing research: | Any time from September 2010 onwards |
| 5. Deadline for termination of research: | end of December 2011 |
| 6. Place of study: | In one or two countries <u>abroad</u> |

It should be understood that at the end of the Fellowship, the beneficiary must agree to return to his/her home country so that knowledge acquired may be put to good use in local research and training programmes.

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| 7. Study arrangements: | Research must be carried out under the auspices of an academic supervisor in a host institution |
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8. Application Procedures

All applications must be submitted with the required documentation on the UNESCO Fellowship Application Form. Each Member State may nominate candidates a **maximum of two (2)**. It is the National Commission's responsibility to select the two candidates whose applications it wishes to submit to UNESCO. The application(s) should reach the Section of Participation Programme and Fellowships, UNESCO, 7, Place de Fontenoy 75352 Paris 07 SP before **8 January 2010 midnight** and an advance copy may be sent by fax to: 33.1.45.68.55.03.

The application **must** include the following attachments:

- (i) The UNESCO Fellowship application form duly completed in duplicate. Two recent photographs (obligatory) should be included with the form.
- (ii) Certified copies of degrees or diplomas (including transcript of grades) in duplicate. Proof of having obtained a Master's Degree must be included.
- (iii) A letter of recommendation from someone familiar with the candidate's work.
- (iv) A host institute's letter of acceptance (i.e. the institute that has accepted the candidate for work should she/he be selected for a Fellowship). This letter of acceptance must indicate that the host institute confirms its willingness to provide the relevant research facilities required by the candidate in the chosen field of specialization.
- (v) The certificate of language proficiency (on the UNESCO form) duly completed in duplicate for the language of the country of study (should this be different from the candidate's mother tongue) issued by an official authority.
- (vi) **A detailed description, one to two page(s) (maximum), in either English or French**, of the research work for which the candidature is being put forward. The research proposal should cover the following points:
 - **Why?** The concrete nature of the proposed project's contribution to the fields listed in paragraph D.1 above; its innovative, original aspects; and the scope and purpose of the research project. The candidate should demonstrate the reasons the theoretical and practical knowledge or training acquired at the host institution would be beneficial to her/his on-going research project.
 - **What?** The expected results or impact of the research project being undertaken.
 - **How?** Describe the proposed arrangements for conducting the research.
 - **Where?** The proposed country where research will be undertaken (one to two countries maximum) and the name and address of the host institute.

- **When?** The timeframe explicitly stating the proposed starting date and the suggested duration of research which should be of **three months minimum and nine months maximum**.
- **How much?** A **detailed budget estimate** indicating the resources required for the candidate to undertake the proposed research. The amount should be determined according to the proposed duration and place of research (between US\$6,000 to US\$10,000). The amount should not exceed **US\$10,000**. All figures must be shown in US dollars and must be included on a separate page. The amount indicated should cover, exclusively, the international or domestic travel costs for the approved itinerary and personal subsistence abroad, etc. (The object of this Programme is to provide **research fellowships so it is considered that in most cases tuition fees will not apply**). Applicants should be realistic in compiling their proposed budgets, and consider that an average of US\$1,000/US\$1,800 per month for accommodation and meals (including local transportation and incidentals) should not be exceeded. Applications where funds requested are judged to be excessive in relation to the objectives and importance of the project are likely to be considered for a smaller grant.

(Note: The following costs are **not eligible**: computer or equipment purchases; publication costs; attendance at conferences, unless a case can be made that such attendance is an integral part of the research and would make a direct and significant contribution to the outcome of the development of the research project.)

UNESCO and Japan attach the greatest importance to originality and quality. Consideration will be given only to well-planned research proposals which demonstrate innovation, imagination and relevance, and which promise to contribute to knowledge in the four specific areas mentioned in paragraph D.1 above.

Files which are incomplete or which are received after the deadline for application, as well as applications that do not meet the requirements mentioned above, will not be taken into consideration.

E. FACILITIES OFFERED BY UNESCO/JAPAN

The Fellowships financed by Japan and administered by UNESCO will consist of the following:

- A maximum amount between US\$6,000 to US\$10,000 will be awarded to selected candidates. The amount, to be paid in two or three instalments, is intended to cover research costs only, and **will not be negotiable**.
- No other costs will be considered and grants will be neither extended nor renewed.

F. SELECTION OF BENEFICIARIES

A Selection Committee made up of experts in the four areas listed above will make recommendations for the final decision of the Director-General of UNESCO. Applications will be judged on the basis of the merit of each application and of its pertinence to the UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowship Programme.

Selected candidates will receive a Letter of Award.

Candidates who have not been informed of their selection by **1 September 2010** should consider that their applications have not been approved in the selection process.

G. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH UNDERTAKEN UNDER THIS PROGRAMME

Once the Fellowship has expired, the beneficiaries will be encouraged to disseminate the results of their research. No prior approval of UNESCO will be required for publication of a scholarly paper resulting from research done while benefiting from the UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowship Programme. However, the Fellow will be asked to acknowledge UNESCO, the Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme and the Government of Japan in their paper as having provided support for the Fellowship and the Fellow will be required to send a copy of the report and/or printed article to the Organization for information. It should be emphasized that UNESCO has no obligation to publish the scholarly papers and no allowance will be provided for that purpose.

Selected beneficiaries will be required to submit an interim and a final report describing the results of the research undertaken. Fellows will be required to send UNESCO a one-page summary with their report that will be reproduced later in a leaflet and disseminated widely by UNESCO.