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For the attention of :
WCO developing-country Members

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Dear Director General,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Customs Organization (WCO) will award a number of scholarships for the **Master's Degree Programme in Public Finance at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)** in Tokyo, Japan. Funds for these scholarships will be provided by Japan Customs under the Japan-WCO Human Resource Development Programme (Scholarship Programme).

The Scholarship Programme is aimed at **promising young managers from the Customs administrations of developing-country Members**. Candidates should demonstrate **potential capability and commitment to contribute to the growth of the service** of their administrations and should be **fully proficient in English**. Conditions of candidacy and selection are specified in the attachment. This Master's Degree Programme will start in September 2023 and finish in September 2024.

The Master's Degree Programme comprises two segments: an academic segment and a practical segment. The academic segment provides rigorous, economics-oriented training aimed at developing a broad understanding of the theoretical, empirical and institutional aspects of Customs policy implementation and administration. The practical segment is taught in co-operation with Japan Customs, including the Japan Customs Training Institute, pursuing acquirement of enough knowledge and Customs practices applying for their home administration for further improvement of Customs procedures and modernization.

Attached to this letter, you will find a set of documents explaining the administrative provisions governing the Programme, application procedures and information for applicants from the University. If you would like to nominate a candidate or candidates from your Administration for this Scholarship Programme, please arrange for the application to be submitted with all supporting documents, including the Nomination Form from your Administration (downloadable from below-mentioned Website).

The application process for candidates is as follows:

- The nominated applicant must read carefully and consent to the ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS (Annex 1)

The nominated applicant must read the GRIPS Application Guide thoroughly:

https://www.grips.ac.jp/cms/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/GRIPS_AppGuide_2023.pdf



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The applicant fills out and submits the Registration Form (https://webentry.grips.ac.jp/entry_form/) **by 24 February 2023** (no later than 17:00 Japan Standard Time (JST)).

- The applicant must then download the designated forms from the web page “How to Apply” (<https://www.grips.ac.jp/en/admissions/apply/>) and send a complete set of their required supporting documents **by 3 March 2023** (no later than 17:00 JST) to the GRIPS Admissions Office address as indicated on the application Web page.
- The Nomination Form, which can be downloaded from the application Web page, should be completed and submitted along with the rest of the supporting documents.

Please note that applications received after the deadlines will not be considered. As late submissions, including of supporting documents such as proof of English proficiency, are not acceptable, applicants and nominating Administrations are encouraged to prepare the required documents well in advance.

Should you have any questions regarding this Programme, a member of your staff may contact Ms. Akiko KOJIMA of the WCO Capacity Building Directorate (Tel.: + 32 2 209 96 47; or E-mail : scholarship@wcoomd.org), or the GRIPS Admissions Office (E-mail : admissions@grips.ac.jp).

Yours sincerely,

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