2021 APPLICATION FORM FOR CANDIDATE SELECTION OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP

(For Global Agriscience Program Preliminary Education in Fac. of Agr., Okayama Univ.)

1. Qualifications for Application

Applicant must meet all of the following requirements.

- (1) Applicants must meet one of the following conditions by September 2021.
 - ① Applicants must have completed 12 years of school education. (including those who are expected to complete at the time of admission)
 - ② Applicants must have graduated from a school equivalent to an upper secondary school in Japan.
- 3 Those who qualify for universities in Japan due to qualifications other than the above.
- (2) In principle, applicants must have been born on or after April 2, 1996.
- (3) In principle, Applicants who have Japanese nationality at the time of application is not eligible. However, persons with dual nationality who hold Japanese nationality and whose place of residence at the time of application is outside of Japan are eligible to apply as long as they choose the nationality of the foreign country and give up their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan.
- (4) Applicant apply to Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship for Global Agriscience Program (GAP) for human resources, contributing to sustainable development goals (SDGs). You must enroll in Faculty of Agriculture, Okayama University, if you are accepted.
- 2. Period of enrollment

6 months

- 3. Application process
- (1) Documents to be submitted
 - (1) Application Form

Downloadable at the following address:

https://www.mext.go.jp/content/20201214-mxt gakushi02-20201211170222 8.xlsx

- 2 Essay on reason to apply for this program (A4 size free form, PDF file is acceptable)
- (3) A photocopy of the passport (description page with name and photograph), a photocopy of family register or proof of citizenship of the applicant's country.
- (4) Transcript of academic records of each academic year of the last upper secondary school (senior high school) or undergraduate school attended (issued by the school or the university which the applicant has attended)
- (5) Graduation certificate or degree certificate of the last upper school attended (or an attested document certifying that the applicant will graduate from the school, where applicable)
- (6) Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) (N2 or higher is desirable)
- (7) Optional certificate (Highly recommended)
 - i) Transcript of record of Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students(EJU)
- ii) Transcript of record of English proficiency examination (Ex. TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS etc.)
- (8) Certificate of enrollment (for an applicant currently enrolled in a university)
- (9) Transcript of academic record (for an applicant currently enrolled in a university) (optional) *It is necessary to attach the Document(4) ~ (9) translated in Japanese when documents are described in native language except English.

*For Documents 4589, PDF files are acceptable at the time of application. Original documents must be submitted at a later date.

(2) Application fee

Candidates do not pay the application fee at the time of application. Successful applicant has to apply to research student for Global Agriscience Program preliminary education and pay 9,800 yen. (The application fee of 9,800 yen will be refunded later to successful applicant).

(3) Application period

Candidates must apply by Friday, May 14, 2021

(4) Documents to be sent

Instruction and Student Section, Faculty of Agriculture, Okayama University

• Digital data (Document ①~⑨) must be sent by Friday, May 14, 2021 by email to qgg8286@adm.okayama-u.ac.jp

Applicants must send their original application documents by registered airmail or express mail service (DHL, EMS, FedEx, OCS, etc.) by Thursday, June 10, 2021 to the following address:

Instruction and Student Section of Faculty of Agriculture, Okayama University, 1-1-1 Tsushimanaka, Kita-ku, Okayama, 700-8530, Japan.

4. Screening Process

Based on all submitted documents, Okayama University will select the qualified candidates for online an interview which is held on Friday, May 21 and tells the results to each applicant at a later date. Those who are selected for the interview will be notified the information by Wednesday, May 19, 2021. The interview will be conducted online (either Zoom or Microsoft Teams), connecting the applicants' location and Okayama University. Okayama University will forward the results to the MEXT, who will conduct the final screening process. The Admission results will be announced to the applicants on early August, 2021.

5. Contact for inquiry

Instruction and Student Section, Faculty of Agriculture, Okayama University qgg8286@adm.okayama-u.ac.jp

Question are expected to be in Japanese.

TEL: +81-86-251-8286, 8287 (Japanese only)

6. Other

In addition to 4 Japanese government scholars, GAP Program will accept 4 privately-financed international students. Privately-financed international students will be selected through the Special Selection for Privately Financed International Students 2022 (conducted in February 2022).