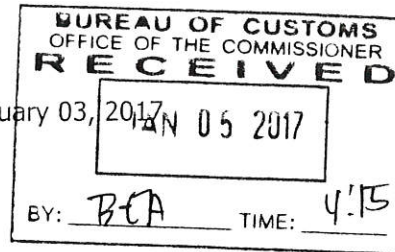




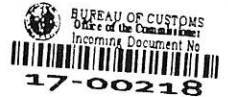
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**CUSTOMS TRAINING CIRCULAR**  
**NO. CTC-002-2017**

**TO: All Customs Officials and Employees**

**SUBJECT: JAPAN – WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION (WCO) HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME)**



- 1.0 This is to inform that this Bureau is being invited by the World Customs Organization (WCO) relative to Japan – WCO Human Resource Development Programme that 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 which provides a grant covering travel, subsistence, admission, tuition and other approved expenses to enable promising young Customs managers from developing countries.
- 2.0 The major objective of the Public Finance Program is to provide students with the conceptual understanding and technical competence to become leaders in the area of taxation and customs.
- 3.0 The scholarship is for 13 months academic year starting from September 2017 and will finish on September 2018.

<b>PROGRAMME TITLE</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	<b>APPLICATION PROCESS</b>
Japan – World Customs Organization (WCO) Human Resource Development Programme (Scholarship Programme)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preferably below 35 years of age as of April 1, 2017.</li><li>• Full-time government customs officials.</li><li>• Must be chosen and nominated by their respective supervisors.</li><li>• They must have at least 2 years work experience in</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The nominated applicant must read the GRIPS Online Application Guide thoroughly: (<a href="http://www.grips.ac.jp/cms/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/GRIPS_OnlineAppGuide_2017.pdf">http://www.grips.ac.jp/cms/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/GRIPS_OnlineAppGuide_2017.pdf</a>)</li><li>• The applicant fills out and submits the Online Entry Form (<a href="http://gast.grips.ac.jp/entry/">http://gast.grips.ac.jp/entry/</a>) by <b>February 10, 2017</b> (no later than 17:00 Japan Standard Time(JST)). The GRIPS Admissions Office will send you an ID and password by e-mail.</li></ul>

	<p>customs policy and administration at the time of enrollment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be in good health.</li> <li>• Fully proficient in English (a minimum TOEFL score of PBT 550/ iBT 79, IELTS Academic 6.0 ).</li> <li>• They should have a Bachelor's Degree.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant must then complete and submit the Online Application Form and send all the supporting documents (except for the Nomination Form) by <b>February 17, 2017</b> (no later than 17:00 Japan Standard Time(JST)) to the :  Admissions Office National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) 7-22-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-8677 Japan Telephone: +81 3 6439 6046 e-mail: <a href="mailto:admissions@grips.ac.jp">admissions@grips.ac.jp</a> Website:<a href="http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/admissions/index/">http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/admissions/index/</a></li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Nomination Form, which can be downloaded from the application Web page, should also be completed and submitted to the GRIPS Admissions Office by <b>March 31, 2017</b>.</li> <li>• If you have any questions regarding this Programme, you may contact <b>Mr. Shinji ODA</b> of the WCO Capacity Building Directorate (Tel.: +32 2 209 96 47; Fax: +32 2 209 94 96; or email:<a href="mailto:scholarship@wcoomd.org">scholarship@wcoomd.org</a>) or the GRIPS Admissions Office (e-mail: <a href="mailto:admissions@grips.ac.jp">admissions@grips.ac.jp</a>).</li> </ul>

4.0 Interested parties are requested to submit their letter of interest to join the program endorsed by their respective heads of office on or before January 31, 2017 to the Interim Training and Development Division (ITDD), Customs Capacity Building Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, South Harbor, Port Area Manila.

  
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