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16th September 2025

Attn: Officer In-charge of Foreign Trainings

Secretary

Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education

JICA Long Term Training (Master's / Doctor's Programme) – Agriculture Studies Networks for Food Safety (AGRI-NET) JFY 2026

Master's Degree Programme - September or October 2026 – September 2028 (2 Years)

Doctor's Degree Programme - September or October 2026 – September 2029 (3 Years)

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in Sri Lanka has called for nominations from eligible government officials in Sri Lanka for the above prestigious long term Scholarship programmes on **Agriculture Studies Networks for Food Safety (AGRI-NET) for the Financial Year 2026**.

02. This long-term scholarship initiative is designed to develop high-level human resources who will contribute significantly to policy decisions within their respective fields. Furthermore, JICA aims to promote sustainable and inclusive agricultural and rural development, stimulate agriculture and related industries through capacity building, and strengthen human networks between Japan and Sri Lanka in these fields through these scholarship programmes.

03. The details of the programme, including the General Information (GI) book are enclosed for your reference. The application form and the programme details can be downloaded from the Department of External Resource (ERD) website (<https://www.erd.gov.lk>). Applicants are strongly advised to thoroughly review the eligibility criteria and all relevant information provided in the attached documents and on the website prior to submitting their applications.

04. We believe that these long-term academic programmes represent a valuable opportunity for the universities and similar institutions under your jurisdiction. Participation in these programmes will significantly enhance the professional development of officials and contribute positively to the achievement of your organizational objectives. Therefore, we kindly request you to nominate suitable candidates from the faculties of Agriculture within the relevant universities for this programme.

05. To ensure a smooth and efficient selection process, please note the following:

1. Each nominee must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the programme guidelines.
2. The following documents must be submitted for each nominee:
 - a. Nomination letter of the line ministry
 - b. Application form for JICA JISNAS AGRI-NET (Sri Lanka)

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- c. The duly filled Application Form for "JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Programme" (both part A & B) **(hand written applications will not be accepted)** - Application Form can be downloaded from ERD public website.
- d. AGRI-NET JFY 2026 Candidate information (including research plan)
- e. Copy of the detailed pages of the nominee's passport
- f. ERD Form

06. Please be advised that only applications duly completed and received by this office no later than 2:00 p.m. on 21st October 2025, accompanied by all requisite documents, will be considered for processing. Applications submitted after this deadline or those found to be incomplete will not be accepted under any circumstances. Kindly note that the deadline for submission will be strictly enforced.

07. Please note that all nominations will be forwarded to JICA for their consideration. As part of the evaluation process, JICA will conduct selection interviews based on the contents of the respective GIs. The decision of JICA shall be regarded as final and binding.

08. Please be aware that any discrepancies in the names of nominees across different documents may result in administrative complications and delays in processing. Therefore, nominees are strongly advised to use their names exactly as they appear in their passports in all documentation related to the programme.

09. We would highly appreciate your support in identifying the most suitable and deserving candidates for this invaluable opportunity extended by JICA to the Government of Sri Lanka and we look forward to receiving a strong list of nominations.

10. Your early response in this regard is highly appreciated.

Tharanga Liyanage
Additional Director General
for Director General

✓ Copy: Chairman, University Grant Commission

Enclosure: GI booklet