

## Application Guidelines for the 6<sup>th</sup> Toyama Prefectural International Student Scholarship

In partnership with Asahi Printing Co. Ltd., Toyama Prefecture is currently looking for an international student who would be interested in completing graduate studies for a Master's degree in Toyama Prefecture and subsequently being employed at Asahi Printing Co. Ltd.

### 1 - Requirements and Conditions

#### (1) Nationality

The applicant must hold Malaysian nationality and must reside in Malaysia at the time of their application.

#### (2) Age

The applicant must be born on or after April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1994.

#### (3) Education

The applicant must meet the one of the following requirements:

- a) Have graduated from a Japanese university, or;
- b) Have completed, outside of Japan, 16 years of formal education (This includes people planning on graduating by the end of June 2024)
- c) Have completed, outside of Japan, 3 or more years of study/research, and have received a degree equivalent to bachelors (however some universities in Toyama may have an eligibility examination for acceptance).

#### (4) Specialization

Fields of Specialization : Engineering or Business

The applicant's selected field must be related to the specialization done in undergraduate studies and must be a field that can be further studied in a Graduate School within the Prefecture. (For accepted graduate schools and programs, see page 6 of this document.)

#### (5) Health

The applicant must be mentally and physically healthy.

#### (6) Japanese Language Proficiency

Not required. However, the applicant must have interest in learning Japanese, and must be able to make everyday conversation (Japanese Language Proficiency Test level N2) by the time of graduation.

#### (7) Arrival in Japan

In principle, the applicant should be available to come to Japan by the day

determined by the Governor between September and October of 2024.

(8) Prospective Employment

The applicant must be willing to pledge that, upon completion of their studies at graduate school, they will apply to the hiring process of Asashi Printing Co. Ltd. The place of employment will either be within Toyama Prefecture, or within Japan. In both cases, there is a chance that the location of work may be at the subsidiary in Malaysia.

(9) Internship

During their studies, the applicant will participate in an internship at Asahi Printing Co. Ltd.

(10) Other

The applicant may not receive any other scholarship or grants.

## **2 - Number of scholarships**

There is 1 scholarship available for 1 participant.

## **3 - Details of the scholarship**

Within the limits of the budget, the scholarship provides for the following expenses, from the day of arrival in Japan until the day of conclusion of studies.

- (1) Living expenses: 170,000 yen per month (rent expenses included). However, if the student leaves Japan for over 30 consecutive days or if the student fails to attend classes for a long period or otherwise takes a leave of absence from school, payment may be stopped during this interval.
- (2) Travel expenses
  - a) Coming to Japan  
The airplane ticket fare from the international airport closest to the student's residence in Malaysia to Japan, economy class, as well as the travel expenses from the airport in Japan to Toyama are included.
  - b) Returning home  
Cost of returning home is generally not included.
- (3) Tuition fees : Entrance examination fees, Admission fees, Course fees and Insurance (National Health Care, Accident Insurance)
- (4) Payment period  
The scholarship includes payment for the period of 6 months as a trainee student and 2 years of study as a graduate student for a maximum of 2 years and 6 months. No extensions will be accepted.

The Prefecture reserves the right to terminate scholarship in the following situations:

- ① If the application contains any false statements;
- ② If the student fails to comply with the statements in the Written Pledge;
- ③ If the student commits an act against the law in Japan;
- ④ If the university has taken disciplinary action against the student, including but not limited to expulsion. (Scholarship payment may be stopped before said action is effective.)
- ⑤ If, due to poor academic results or temporary break of study, the student is deemed to be unable to complete their degree in the length of time specified above.
- ⑥ If the student's residency status is changed from "International Student" to a different residency status.
- ⑦ If the student receives a different scholarship (except for specific research funds).
- ⑧ If, for other reasons, Toyama Prefecture or Asahi Printing Co. Ltd. determines that the applicant is unsuitable as a scholarship student.

#### **4 - Application Process**

The applicant must submit a complete set of the following documents, before the deadline and to the address specified by Toyama Prefecture. No submitted documents will be returned. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

The required documents are:

- ① International Student Application Form, with a picture attached. (Form #1)
- ② Specialization, Research Plan and Placement Application Form (Form #2)
- ③ Written Pledge (Form #3)
- ④ Medical Certificate (Form #4)
- ⑤ Final Grades from Graduated University
- ⑥ Final Diploma from Graduated University or Certificate of Degree Completion
- ⑦ Letter of Recommendation from Graduated University's Dean or Professor In Charge
- ⑧ Graduation Thesis (Only for applicants who have written such a thesis)
- ⑨ Copy of Passport

#### **Caution:**

1. All documents must be submitted either in Japanese or in English or be provided with a translation in either Japanese or English.
2. All pictures submitted must have been taken within the last six months upon application, and their size must be of 4.5 cm by 3.5 cm, showing the upper body, full-

faced, and without any covering on the head. Also, on the reverse of each picture, the applicant's name and nationality must be written. Paper copies are not accepted. (Self-printed pictures are not accepted)

3. Your Specialization and Research Plan Form must offer a concrete and detailed plan of your expected research.

4. The Grades Report must describe the course title for grades received during each year of study in your faculty or graduate program, as applicable, and must also detail the final grade or completion status for credits acquired. (For example, you cannot substitute it for a document simply listing your rank upon graduation or your diploma.)

5. Regarding your diploma or certificate of degree completion, you may substitute a copy. However, the copy must be attested to by the appropriate authorities of the university having produced the document.

6. A graduation thesis, etc. is not necessary for application, but will be used to assess academic skill if available.

7. Host universities in the prefecture that plan to welcome foreign exchange students must conduct strict reviews from a technology provision and goods export standpoint based on the provisions in the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act. Please be aware when applying that in the case of restricted subjects and matters, you may not be allowed to enroll, you may not be able to choose your desired major, or there may be limits to the research you can conduct.

(The applicant will need to sign and submit a written pledge that they will comply with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act during the second selection round.)

### **5 - Application submission**

Submit your application **by email** to the following address:

E-mail : akokusai@pref.toyama.lg.jp

### **6 - Application deadline**

The deadline to apply to this scholarship is April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Fri).

### **7 - Selection and Communication of Results**

(1) The first round of selections will be conducted based on received applications.

(2) The second round of selections will be interviews conducted with participants selected in the first round to determine the final scholarship recipient. The interview will be conducted in English, but Japanese ability will also be tested.

## 8 - Placement and Research Direction

- (1) The placement of the selected applicant by Toyama Prefecture will be based upon the first, then second university choices written on the applicant's Specialization, Research Plan and Placement Application Form, and will be granted if possible. However, it is possible that the placement may differ from the applicant's expressed preferences; there is no appeal process for the placement.
- (2) Research guidance, classes, experiments and studies will, as a general rule, be conducted in Japanese. Furthermore, high level practical English is a required course at the Toyama Prefectural University Graduate School of Engineering.
- (3) Do not contact the university directly if you have questions.

## 9 - Application Schedule (Planned)

- (1) March – May 2024 Document screenings, interviews
- (2) June 2024 Selection and notification of results, admission procedures
- (3) Jul. – Aug. 2024 Immigration procedures
- (4) Sep. – Oct. 2024 Arrival in Japan (admission as a trainee student)
- (5) Dec 2024.– Feb. 2025 Admission examination for Master's program
- (6) April 2025 Admission to Master's program (If the participant does not pass the entrance examination, the participant shall return to their home country in March 2024, and the scholarship will be cut on the month after the announcement of the examination results.)  
Internship, etc. with Asahi Printing Co. Ltd. during studies
- (7) March 2027 Completion of Master's Degree
- (8) April 2027 Start of work at Asahi Printing Co. Ltd. after passing hiring exam.

## 10 - Other

- (1) The recipient of the scholarship will report by paper on the progress of their studies and research and his grades as determined by the Governor and Asahi Printing Co. Ltd. Also, the recipient shall proactively cooperate in the activities of Asahi Printing Co. Ltd. and Toyama Prefecture.
- (2) Besides the requirements listed in this document, the relevant articles of the Toyama International Student Prefectural Scholarship Program apply as specified by Toyama Prefecture.
- (3) If there are inquires or questions regarding the contents of the present document, the applicant will contact the Toyama Prefectural Scholarship Coordinator, and

follow their instructions.

E-mail address : akokusai@pref.toyama.lg.jp

*Graduate schools within Toyama Prefecture for which this Scholarship is applicable:*

University of Toyama	Graduate School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Creation Economy and Innovation Program</li> </ul>	Website : <a href="https://www.has.u-toyama.ac.jp/">https://www.has.u-toyama.ac.jp/</a>
	Graduate School of Science and Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathematics and Informatics Program</li> <li>• Physics and Applied Physics Program</li> <li>• Life Science and Material Chemistry Program</li> <li>• Earth, Life, Environmental Science Program</li> <li>• Mechatronics Program</li> <li>• Material Science and Engineering Program</li> <li>• Urban/Transportation Design Program</li> <li>• Advanced Clean Energy Program</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.gsse.u-toyama.ac.jp/">https://www.gsse.u-toyama.ac.jp/</a>
Toyama Prefectural University	Graduate School of Engineering (Note) Depending on the area of Specialization, there may not be spaces available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mechanical Systems Engineering Specialization</li> <li>• Intelligent Robot Engineering Specialization</li> <li>• Digital/Information Engineering Specialization</li> <li>• Environmental/Social Infrastructure Engineering Specialization</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.pu-toyama.ac.jp/">https://www.pu-toyama.ac.jp/</a> ※ English pamphlet can be found at <a href="https://www.pu-toyama.ac.jp/english/eindex.html">https://www.pu-toyama.ac.jp/english/eindex.html</a>  *You will need to submit a TOEIC Official Score Certificate, a Test Taker Score Report to apply for the graduate school master's course entrance

		exam. TOEIC or TOEFL scores other than the ones above will not be accepted. You must have these scores ready by the time the school application form is sent out (in May 2024).
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*Information on the corporation supporting this scholarship*

Name	Asahi Printing Co. Ltd. (朝日印刷株式会社)
Location	(Headquarters) 1-1 Ichibanmachi, Toyama City, Toyama Prefecture
Number of Employees	1284 people
Capital	2.2 billion yen
Sector	Printing/planning of packaging materials, manufacturing, sales and packaging system sales
Selling Point, Catchphrase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We own top shares nationwide in packaging for pharmaceuticals and beauty products</li> <li>• With 20 locations in Japan, we are aiming to expand our business in foreign markets through companies in Malaysia and Singapore</li> </ul>
Expected Qualities	The applicant must have a strong interest in not only Japan, but foreign cultures as well, and have vitality and the ability to communicate with others regardless of race
Vision for duties and expectations after being hired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being responsible, along with business strategy planning staff, for researching and tapping into overseas markets and creating new business developments.</li> <li>• Acquiring a variety of experiences with the mindset of becoming a candidate for executive positions at overseas subsidiaries.</li> </ul>
Working conditions (as of 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○Starting salary : 221,000 yen</li> <li>○Allowances: Commuting, family, sales (for applicable employees only), general staff allowance</li> <li>○Raise Once a year (July)</li> <li>○Bonuses Twice a year (July and December)</li> <li>○Holidays and Vacations Two days off per week (118 days in FY 2023), holidays, paid leave, bereavement leave, new year leave, summer leave, refreshment leave</li> <li>○Benefits</li> </ul>

	Preferential discount system for employees, Employee Stock Ownership Plan, Wealth Building Deposit, Company Housing, Subsidized in-house club activities
Website	<a href="https://www.asahi-pp.co.jp/">https://www.asahi-pp.co.jp/</a>