

Speech by Mr. Akira Ouchi, Consul-General of Japan
At Orientation for MEXT scholarship students
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Respected members of MAAP Sindh Chapter,
Dear MEXT Scholarship students,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Afternoon and Assalam Alaikum.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to this orientation for the MEXT Scholarship students today.

The Government of Japan offers scholarships every year to students of foreign countries, including Pakistan. The scholarships offered to Pakistan cover those for research students, teacher training students and undergraduate university students.

About 10 Pakistani students are recruited to go to Japan to study under the research student scholarship every year. And this year 8 Pakistani students have been selected to study in Japan under this program. The research students usually study for master's degree and some will go on to take Ph.D.

Today I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Amena Rehman from Karachi and Mr. Asad Ali from Quetta for being successfully selected as the research students for this scholarship program this year.

I wish both of you would not only accomplish well in your study but also make friends with Japanese youths and deepen your understanding on Japan.

I also wish that after completing your study in Japan and coming back to Pakistan, you will utilize your knowledge and expertise you acquire in Japan for the future development of Pakistan and also become bridges of friendship between Japan and Pakistan in the future.

Finally, I hope more Pakistani students will apply for MEXT scholarships and go to Japan to study in their expertise, deepen their understanding on Japan and make friends with Japanese people, thereby promoting mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and Pakistan.

Thank you very much. Bahot Shukria.