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Human Resource Development Division,
Royal Civil Service Commission,
Bhutan

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)
President Hiroko Ota

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Call for Applications for our
Master's and Doctoral Degree Programs**

Thank you very much for your continuous support in our research and educational activities. I am writing this letter to ask for your cooperation towards our promotional activities for student recruitment.

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) was established in 1997 as Japan's first center for full-scale policy research and education. We are a stand-alone national graduate school, and a number of programs are offered for government officials, both Japanese and international, to obtain a master's degree in one year (two-year programs are also offered, as well as three-year doctoral programs). Students can study economics, public administration, operational research, individual policy fields, etc. necessary for policy formation, and engage in policy issues in an interdisciplinary manner. Full scholarships are available for international students.

The most distinctive feature of GRIPS is that each year it attracts mid-career government officials from more than 50 countries all over the globe (currently 229 international and 150 Japanese students are enrolled). These are people who will become future leaders in their respective countries. Our network of alumni has already spread to over 120 countries and regions. I believe that the opportunity to deepen exchange with colleagues from more than 50 countries, including Japan, is valuable for administrators in any country.

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In addition, we have launched the Center for Data Science in 2022 to focus on data science education for students. Analysis and planning based on data are already essential skills for today's administrators in policy development.

We will begin accepting applications for master's programs (and doctoral programs) soon for enrollment in fall 2025. Please check for details from the link to our Admissions website indicated below. I would be grateful if you could encourage mid-career and junior staff members in your organization to apply to our programs. I would also like to enclose a poster so that interested people in your organization can learn of our programs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us anytime. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,



Hiroko Ota
President

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Note:

Admission will be on a strictly competitive basis. This letter does not offer any quota for your organization or guarantee individual admissions in any way.

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