2022 APPLICATION FORM FOR CANDIDATE SELECTION OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP

(For Global Agriscience Program Preliminary Education in Fac. of Agr., Okayama Univ.)

1. Qualifications for Application

Applicant must meet all of the following requirements.

- (1) Applicants must meet one of the following conditions by September 2022.
 - ① Applicants must have completed 12 years of school education. (including those who are expected to complete at the time of admission)
 - ② Applicants must have graduated from a school equivalent to an upper secondary school in Japan.
 - (3) Those who qualify for universities in Japan due to qualifications other than the above.

(2) In principle, applicants must have been born on or after April 2, 1997.

(3) In principle, Applicants who have Japanese nationality at the time of application is not eligible. However, persons with dual nationality who hold Japanese nationality and whose place of residence at the time of application is outside of Japan are eligible to apply as long as they choose the nationality of the foreign country and give up their Japanese nationality by the date of their arrival in Japan.

(4) Applicant apply to Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship for Global Agriscience Program (GAP) for human resources, contributing to sustainable development goals (SDGs). You must enroll in Faculty of Agriculture, Okayama University, if you are accepted.

2. Period of enrollment

6 months

3. Application process

(1) Documents to be submitted

(1) Application Form

Downloadable at the following address:

https://www.mext.go.jp/content/20211213-mxt_gakushi02-000019497-08.xlsx

- (2) Essay on reason to apply for this program (A4 size free form, PDF file is acceptable)
- (3) A photocopy of the passport (description page with name and photograph), a photocopy of family register or proof of citizenship of the applicant's country.
- (4) Transcript of academic records of each academic year of the last upper secondary school (senior high school) or undergraduate school attended (issued by the school or the university which the applicant has attended)
- (5) Graduation certificate or degree certificate of the last upper school attended (or an attested document certifying that the applicant will graduate from the school, where applicable)
- (6) Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) (N2 or higher is desirable)
- ⑦ Optional certificate (Highly recommended)

i) Transcript of record of Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students(EJU)

- ii) Transcript of record of English proficiency examination (Ex. TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS etc.)
- (8) Certificate of enrollment (for an applicant currently enrolled in a university)
- (9) Transcript of academic record (for an applicant currently enrolled in a university) (optional)

*It is necessary to attach the Document $(4) \sim (9)$ translated in Japanese when documents are described in native language except English.

*For Documents (45)(8)(9), PDF files are acceptable at the time of application. Original documents must be submitted at a later date.

(2) Application fee

Candidates do not pay the application fee at the time of application. Successful applicant has to apply to research student for Global Agriscience Program preliminary education and pay 9,800 yen. (The application fee of 9,800 yen will be refunded later to successful applicant).

(3) Application period

Candidates must apply from February 14 (Mon.) to May 13 (Fri.), 2022.

(4) Documents to be sent

Instruction and Student Section, Faculty of Agriculture, Okayama University

• Digital data (Document $(1)\sim 9$) must be sent by May 13 (Fri.), 2022 by email to <u>qgg8286@adm.okayama-u.ac.jp</u>

Applicants must send their original application documents by registered airmail or express mail service (DHL, EMS, FedEx, OCS, etc.) by Wednesday, **May 18, 2022** to the following address:

Instruction and Student Section of Faculty of Agriculture, Okayama University, 1-1-1

Tsushima-naka, Kita-ku, Okayama, 700-8530, Japan.

4. Screening Process

Based on all submitted documents, Okayama University will select the qualified candidates for online an interview which is held on **Friday**, **May 20** and tells the results to each applicant at a later date. Those who are selected for the interview will be notified the information by **Wednesday**, **May 18, 2022.** The interview will be conducted online (either Zoom or Microsoft Teams), connecting the applicants' location and Okayama University. Okayama University will forward the results to the MEXT, who will conduct the final screening process. The Admission results will be announced to the applicants on early **August**, **2022.**

5. Contact for inquiry

Instruction and Student Section, Faculty of Agriculture, Okayama University <u>qgg8286@adm.okayama-u.ac.jp</u>

Question are expected to be in Japanese.

TEL: +81-86-251-8286, 8287 (Japanese only)

6. Other

In addition to 4 Japanese government scholars, GAP Program will accept 4 privately-financed international students. Privately-financed international students will be selected through the Special Selection for Privately Financed International Students 2023 (conducted in December 2022).