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Subject: Study and Visit Japan's Modernization and Post War Experience 2013

Okayama University (OU) has been conducting MEXT-sponsored (*Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology*) Short Stay and Short Visit (*SSSV*) programmes for the last two years. This year, in partnership with the ASEAN University Network (AUN), OU will launch the first batch of the **"Study and Visit Japan's Modernization and Post War Experience 2013"**. It will give 30 ASEAN students the opportunity to visit and learn the modernization experience in Japan focusing on the Meiji Restoration process, experiences of democratization and reconstruction of the nation, which have been highly attractive themes for every academics and policy makers all over the world. The study and visit programme includes the following itineraries: Okayama, Kurashiki, Satosho Ohkunoshima Island, Kure, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Ohtsushima Island, Shimonoseki and Hagi from **March 15 to 22, 2013**.

With the strong and good relations between ASEAN and Japan, the programme aims to showcase the culture, tradition and the people of Japan to the ASEAN students to further strengthen its people to people relationship, not only between ASEAN students and Japanese people but within ASEAN member countries as well. This short study and short visit programme is a very good venue for networking and building long lasting friendship with the future leaders of the region.

In line with this, we are pleased to inform you that the application for the Study and Visit Japan's Modernization and Post War Experience 2013 is now open which offers scholarships for 30 students from all ASEAN countries in the <u>field of Social Science and Humanities</u>. The scholarship covers for the accommodation, transportation in Japan, all meals, programme kit, tour fees and stipend of 10,000 Yen amounting to a total of 80,000 Yen or \$1,000/ student. The airfare, insurance and visa processing shall be borne by the participants.

For more details of the programme, please kindly refer to the enclosed documents which are listed as following;

- 1. Application Package consists of the guideline, programme and programme information
- 2. Application Form (with Parental and Medical Forms)

In this affect, the AUN Secretariat would like to seek your kind cooperation to disseminate the information to your qualified students especially the deadline is fast approaching. The deadline of the application submission is on <u>Sunday, 27 January 2013.</u>

For further inquiries on the programme, please contact the AUN Secretariat through:

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We apologize for the short notice of the programme but we hope to have your positive response regarding this matter as we believe that this programme opportunity will highly benefit your students.

Thank you so much and we hope to receive applications from your students.

Sincerely yours,

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