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Mr. Md. Shahriar Kader Siddiky
Secretary
Economic Relations Division
Ministry of Finance
Government of Bangladesh
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Subject: **ADB–ROK Scholarship for International Students—Invitation and Request for Information Dissemination**

We are pleased to inform you that the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has established a scholarship program, the **ADB-ROK Scholarship**, with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea (KMOE). Under this program, KMOE will provide a certain number of priority scholarships to qualified students and faculty from **ADB partner universities in Bangladesh** (Attachment 1). The ADB-ROK Scholarship offers full scholarships, sponsored by the Government of the Republic of Korea (ROK), which include one year of language training, tuition funding, monthly allowances, medical insurance, and round-trip airfare for students pursuing master's or doctoral degrees in the universities in ROK.

For 2025, KMOE aims to select up to **fifty (50) eligible graduates and faculty members** from universities participating in ADB-funded projects across ADB's member countries. This aligns with ADB's support, adding value and fostering more sustainable project outcomes. This initiative is also expected to build academic and research partnerships between the universities in ADB's developing member countries and the participating Korean universities.

Applications will open in early February of 2025, and individual applicants are required to submit their applications directly to the participating Korean universities to which the applicants are applying by the end of March or the beginning of April 2025 (deadlines vary by university). Attachment 2 provides a **list of applicable universities in ROK**. Please note that all available programs are either master's or doctoral programs. Master's programs consist of 1 year of Korean language training followed by 2 years of degree study, while doctoral programs include 1 year of language training and 3 years of degree study. However, for global network programs, which are master's courses that do not require Korean language proficiency, scholars will proceed directly to their degree studies without the one-year language training. Selected scholars are expected to start their language training or studies in September 2025.

Please note that all applicants must meet the **eligibility criteria** (Attachment 3), and admission decisions will be made by the Korean universities. However, KMOE will encourage the participating Korean universities to prioritize students from ADB partner universities when selecting recipients.

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We believe that the ADB-ROK Scholarship will offer higher quality international study programs for students from ADB partner universities, thus enhancing their prestige and global orientation. We hope this partnership between ADB and the Government of ROK will contribute to the success of ADB partner universities by providing advanced training opportunities for students.

We would like to request you forward the invitation and disseminate information about the ADB-ROK Scholarship to the ADB Partner Universities in Bangladesh.

Please contact Ms. Nahyun Kim (nkim@adb.org) with a copy to Ms. Raisa Jerry Drong (rdrong@adb.org) if you have questions or need further information.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: 1. List of ADB Partner Universities in Bangladesh
 2. List of Universities in Korea Open for Applications
 3. Eligibility Criteria

cc: Vice-Chancellor, University of Dhaka
Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology
Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh Agricultural University
Vice-Chancellor, East West University
Vice-Chancellor, Jashore University of Science and Technology
Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh University of Textiles
Additional Secretary, ADB Wing Chief, Economic Relations Division
Executive Director, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development
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List of ADB Partner Universities in Bangladesh

	Name of Universities	Name of the ADB Project
1	Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology	Improving Computer and Software Engineering Tertiary Education Project
2	University of Dhaka	Improving Computer and Software Engineering Tertiary Education Project
3	Jashore University of Science and Technology	Improving Computer and Software Engineering Tertiary Education Project
4	Bangladesh Agriculture University	Strengthening Agricultural Tertiary Education Project
5	East West University	Skills for Industry Competitiveness and Innovation Program
6	BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD)	Skills for Industry Competitiveness and Innovation Program
7	Bangladesh University of Textiles	Skills for Industry Competitiveness and Innovation Program
8	Bangladesh Institute of Governance and Management	Skills for Industry Competitiveness and Innovation Program
9	Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka	Skills for Industry Competitiveness and Innovation Program

List of Universities in Korea Open for Applications

The list of departments available for application in 2025, along with detailed major information and admission requirements, is scheduled to be announced in February 2025 at <https://www.studyinkorea.go.kr>

	Name of Universities	Field of Study (tentative)
1	Ajou University	Engineering, Social Science, Natural Science
2	Andong National University	Humanities, Social Science, Entertainment & Sports, Natural Science
3	Busan University of Foreign Studies	Humanities
4	Cheongju University	Humanities, Social Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
5	Chonnam National University	Social Science, Humanities, Engineering, Natural Science, Social Science, Entertainment & Sports
6	Chosun University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
7	Chung-Ang University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Entertainment & Sports, Natural Science, Medicine
8	Chungbuk National University	Humanities, Social Studies, Education, Law, Natural Science, Mathematics, Engineering, Pharmacy, Nursing, Medicine, Arts
9	Chungnam National University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
10	Daegu Catholic University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
11	Daegu University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
12	Daejeon University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering
13	Dankook University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
14	Dong-A University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
15	Dongguk University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
16	Dongseo University	Humanities, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
17	Duksung Women's University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
18	Ewha Womans University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
19	Gangneung Wonju National University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
20	Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST)	Natural Science, Engineering
21	Gyeongsang National University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
22	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering
23	Hannam University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports

	Name of Universities	Field of Study (tentative)
24	Hanyang University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
25	Hanyang University ERICA	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
26	Hongik University	Humanities, Social Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
27	Hoseo university	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
28	Incheon National University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering
29	Inha University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
30	Inje University	Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
31	Jeju National University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
32	Jeonbuk National University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Medicine
33	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)	Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering
34	Kangwon National University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
35	KDI School of Public Policy and Management	Social Science
36	Keimyung University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
37	Kongju National University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
38	Konkuk University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
39	Konyang University	Humanities, Natural Science, Engineering, Medicine
40	Kookmin University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
41	Korea University	Humanities & Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Natural Science & Medicine, Entertainment & Sports
42	Korea University of Technology and Education	Engineering, Social Science
43	Kunsan National University	Humanities & Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Arts, Entertainment & Sports
44	Kyunghee University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
45	Kyungpook National University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
46	Kyungshung University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
47	Mokwon University	Humanities, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
48	National Korea Maritime & Ocean University	Humanities & Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering
49	Pai Chai University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
50	POSTECH	Natural Science, Engineering
51	Pukyong National University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports

	Name of Universities	Field of Study (tentative)
52	Pusan National University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
53	Semyung University	Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering
54	Seokyeong University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Entertainment & Sports
55	Seoul National University (SNU)	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
56	Seoul National University of Science and Technology	Social Science, Engineering, Natural Science, Entertainment & Sports, Humanities
57	Silla University	Humanities & Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
58	Sogang University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering
59	Sookmyung Women's University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
60	Soongsil University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering
61	Sun Moon University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
62	Sunchon National University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
63	Sungkyunkwan University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
64	Sungshin Women's University	Humanities, Social Science, Education, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
65	Tech University of Korea	Engineering
66	The Academy of Korean Studies - The Graduate School of Korean Studies	Humanities, Social Science
67	Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST)	Natural Science, Engineering
68	University of Seoul	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
69	University of Ulsan	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports, Medicine
70	Yeungnam University	Humanities, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports
71	Yonsei University	Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Engineering, Entertainment & Sports

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants for scholarships for Master's degree programs must possess a Bachelor's degree, and applicants for scholarships for Doctoral studies programs must possess a Master's degree.
2. All applicants must hold citizenship of Developing Member Countries¹ (DMCs) of ADB. Applicants' parents (or legal guardians) must hold citizenship from another country other than ROK.
3. Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of the entire curriculum from the previous degree program² must meet one of the conditions as follows: (i) score percentile should be 80% or above on a 100-point scale or be ranked in the top 20% of one's class, (ii) CGPA must be equal to or above 2.64/4.0, 2.80/4.3, 2.91/4.5, or 3.23/5.0.
4. All applicants must be in good health, both mentally and physically, to study in ROK for the full duration of the program.
5. Applicants must be under 40 years of age (born after September 1, 1985). Academic professors³ under 45 years of age are eligible to apply. No age limitations with Global Network Program⁴ applicants.

¹ Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Cook Islands, Fiji, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam

² For example, previous degree for a doctoral degree program applicant is a master's degree program.

³ According to ROK's national ODA policy, academic professors must hold the nationality of a country listed as an ODA recipient by the OECD DAC.

⁴ Global Network Program is available for master's degrees in international studies only at 5 schools: KDI school, Busan National University, Seoul National University, Yonsei University and KAIST. Further details will be announced on the official website: <http://www.studyinkorea.go.kr>