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The Secretary General  
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Brussels, 7 November 2011.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the WCO will award a number of scholarships for the Master degree programme in **Public Finance** at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan. Funds for these scholarships will be provided by Japan Customs under the Japan-WCO Human Resource Development Programme (Scholarship Programme).

The Scholarship Programme is aimed at **promising young managers from the Customs administrations of developing-country members**. Candidates should be fully **proficient in English** and should have demonstrated potential for growth and commitment to the service of their Administrations. Conditions of candidacy and selection are specified in the attachment. This degree programme will start in September 2012 and conclude in September 2013.

The Master degree programme comprises two segments: an academic segment and a practical segment. The academic segment provides rigorous, economics-oriented training aimed at developing a broad understanding of the theoretical, empirical and institutional aspects of Customs policy implementation and administration. The practical segment is taught in co-operation with Japan Customs, including the Japan Customs Training Institute.

Attached to this letter you will find a set of documents explaining the administrative provisions governing the programme, application procedures and information for applicants from the University. If you would like to nominate a candidate from your Administration for this Scholarship Programme, please complete the **nomination form** and arrange for the **application form** with all **supporting documents** to be completed and returned to the GRIPS admissions office at the indicated address, **by 23 February 2012**.

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The GRIPS requests **online applications** and, as the first step, the submission of the Entry Form **by 16 February 2012**. In this regard, the applicants are invited to visit the Web site (<http://www.grips.ac.jp/pstudents/admissions/pf.html>). **Please note that applications received after the deadline will not be considered.**

If you have any questions regarding this programme, a member of your staff may contact Mr. Takashi NAKAO of the WCO Capacity Building Directorate (tel : +32 2 209 96 47; fax : +32 2 209 94 96; or e-mail : [takashi.nakao@wcoomd.org](mailto:takashi.nakao@wcoomd.org)), or the Admissions Office of the GRIPS (tel : + 81 3 6439 6046 ; fax : + 81 3 6439 6050 ; e-mail : [admissions@grips.ac.jp](mailto:admissions@grips.ac.jp)).

Yours sincerely,



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