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# Training the Active Agents Behind Projects Targeting the SDGs

## International Support to Build Capability in Developing Countries

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- 2** Those students come to Japan with strong desire to solve the problems of their countries and regions. They gain the extensive specialized knowledge that they need in their work at home.
- 3** They have to tackle a wide range of problems related to issues including poverty, childcare, medical intervention, security, and the environment.
- 4** After graduation from GRIPS, they will work hard within their home government agencies and collaborate with NGOs, citizens' groups, universities, and research centers, to resolve a variety of issues.



## Training the Active Agents Behind SDG-driven Projects

### Degree Programs



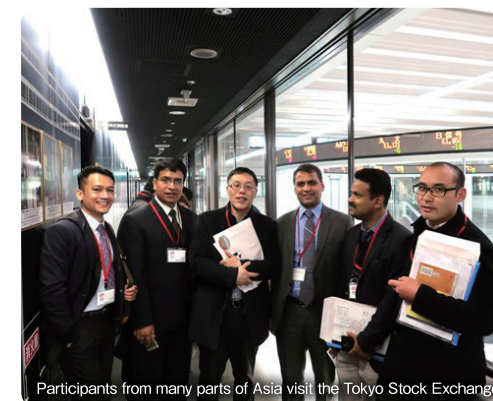
More than 4,700 GRIPS alumni in over 115 countries and regions

### Graduate Programs that Directly Contribute to Achievement of the SDGs

Our graduate programs, in cooperation with MEXT\*, IMF, World Bank, WCO, JICA\*, and other domestic government agencies, help mid-career public officials from around the world (particularly from developing countries) to meet the challenges of contemporary policy issues.

\*MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology  
\*JICA: Japan International Cooperation Agency

### Short-Term Training for Global Officials



Participants from many parts of Asia visit the Tokyo Stock Exchange

### Short-term Training Programs to Meet Direct Needs

We offer weeklong tailor-made programs where officials from around the world can take part in lectures, site visits, group discussions, and more. Past program participants include vice minister-level officials of Vietnam, vice-governors of Thailand, and aides to the President of Indonesia.

## Practical Research



Top Kenyan officials receive training designed around abundant research results

### Encouraging Research towards Practical Policy Solutions

Our faculty use their expertise in political, economic, and multi-disciplinary policy studies to help our students develop research and policy proposals aimed at resolving a wide variety of diplomatic, security, scientific, infrastructure, and energy policy issues. Since 2018 the Policy Research Center, the hub of our research activities, has been using its research funding to prioritize international meetings and research that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.

Alumnus Siddiquir Rahman has been pursuing a number of Kaizen improvement projects in Bangladesh to improve the lives of the beggar class, ensure quality primary education, end child marriage, and extend the availability of public sanitation. The Kaizen Tea Garden, started in 2015 with the goal of

improving quality of life in the Narail District, gives beggars a chance to receive training in tea farming techniques so that they can earn a daily wage. The garden has been gaining in profitability, and in 2017 the project received the Public Administration Award from the government of Bangladesh.



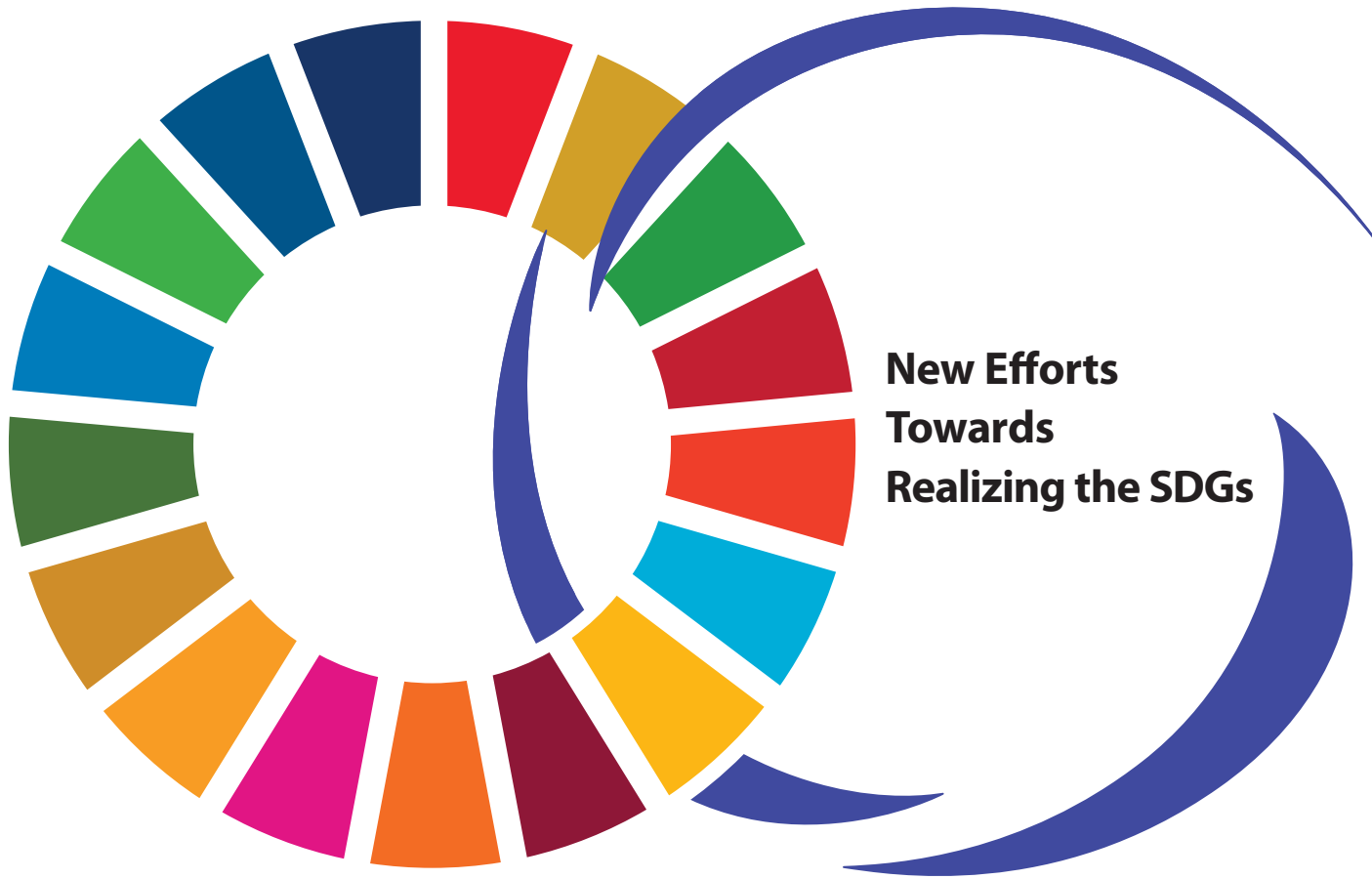


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### President Tanaka's required course: *The World and the SDGs*

We make this course mandatory for all students because we believe that an understanding of the relevance of the many viewpoints that underlie the SDGs will be of great benefit to our students as they develop the ability to think deeply about the policy issues of their countries and regions, and grow to become the future leaders of government.

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### International Symposium and High-Level Panel on Water and Disasters

Some 270 members of global cabinets, governments, universities, research organizations, and NGOs participated in a GRIPS-led international symposium and high-level panel to foster awareness and action related to water and disasters, and to discuss support for the the framing of SDG-related policy in each country.

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### Drafting Policy at the SciREX STI for SDGs Summer Camp

As part of the year's theme (How much can scientific technology contribute towards achievement of the SDGs?), students and faculty spent three days drafting science, technology, and innovation (STI) policy. They examined policy proposals focused on bottom-up (i.e. local community based) solutions.

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### Workshop on Industrial Development Strategy for Sub-Saharan Africa

Many ambassadors and embassy-related personnel from African countries attended this workshop, co-hosted by GRIPS and the JICA Research Institute. They attended lectures and panel discussions about approaches to industrial development reflecting the Training-Infrastructure-Finance (TIF) Strategy.

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### Ocean Policies and the SDGs: Special Lecture by Norway's Minister of Foreign Affairs

Norway's Foreign Affairs Minister Ine Eriksen Søreide spoke about the two immediate and urgent ocean management issues (ocean conservation and sustainable use of ocean resources), stressing the importance of the SDGs, especially SDG 14, as key guidelines for future action.

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### International Colloquium on Inclusive Innovation

Now, with the explosive emergence of information communication and technology (ICT) and the development of the sharing economy, anyone can be a leader of innovation. Participants discussed the creation of new value through innovations that resolve social issues, and the globalization of such innovations.

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### Sustainable Management, Protection, and Development of the Tonle Sap Basin

With support from Cambodia's government ministries, domestic and foreign organizations, research organizations, NGOs, and citizen groups, our alumnus Tony Hell is working towards sustainable management, protection, and development of the Tonle Sap Basin.

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### The SDGs: lecture by Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Eighth UN Secretary-General:

In his address, *The UN's Sustainable Development Goals: Blueprint for a Better Future*, Mr. Ban Ki-moon talked about the UN's establishment of the 17 SDGs, explaining the special characteristics of the SDGs and how the approach embodied in the SDGs differs from previous approaches to international development. He discussed the actions necessary to achieve the SDGs by 2030.

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### World Assembly of Science Policy Advisors: INGSA 2018

Under the theme of *Science Advice for a Changing World*, over 300 scientists, politicians, and administrators from more than 40 countries, working in fields related to scientific advice, came together for the third conference of the International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA).

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### First Domestic Training Program to Maritime Safety Specialists

We are excited to offer, in collaboration with the Japan Coast Guard, the *Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program*, the first program in Japan to contribute to the creation and ongoing development of an international body of professionals in maritime regulation based on international law. The third cohort completed their studies in September of 2018.

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### Community Program for Low-Income Households in Kuala Lumpur

Our alumnus Azman bin Mohd. Yusof is working with the Malaysian government to develop family policy and action plans to mitigate the problems of women, children, persons with disabilities, the elderly, the disaster-affected, and the poor.

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### Towards a Society Where Women are Globally Active in Policy

We hold research meetings and symposiums to promote the realization of a society in which women are policy leaders in every field. The group's goal is 35% female participation in GRIPS' Young Leaders Program, which is offered to government officials from Central European and Asian nations, including Japan.

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