



**WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION
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The Secretary General

10.HL-0202/T.N.

Brussels, 16 July 2010.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to announce the launch of a new Japan-WCO Human Resource Development Programme (Scholarship Programme), made possible through funding from the Japanese Customs Administration.

In addition to the existing Scholarship Programme in Public Finance at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), the WCO will be awarding a number of Scholarships for the Master's Degree Programme in **Strategic Management and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** at the Aoyama Gakuin University (AGU) in Tokyo.

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 development and a commitment to the service of their home administrations. Conditions of candidacy and selection are specified in the attachment hereto. This Degree Programme will start in April 2011 and finish in March 2012.

The Master's Degree Programme comprises two segments: an academic segment and a practical segment. The academic segment starts with focused teaching of foundational skills in strategic management and IPR. It then moves to a range of applied topics which help students understand how to design, implement and evaluate public policies, in particular Customs policy, in accordance with development strategies for organizations. The practical segment is taught in co-operation with the Japanese Customs Administration, 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 new Scholarship Programme, please complete the **nomination form** and arrange for the **application form** with all supporting documents to be completed and returned to the AGU admissions office at the indicated address, **by 15 September 2010**.

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To : WCO Developing Members

Cc : Master's Programme Admissions Office,
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The AGU requests online applications for admissions and in, this regard, the applicant is invited to visit the Web site (<http://www.aoyasmiprp.jp>). **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's Capacity Building Directorate (Tel : +32 2 209 96 47; Fax : +32 2 209 94 96; or e-mail : takashi.nakao@wcoomd.org), or the Master's Programme Admissions Office at the Graduate School of Business, the AGU (Tel : + 81 3 3409 7932 ; Fax : + 81 3 3409 9423; e-mail : info_smiprp@busi.aoyama.ac.jp).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kunio Mikuriya', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kunio Mikuriya.