



IUJ

**Contributing to the  
development of  
human resources  
in Africa**



## Kingdom of Morocco



Before coming to study in Japan, the most difficult step during my ABE initiative scholarship application was which Japanese university and which Master program to choose, as the number of universities and Masters offered was considerable. While being an extremely unique university, for me choosing IUJ came down to three reasons: the first one was the significant reputation of IUJ as one of the best graduate school not only in Japan but in whole Asia, and one of the few Japanese universities which offers all its courses in English. The second reason was the IUJ's Graduate School of International Relation (GSIR) and its academic program which offers a solid and exceptional educational background for working professionals like me who are looking to advance their careers in public sectors or access to prestigious international institutions. The last reason that made IUJ stand out from other universities is its exceptional lifestyle and its diverse, passionate community, where within just One-year you can meet amazing people from all around the World and have many cultural experiences.

As an engineer in economics, when I first came to IUJ, I was driven by the desire to improve my background knowledge and learn new related economics discipline, and as a young government official and a future decision-maker I was expecting to acquire new skills and enhance my understanding of public management and policy analysis. So far after a year spent in IUJ, I have not been disappointed on either count: In a dynamic and challenging environment, I could discover new

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concepts and have been able to address my shortcomings, as well as I obtained rigorous disciplinary and critical approach to describe and analyze public policy issues, using analytic and quantitative tools, as well as descriptive methods, in different fields such as human resources management, public budgeting and public administration.

In his opening speech at the TICAD 2013, the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shinzo Abe said "What Africa needs now is private-sector investment. 'PPP,' or 'public-private partnership,' leverages that investment". In light of this declaration it clearly appears that Japan's expectations towards Africa are rising, and to respond to this growing interest, African governments need skilled and well trained executives who have the potential to contribute to the social and economic development of their countries. Therefore, I plan to rejoin my Ministry after graduation, with an eye to put my skills, experience and network obtained in Japan at the service of my administration and share it my colleagues, in order to promote a mutually beneficial partnership between Japan and Morocco by helping Japanese companies to engage further in economic activities in Morocco.



## Republic of Tunisia



Several factors influenced my decision to choose IUJ for pursuing a Master Degree in International Relations. The first factor is the very good reputation of the university and the faculty. The second reason is the possibility to enrol a graduate program where English is the main language while at the same time live in a Japanese rural and farming environment, which would help me develop a better understanding of the foundations of Japanese culture and society. Last but not least, is the multinational and multicultural dimension of IUJ, which had an administration, faculty and student body composed of more than 40 nationalities, with the majority living together on campus.

Having graduated from IUJ's Graduate School of IR, I have developed a very good understanding of my academic field of interest and specialty and how the world and state of affairs are influenced by ongoing globalization, and how this is impacting policy making and social, economic and political systems. I have also developed strong analytical skills and critical thinking ability.

In addition, living in a multinational university setting which is embedded in a profoundly rural area of Japan, Yamato-machi (Niigata), helped me develop the attitudes, knowledge and skills to continuously shift from a highly internationalized and multicultural environment and its opposite, a highly homogenous Japanese rural environment with a strong sense of identity and community.

The multicultural dimension of IUJ administration, faculty and student body helped me develop a mind setting which better appreciates diversity not only in terms of

culture but also in terms of ideas, opinions and perspectives.

My IUJ experience helped me develop the required set of attitudes, knowledge and skills to (a) think critically and develop strong analytical capacities at both strategic and operational levels, (b) be able to operate in complex and multinational ever changing environments, (c) believe in my capacities and continuously learn and be ready for challenging enterprise and tasks, (d) assume responsibilities and take roles that involve policy making and advocacy and complex multi-stakeholder engagement, and, (e) keep focused on the human dimension and impact work I undertake.

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## Republic of Ghana



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First and Foremost, I chose IUJ because of its highly experienced and world class faculty. They are approachable, dedicated and willing to assist students with whatever challenges they may have. Also, IUJ faculty have both the academic and corporate credentials and global exposure which is brought to bear on various topics and this helps students to appreciate the practicalities of frameworks and models being learnt. In addition to this, IUJ has flexible course offerings which gives students the freedom to explore academic areas of interest. Another unique factor of IUJ is its global and culturally diverse student body who contribute different perspectives to enrich class and group discussions. With professionals from over 53 countries, IUJ offers a unique opportunity to share ideas, learn, collaborate on group targets and network with other professionals from various industries all over the world. IUJ has a strong alumni network and maintains strong ties with Corporate Japan and local community.

I have gained a lot from the rich cultural experience and quality education which is at par with top global universities. My study in IUJ has broadened my perspective and helped me to be more open minded, confident and assertive. Also, IUJ has helped me develop skills such as leadership qualities, cross-border communication skills, culturally sensitive management skills, judgment and decision-making in internationally diversified groups that are needed in today's globalized corporate world. Through field trips, workshops and special lectures delivered by top corporate

and government executives from all over the world, I have gained first-hand knowledge of current business situations in Japan and global leadership landscape around the world. My career goal is to rise up the corporate ladder into a management position and help the company create value for its stakeholders.

# VOICE



## Republic of Malawi



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Prior to joining IUJ, I was a student at Huron University in Japan completing my first degree in Bachelor of Science concentrating in International Business. It was my ardent desire that prior to the recall of my mother to the home service (who was a diplomat at the Malawi Embassy in Tokyo), I should get myself a University place to study Master's degree. I was not looking at any kind of master's programme but particularly a program that would enrich my knowledge and equip me with skills that would help me contribute significantly to my country's economic development.

It was then through my search on the internet that I came across International University of Japan. Not only was IUJ offering the exact programme that I wanted to study "International Development Programme" but it also offered a great atmosphere of studying in an international environment with different students from all over the world. To top it all, IUJ generously offered me a scholarship which covered my tuition fees as well as my upkeep during my studies there. I was truly grateful to be offered such a great opportunity and be able to achieve my dream to obtain an international development master's degree. I have no doubt that my master's qualification at IUJ has tremendously contributed to various opportunities that I have had in my career life. I have worked in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International cooperation of my country, the Southern African Development Cooperation (SADC) Secretariat and Malawi Embassy in Berlin, Germany, on regional integration issues, bilateral and multilateral cooperation as well as other economic affairs. The international environment at IUJ as well as some of the cross-cultural communication studies I undertook at IUJ have been very essential in my career as a diplomat and as Foreign Service Officer at the Ministry.

# Distribution of African countries

80 Students (25 countries)

188 Alumni (28 countries)

