



The ABE initiative was introduced at the 5th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) in 2013 as for supporting ongoing dynamic growth in the countries in the African continent with stronger public-private partnership. It was launched based on a joint recommendation by the Japanese Government and industries that there is a need for human resource development in both private and public sectors of Africa in order to cultivate a strong human network between Japan and Africa.

The program, in collaboration with Japanese private sector, offers opportunities for young African personnel to study at master's courses in Japan and to experience internship in Japanese enterprises in order to foster awareness among young Africans regarding the efficiency of Japanese technologies and systems of enterprises, as well as to contribute African development.



**Message from Chief Representative**

Today, Tunisia is tackling a great challenge to build a new, free and democratic country. In order to achieve this social reform, it is essential to think about a sound and sustainable economic development. In this sense, JICA launches a scholarship program, entitled "ABE Initiative" or «African Business Education Initiative for Youth», for young Tunisians who are endowed with a challenging spirit and who are looking for enhancing their business and academic skills.

The participants in this program are expected to become the new leaders who can reinforce the business or academic relationship between Tunisia and Japan.

This "ABE Initiative" program, a strategic five-year plan providing 1,000 African young people with the opportunity to study in Japan, was announced by the Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo ABE at the 5th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) which was held in Yokohama in 2013. During this conference, it was declared that the Japanese Government's policy is to strengthen the support for the on-going dynamic growth of Africa with stronger public-private partnerships.

I hope that the «ABE Initiative» program will be a great opportunity for the ambitious young Tunisians to explore new potentials and to enhance their knowledge.

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**African Business Education Initiative for Youth (ABE Initiative)**

~ Master's Degree and Internship ~  
Program in JAPAN

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Application Forms for the 4<sup>th</sup> Batch will be available in these website from August 1, 2016

Contributing to the Human Resource Development for Sustainable Industrial Development in Tunisia

## FOR WHOM?

### 1. Person from Private Sector:

Young individuals who are or will be involved in economic activities in the Tunisian private sector, maintaining and developing strong ties with Japanese enterprises, or trying to create the business relationship with Japanese companies.

### 2. Government Officials:

Young government officials or civil servants who take in part in formulation and/or implementation of policies related to industry, business environment, infrastructure development, and human resource development especially in industrial sector.

### 3. Educators:

Young lecturers or instructors in higher education and technical and vocational training centers who are in charge of training human resources for national economic development.

### 4. Young Researchers:

Young researchers in higher education or research institutes who are engaging/ willing to engage in promoting the valorization of their scientific research activities for the industrial innovation.



## QUALIFICATIONS/ REQUIREMENTS

1. Nationality: Tunisian
2. Age: from 22 to 39 years old at the time of application.
3. Education: Bachelor's degree (or equivalent to at least 16 years of academic background. In Tunisian term, equivalent to license degree)
4. Work/ practical training (such as internship in enterprises, etc.) experiences:  
**For government officials and educators:** At least, 6 month of working experiences in current organization and can obtain the permission to apply for ABE Initiative.  
**For person from private sector and young researchers:** It is preferable that candidates have some practical experiences at the working places as intern or trainee.
5. English Language proficiency: As all the program of ABE Initiative will be conducted in English. Adequate English skills both in written and oral communication are required.
6. Clear understanding of the objectives of ABE Initiative: This program is for contributing to the economic and industrial development of Tunisia as well as to strengthen the linkage between Tunisia and Japan.
7. Others:
  - Physically and mentally good condition
  - Not receiving or planning to receive other scholarships
  - Not serving in the military, weapon and nucleus handling.

## FIELDS OF STUDY FOR TUNISIAN PARTICIPANTS

For Tunisia, the core fields of study for ABE Initiative are as below in accordance with priority area of bilateral cooperation:

### Engineering :

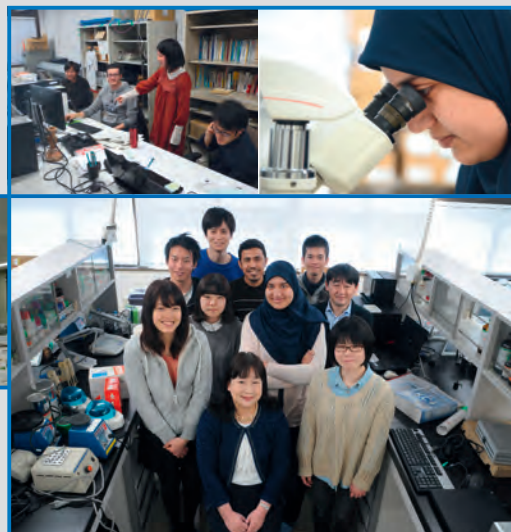
- Especially those related to economic infrastructure

### Agriculture:

- Including fisheries, biotechnologies, environmental sciences, natural resources etc.

### Economics/Business Administration :

- Especially those related to business management, administration, policies for business environment



## Duration of ABE Initiative Program



\*Upon the decision on the side of university.

\*\*2 weeks up to 6 months at maximum after the Master's program. Participant takes his/her internship period during the academic vacation seasons if permitted.

## EXPENSES TO BE COVERED

JICA will provide the following expenses:

- Tuition fee of the master's degree program,
- Living, outfit, and shipping allowances,
- A round trip airfare, and :
- Expenses for support programs during the study in Japan, including the costs of observation tours, etc

## SELECTION PROCEDURES

### Application period for the 4rd Batch:

Starting from August 1 and closing in October 20. 2016 at 16H30 in JICA Tunisia Office

*Note: None of application forms later than this can be accepted for any reason.*

### First Selection

Written Exams for English and Mathematics

November 2016

### Second Selection

Interview by JICA Officials in Tunisia

December 2016

### Third Selection

Document Screening by Japanese universities

January to March 2017

### Forth Selection

Interview by Japanese universities via Web conference system in JICA Tunisia Office

April to May 2017

## Departure to Japan: August 2017