

# Through a Webinar, UPNVJ Encourages Students to Seize Study Opportunities in Japan

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**Public Relations of PNVJ** - Veteran National Development University Jakarta (UPNVJ), through its Office of International Affairs (KUI), held a webinar titled *"Level Up Your Academic Journey: Study Opportunities & Scholarships in Japan"* on Friday, March 13, 2026, online via Zoom. This event aimed to provide students with insight into study opportunities and the various scholarship programs available in Japan.

The webinar was attended by the Acting Head of the UPNVJ Office of Student Affairs (KUI), Bambang Susanto, the Head of the UPNVJ Institute of Public Relations (LPMPP), Satria Yudhia Wijaya, and the Head of the UPNVJ Bureau of Academic, Student Affairs, and Cooperation (AKK), Asropi. UPNVJ students interested in studying abroad, particularly in Japan, also participated in the event.

In his introduction, Bambang Susanto stated that the outreach activities for international study opportunities are part of UPNVJ's strategic efforts to strengthen the university's internationalization. He also explained that UPNVJ already has a partnership with Ritsumeikan University in Japan and hopes that this collaboration with various Japanese universities will continue to expand in the future.

Meanwhile, Asropi emphasized the importance of international learning experiences for students. He stated that studying abroad not only improves academic quality but also enriches global insight, cross-cultural adaptability, and expands academic networks, which are beneficial for students' future career development.

This webinar featured two speakers with experience in the field of international education: Amzul Rifin, Education and Cultural Attaché of the Indonesian Embassy in Tokyo, and Al Bahits Annef, a MEXT Scholarship recipient currently pursuing a master's degree at the Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University, Japan.

In his presentation, Amzul Rifin explained that Japan's higher education system consists of three types of universities: *national universities* funded by the central government, *public universities* funded by local governments, and *private universities* managed by the private sector. He also noted that the number of Indonesian students studying in Japan continues to increase year after year, demonstrating the high level of interest Indonesian students have in the country's quality education and research facilities.

Amzul also explained various study funding sources available to international students, such as the Japanese Government Scholarship (MEXT), *University-to-University* (U-to-U) schemes, *Government-to-Government* (G-to-G) schemes, and other scholarships from LPDP, Mitsui Bussan, INPEX, Ajinomoto, and JASSO. He emphasized that students need to plan carefully and build academic communication with professors at their target universities as part of a strategy to increase their chances of acceptance.

In the second session, Al Bahits Anef shared her personal experiences and practical strategies for preparing to study in Japan. She explained the various stages of the scholarship selection process, from administrative selection, written exams, interviews, and finally obtaining a *Letter of Acceptance* (LoA) from the target university.

He also explained the benefits MEXT Scholarship recipients receive, including full tuition fees, a monthly living allowance, round-trip airfare between Indonesia and Japan, and ease of obtaining a student visa. He also offered several tips to prospective applicants, such as preparing a language proficiency certificate, writing a strong motivational essay, and designing a clear and relevant research plan relevant to their chosen field of study.

Through this activity, UPNVJ students are expected to gain a more comprehensive understanding of study opportunities in Japan and be motivated to prepare early for various international study programs and available scholarships. Going forward, UPNVJ also plans to continue promoting study abroad opportunities and expand academic collaborations with Japanese universities to open up student exchanges and joint research opportunities.

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