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Announcement for the Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) 2010 Intake

Under the 2010 Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) program the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) is pleased to invite applications from interested candidates who are committed to contribute towards the development of Bangladesh.

The Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) are the principal mechanism by which Australia provides scholarship assistance for individuals from developing countries to undertake studies at Australian education institutions. The goal of the scholarships program is to help meet the human resource development needs of developing countries. Scholarships also play an important role in fostering and sustaining Australia's relations with developing countries, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.

Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) are open to candidates from the following institutions:

- Government of Bangladesh* (Application will be received by AusAID, Dhaka)
- ICDDR,B (Applications will be received by ICDDR,B)

* Candidates from all government departments such as autonomous, public service commission, corporate and constitutional institutions are also eligible to apply for the ADS scholarship. All GOB applicants should provide a forwarding letter from the relevant attached Ministry or Government Department with the completed application form.

All female candidates and indigenous candidates from the above organisations are especially encouraged to apply.

NOTE: Public University employees are not eligible to apply for ADS. However, the Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) and other streams of Australian Scholarships are open for ALL. Please visit the Australian Scholarships website <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar> for more details regarding Australian Scholarships.

Eligibility Criteria

- You must be less than 40 years old at the time of the application.
- You must have completed a university level qualification which is at least equivalent in standard to an Australian Bachelors degree. Candidates with high level academic results in one or more university level degrees are encouraged to apply.
- You must nominate only one field of study from the list provided in the Australian High Commission website (www.bangladesh.embassy.gov.au). The field of study can not be changed once you have been short-listed.
- You must have at least two years of work experience relevant to the field of study for which you are applying.
- You must submit the results of IELTS Academic Test. The overall test score must be at least 6.5 with no individual band being less than 6.0, and the test date should not be earlier than 1 November 2007. IELTS test taken earlier than 1 November 2007 will not be accepted and the application will be disqualified.

In addition to the above, the short listing process will take into account the following factors:

- Fifty percent of scholarships will be awarded to female candidates and fifty percent will be awarded to male candidates.
- Favourable consideration will be given to candidates with disabilities; candidates from indigenous communities; candidates who have not previously undertaken post-graduate studies abroad; and candidates who are not dual nationals of an OECD country.

You will not be eligible if you:

- Are holding or have been nominated to receive another scholarship;
- Are a permanent resident or have applied for permanent residency in Australia;
- Are married or engaged to be married to a person who holds or who is eligible to hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence status.

If you meet all the eligibility criteria and are working with any of the organisations listed above, kindly visit the official website of the Australian High Commission: www.bangladesh.embassy.gov.au to download the application form and for detailed information and instructions. Hard copies of the application forms are also available at the Australian High Commission, 184 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka. Please carefully read the instruction and other relevant information before sending your application.

The deadline for submitting applications is 30 April 2009.

Please Note: The ADS-Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) component for 2010 is also open. Details of the program are available in the newspapers and the Australian High Commission website. The selection process for the ADS-CHT intake is managed by UNDP.

Please contact UNDP for further information.

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