**Prescribed Form 3B: Research Plan Format**

**For Yamaguchi University**

Proposed Research Plan

How to write a research plan for the master’s program

Note that your research plan may be modified through the discussion with your supervisor. You are expected to include the following in your research plan with word limit of 700 words except, Title, Bibliography and Footnote.

1. Title
2. Background and Problem Statement

Write the background of your research and clarify the problems to be solved.

1. Objectives

Identify the objectives of your research.

1. Research Questions

Formulate them clearly.

1. Literature review

Introduce articles and books which are most relevant to your research.

1. Rationale

Write the importance of your research and/or how your research contribute to the development of your country.

1. Methodology

Outline your research approach.

If you use data, explain what kind of data you will collect.

When students fail to collect enough data, they may be advised to revise the research plan.

Explain the analytical method you will take, such as descriptive statistics, regression analysis, factor analysis, structural equation modelling.

1. Bibliography

List the papers and other materials to which you refer in your research plan.

Please prepare your research plan with the format on the next page, Save as PDF (Max 20MB) without this guideline page,

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