Prescribed Form 3A: Research Plan Format

For Hiroshima University (International Economic Development Program, International Peace and Co-existence Program), Waseda University, Meiji University, Ritsumeikan University and Keio University

**Proposed Research Plan**

Please read the application guidelines carefully to ensure that your statements include the information that evaluators need to assess your application. The following template will guide you. Please delete the blue texts and fill out yours.

1. **Title (Maximum 30 words)**

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| • Be as explicit, concise and clear as possible. |

1. **Research background/Literature review (Maximum 175 words)**

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| • State the situation and identify the problems of your country that you wish to investigate from the national and global perspective, using the general information and/or statistics. • Define the field of your study area; your research scope; and the target(s) for investigation. • Describe literature review results relevant to your research. |

1. **Relevance and justification (Maximum 350 words)**

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| For instance, you are expected to explain some of the followings in this part. • State the relation of your research area with the national and sectorial development plan. • State the hypotheses or conjectures of the research outcome. • State how your research outcome will contribute to the solution of the development issues stated in JDS Sub-Programme/Component. • Define your research questions as clearly as possible. Add a diagram or a table highlighting your idea, if applicable. • State if there are any arguments in the field, and how will your proposal differ from existing lines of argument. • Describe in what aspects of your research will be new and unique, as not just repetitions of past research. • State what will be the impact of your research outcome. |

1. **Research methods (Maximum 175 words)**

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| Describe the method how you would support your argument: • Qualitative methods: describe who will be possible respondents, how to collect primary data, how to analyze collected data, etc. and/or • Quantitative methods: describe what data set will be used, where/how you get the data set, how to analyze, etc. |

**e) Bibliography**

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| • List the books and articles to which you refer in the proposal. |