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*From: Secretary for Public Service*

*To: Supervising Officers i/c of Ministries/Departments*

**Master's Degree Scholarship 2020: Republic of Korea**

The African-Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO) in collaboration with the Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul (PSPS), University of Yeungnam, Gyeonsang, Government of the Republic of Korea, is inviting applications from public officers for the following Master's Degree programmes:

S/N	Department/Area	Degree offered
1.	Saemaul and International Development	1. Master of Saemaul Studies 2. Master of Public Administration 3. Master of Arts in International Development 4. Master of Public Policy in International Development
2.	Public Policy and Leadership	1. Master of Arts in Economics 2. Master of Arts in Development Economics 3. Master of Public Policy 4. Master of Public Policy in Economic Development
3.	Sustainable Development (Forest and Environmental Policy)	1. Master of Public Policy 2. Master of Public Administration 3. Master of Science

The Application Guide is enclosed.

2. The Master's Degree programmes aim at providing students with a supportive environment to create global leaders for playing a pivotal role in reducing poverty and working for the betterment of the world for a scintillating future of the youth in member countries by nurturing them as leaders and change agents to contribute towards rural transformation.

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3. The criteria for eligibility for the Master's Degree Programmes are as follows:-
- (a) foreign nationals who have completed primary and secondary education and obtained a bachelor's degree in a foreign country;
  - (b) a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university equivalent to a four-year Korean bachelor's degree;
  - (c) high level of proficiency in English;
  - (d) applicants for the study of "Forest and Environmental Policy" should have a Bachelor's Degree in the field of agriculture, forestry or environmental area; and
  - (e) be in good health, both physically and mentally, to complete the program.

4. A Master's degree program can be completed within a year and a half, or four semesters. One academic year consists of three semesters: 15 weeks of spring semester, 10 weeks of summer semester and 15 weeks of fall semester. The nominees will be required to complete the first three semesters on campus, in the Republic of Korea and may choose to prepare their thesis during the 4<sup>th</sup> semester either in Korea or in Mauritius. The scholarships provide for admission, tuition fee and monthly living allowances for 12 months as well as two way air tickets of the selected candidates to Korea and back to their respective countries.

5. For course requirements, application form and guidelines, applicants should access the website of the university: <http://psps.yu.ac.kr>.

6. **Application documents should be submitted to the PSPS office via e-mail at [pspsapply@yu.ac.kr](mailto:pspsapply@yu.ac.kr) by Wednesday 30 October 2019 at latest and copied to AARDO Secretariat at [cb.aardo@gmail.com](mailto:cb.aardo@gmail.com).**

7. **Applicants would also be required to submit a copy of their application and duly filled-in documents mentioned below, in triplicate, through their respective Supervising Officer to the Human Resource Development Division of this Ministry, (Attn: Mrs. A. Luchmun) by Thursday 24 October 2019 at latest:**

- (a) survey form (*as per Annex I*);
- (b) undertaking form (*as per Annex II*);
- (c) Copy of passport;
- (d) application form and other required application documents (as mentioned on the website: <http://psps.yu.ac.kr>); and
- (e) a motivation letter from the applicant and a letter of recommendation from his/her organisation, stating how the above programme will be beneficial to him/her and to the organization.

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8. Since **nominations for any of the above-mentioned programmes are subject to the exigencies of the service**, applicants should imperatively seek and obtain confirmation from their respective Responsible Officers that they would be released in the event they are awarded the scholarship. The conditions for the release of an officer are as follows:-

a) an officer shall be eligible for study leave with pay in accordance with paragraph 4.10.1(b) of the Human Resource Management Manual (HRMM) where he is nominated for an open scholarship which is considered as in-service training and the course is a priority field of study as determined by the Tertiary Education Commission. Where an officer is granted study leave with pay, he will be required to enter into a bond with the Government of Mauritius in accordance with the provisions laid down in the HRMM; and

b) where the officer does not satisfy the conditions for the grant of study leave with pay, he may take advantage of leave without pay for study purposes in accordance with paragraph 18.4.82G of the 2016 PRB Report.

9. **The final decision to award the scholarship to the nominees rests solely with the donor agency.**

10. This circular letter, together with the survey and undertaking forms as well as Application Guide may be downloaded from this Ministry's website: <http://civilservice.govmu.org/English/Circulars/Pages/Circulars-2019.aspx>

11. It would be appreciated if the contents of this Circular Letter could be brought to the attention of all those concerned, including eligible officers from parastatal bodies falling under the purview of your Ministry/Department.



**J. M. Simonet**

**Secretary for Public Service**

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