Notice on Entrance Examination
for Master’s Program in 2018

1 December 2017

In April 2018, DID and DICOS will be merged into one to form a new Department of International Development and Cooperation. New students will no longer be registered as students either in DID or DICOS in the next academic year. Because new students selected by the examination will belong to the new department, the entrance examination for the Master’s program is to be jointly held in February 2018 by DID and DICOS. Please note that examination procedures are slightly changed from those of the previous examination. No modifications will be made to the Application Guidebook.


1. February Examination
DID did not administer a regular entrance examination for the Master’s program in February in the past, but a special entrance examination. However, because of unification of the two departments, those who want to study under the supervision of faculty members of what is now DID can apply for the February examination.

2. Foreign Language Examination
(1) A question asking to summarize a Japanese text will be abolished, although DICOS has previously offered that type of question.
(2) Examinees must answer two questions, one option from Question 1 and one from Question 2. Question 1 contains one English-Japanese translation test and one question on summarizing an English text. Question 2 has five questions that require summarizing an English text from the fields of economics, education, law, political science and social development.

3. Exemption of Foreign Language Examination
The minimum score of an English proficiency test such as TOEFL required for exemption from the Foreign Language Examination remains the same as specified in the Application Guidebook. Refer to note *2, p.4, in the Application Guidebook. GSID will convert the score to a scale of 100 points to consider it with the score of the Foreign Language Examination obtained by other examinees.

4. **Essay Writing Test**
   Examinees must choose one option among several questions in the five fields of economics, education, law, political sciences and social development. The answer must be written in English or Japanese.

5. **Examination by Thesis**
   The examination by thesis or the equivalent may be substituted for the essay writing test. Please refer to (13), p.2, in the Application Guidebook.

6. **Oral Examination**
   GSID will seriously consider the research proposal submitted along with the application form and the interview with examinees. The interview will be conducted in English or Japanese. However, even those who choose Japanese may still be asked some questions in English.

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