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**JT to Grant Scholarships to 9 Asian Students**

Japan Tobacco Inc. (JT) (TSE: 2914) announced today that it will grant scholarships to 9 students from Asia as part of the Company's 2013 Asian Scholarship Program for human resource development in the region.

Aiming to promote international exchange and human resource development in Asia, the JT Asian Scholarship Program was established in 1998 to offer financial support to Asian students and has been conducted for the past 16 years.

Through this program, Asian graduate school and doctoral course students currently or imminently financing their own studies at the 37 universities and colleges selected by JT from around the nation, will receive ¥150,000 each month for up to two years. Each year JT awards scholarships to about ten applicants, and a total of about 20 scholarship students are currently studying in this round of the program.

A total of 182 students have been awarded scholarships since 1998. The number of scholarship students will amount to 23 in this fiscal year, including the newly granted 9 students (three men and six women).

As well as supporting study and research in Japan, JT also offers several opportunities to experience Japanese culture, establish networking with young JT employees and visit JT facilities.

A ceremony to issue scholarship certificates will be held at JT headquarters on June 10, 2013.

As a good corporate citizen, the JT Group has established various key areas for social contribution activities in the JT Group Social Contribution Policy, focusing on: Social Welfare, Arts and Culture, Environmental Protection, and Disaster Relief. The JT Group will continue to conduct various social contribution activities including the JT Asian Scholarship Program.

**Attachment:**

**Number of scholarships provided to students**

## Number of scholarships provided to students

Fiscal Year	China	South Korea	Taiwan	Vietnam	Indonesia	Mongolia	Bangladesh	Malaysia	Nepal	Thailand	Sri Lanka	Pakistan	Myanmar	Singapore	Total
1998	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
1999	3	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	9
2000	8	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
2001	5	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
2002	5	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	13
2003	7	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
2004	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
2005	6	1	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
2006	8	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	11
2007	5	4	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	14
2008	8	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	14
2009	4	3	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	12
2010	9	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	15
2011	8	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	12
2012	5	5	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	14
2013	4	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Total	91	48	12	8	5	4	4	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	182

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*Japan Tobacco Inc. is a leading international tobacco product company. Its products are sold in over 120 countries and its internationally recognized brands include Winston, Camel, Mevius/Mild Seven and Benson & Hedges. With diversified operations, JT is also actively present in pharmaceuticals, beverages and processed foods. The company's revenue was ¥2.120 trillion (US\$22,543 million(\*)) in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013.*

*\*Translated at the rate of ¥94.05 per \$1, as of March 29, 2013*

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