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2010 BDK FELLOWSHIP

It is with great pleasure that BDK JAPAN announces “the 20th BUKKYO DENDO KYOKAI Fellowship - 2010 BDK Fellowship.” The scholarship aims at the promotion of international cooperation and mutual understanding in Buddhist studies and is intended to enable researchers to engage in research on Buddhism while in Japan.

Who is Eligible

Researchers of any nationality, except Japanese, ages under 40 years old, preferably advanced graduate students working toward a Ph. D. degree, are invited to apply for this fellowship. The successful candidates are expected to engage in the academic study of Buddhism, being affiliated with a Japanese university or research institute while in Japan. Fluency in Japanese is not essential to obtain the fellowship.

Application Procedure

An application form will be sent upon request. Or an applicant may directly download it online. Three reference letters with the confidential reports provided by BDK are mandatory. These should include one from the applicant's instructor. Other reference sources can be attached along with application, but they are up to 10pages in typed only. The application form for the 2010 program and other required documents must reach the BDK office by January 10, 2010. The candidates will be informed of the selection results by BDK Fellowship Committee via mail at the end of February 2010. The term of the successful candidate's stay in Japan will be one year, which may begin at any time after April 1, 2010 and before March 31, 2011.

Fellowship Award

The award consists of the following: One round trip economy class air ticket to Japan (for applicant already residing in Japan, a one-way return ticket); monthly scholarship payments of ¥250,000 (for a single awardee) or ¥300,000 (for an awardee with his/her accompanying family); expenses for research travel and book-purchase (¥40,000 each, one time only); and a health insurance premium which will be provided by a local government office in Japan. Please inquire about support for dependents prior to your arrival, which will be considered in special cases.

Requests for application and inquiries concerning 2010 BDK Fellowship should be addressed to BDK Fellowship Committee.

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Guidelines for Applicants

1) In order to be considered as a candidate for *2010 BDK Fellowship*, all the necessary documents; *BDK Fellowship Application <2010>*, three *Confidential Reports* along with the recommendation letters must reach the following address via mail (no e-mail attachments will be accepted) by the deadline:

BDK Fellowship Committee
BDK JAPAN, Society for the Promotion of Buddhism
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Tokyo, 108-0014 JAPAN

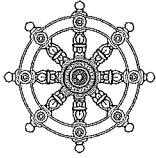
Application must be received no later than January 10, 2010.

2) *BDK Fellowship Application <2010>* comprises of 7 pages in total. All the items 1) through 19) and 21) in this form must be completed by the applicant and 20) by a physician the applicant consulted. Please type or print large and clear enough to read in black ink. You may attach extra sheets if necessary (up to 10pgs).

3) It is an applicant's responsibility to hand over the copies of the *Confidential Report* and the outline of the *2010 BDK Fellowship* to the recommenders. All the *Confidential Reports* along with his/her recommendation letters must reach BDK Fellowship Committee by the deadline.

4) The applicant is required to make contact in advance with a professor at the university or institute with which he or she wishes to be affiliated. BDK does not introduce universities or institutions in Japan. The academic adviser in Japan need not be the same as the person from whom the applicant has requested a recommendation letter.

5) Recipients of the BDK Fellowship are not permitted to accept other awards, scholarships, or portions thereof, which overlap with the 2010 BDK Fellowship period. In the case you have applied for other scholarships at this point, please inform us immediately as soon as you have accepted the other scholarships. If you have any questions concerning this, please write to the address above.



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2010 BDK FELLOWSHIP Confidential Report on Applicant

1) Applicant:

Name (Last) _____ (Middle) _____ (First) _____

Recommender:

Name (Last) _____ (Middle) _____ (First) _____

(Title) _____ (Institution) _____

(Address) _____ (E-mail) _____

2) **To the American applicant:** Under the privacy act of 1974, you have the right to inspect and review confidential letters and confidential statements of recommendation in your file. You may also waive the right to see specific confidential materials. If you wish to waive the right to examine this reference, please sign the following statement:

I hereby waive my right to examine this reference and understand that its contents will not be shared with me.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

3) **To the recommender:** The person named above is applying for BDK Fellowship to carry out study and research on Buddhism while in Japan. On a separate sheet, please comment on his/her characteristics, intellectual skills, abilities in research, language skills, qualities of his/her previous works, promise of productive scholarship, and so on.

Please complete this recommendation in English or Japanese.

How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity? _____

In comparison with all other students or scholar whom you have known at comparable stages of their careers, how would you rate the applicant's academic achievements and overall promise?

Below Average	Average	Above Average	Very Good	Outstanding
40%()	20%()	20%()	15%()	5%()

Recommender's signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Please enclose your recommendation letter along with the confidential report. They must reach BDK JAPAN office by January 10, 2010. BDK Fellowship Committee does not accept them received later than January 10, 2010.

Addressed to: BDK Fellowship Committee, BDK JAPAN, Society for the Promotion of Buddhism

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BDK Fellowship Application

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*Please complete this application form in English or in Japanese.**You must type or print firmly and clearly to fill out this form.**If you require additional space, you may attach another sheet (up to 10pgs).*

1) Legal Full Name:

* If your legal name can be written in Chinese Kanji characters, please put Kanji as well as English.

Last	Middle	First

() Male	() Female
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2) Nationality:

3) Date of birth:

4) Present status (with the name of your university, research institute, or employer):

5) Present address (with phone number, fax number and/or e-mail address):

6) Permanent address:

7) If you are selected to come to Japan, you will *be accompanied* by your family:

() Yes	() No
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8) Field(s) of study in which you have specialized in the past (describe concretely and in detail):

9) Educational background above High School level:

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Dates attended</i>	<i>Degree received</i>	<i>Major Field</i>
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10) Teaching Experience (if any):

11) Academic Awards and Honors:

12) Publications (also list the title of your graduation thesis and/or dissertation):

13) Reading knowledge of Classical Buddhist languages:

Evaluate your level by writing the appropriate number after each language:
1=no functional knowledge, 2=elementary knowledge, 3=good knowledge,
4=excellent knowledge.

Sanskrit () Pāli () Chinese () Tibetan ()
Other (specify)

14) Japanese language background (classical and/or modern), if any. State the name of the institution where you studied, and how long:

15) Name of the university or institution in Japan with which you desire to be affiliated, and the name(s) of the professor(s) with whom you wish to study:

16) Names and addresses of the three persons from whom you have requested reference letters:

1)

2)

3)

17) Career goals (briefly describe):

18) Previous overseas travel:

19) Other fellowships you have applied this time, and/or the fellowship you are being supplied now and its expiration date, if any:

20) Health Statement (to be completed by a physician):

The candidate named in this application is physically and psychologically able to carry out one year of research in Japan as described in this proposal.

Name of physician:

Contact Information:

Signature and date:

21) Proposed study program in Japan:

(1) Theme or subject of proposed study and your background for this study:

(2) Study program in detail:

I certify that all information provided in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and I vow not to violate social regulations in Japan, not to participate in any political activities, and to do my best in my studies.

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: / / _____