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**A Syrian Refugee to be Accepted by  
Graduate School of Hiroshima University**

Through the program of JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) called “Japanese Initiative for the future of Syrian Refugees,” Hiroshima University is going to accept one international student, a Syrian refugee, to the Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation.

After arriving in Japan in August, the Syrian student attended an orientation program lasting about three weeks where the participant received training for basic Japanese language and Japanese lifestyle. The student in question will be at the Graduate School for International Development as a research student for one year from this October, and is planning to be enrolled into a two-year’s Master’s course there.

This program is one of the Middle East Support Policies announced by the Japanese government last May, aiming to provide an opportunity for education to young Syrians who have been deprived of schooling opportunities because of the Syrian crisis and to cultivate individuals who will assume a role of reconstructing future Syria.

Hiroshima University is withholding any information that may risk revealing the student’s identity, and hence, asking the press to refrain from conducting any interview with the Syrian student in question as we are concerned doing otherwise can hamper the student’s studies and may also affect the safety of the student. I am counting on your understanding on our decision regarding this matter.

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