Please be very cautious of suspicious information on Japanese Government Scholarship Program.

According to the reports from several Japanese Embassies located in African countries, there are emails and advertisements informing people of applying to the Japanese Government Scholarship Program. This information is being distributed by unknown organizations. Some reports said that applicants, who contacted there organizations, had been asked to transfer money to the organizations' accounts for the purpose of guarantee.

As for the process of the recruitment and the selection of candidates for Japanese Government Scholarship Program, the Government of Japan itself conduct them through Japanese Embassies/Consul-Generals located outside of Japan or Japanese universities located in Japan. Application forms are issued to interested candidates free. And, at no point during the process of applications have the Japanese Embassy and any other windows for this Japanese Government Scholarship Program, required applicants to pay any guarantee money.

Candidates aspiring to obtain the Japanese Government Scholarship Program are wanted to be very mindful of the suspicious scam mails and advertisements. And we, at the Embassy of Japan in Nigeria, would like to strongly recommend for candidates to collect information on Japanese Government Scholarship Program directly from Japanese Embassy nearest to them.