

Significance & impact of studying in Japan on African Youth towards Africa development.

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The Relevance of studying (Japan)

- **It empowers the young people who are the driving force** towards Africa's sustainable economic development as Africa has the youngest population in the world with poor technical knowledge and skills for its **natural resources development and management**.
- It offers an opportunity for scholarships to study abroad especially in **STEM education where domestic training maybe be unavailable or inadequate which** is critical to building a sustainable pipeline of skilled talent.
- It provides international exposure which **introduces Africa to new knowledge and technology** which can be applied to match international standards.

JADS Impact on my Career Prospects



- It has strengthened my **research knowledge & capacity in the field of metallurgy** as I have gained exposure in a reputable and fully equipped research facilities in a metallurgical laboratory in Japan.
- Studying in Japan has boosted my **collaboration skills** as I had the opportunity to work with diverse professionals in field of material Science and engineering.
- The study program has **created a career opportunity for me in the educational sector** in Nigeria as I am currently a Mathematics Secondary School teacher at one of the prestigious schools in Lagos, Nigeria.
- The teaching opportunity allows me to expose the students to **basic engineering material processing methods and field applications as well as STEM education and its importance in the society** which will assist them to choose a good study path for their respective future career development.

JADS' Impact on my view of Japan/Studying Abroad



- Schooling in Japan is unique and offers an opportunity to practical experience in material design, modification and evaluation for power plant development , industrial experience as well as learning of Japanese culture.
- The Japanese schools' emphasis on research, has changed my perspective of learning and teaching - at my school I am now advocating for **blended learning that combines theoretical learning with scientific research**

Arigato gozaimasu
(Thank You!)

