



Name	SHER Ahmad
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Current position	Deputy Director (Policy)

A. Introduction

1. Could you mention about your responsibilities at current work place?

The AGP office is trusted to maintain accounts of all the public entities at federal, provincial and district level. Besides, it conducts the audit of the public funds in country. Policy wing is responsible to describe the nature, extent, form, and manner in which these accounts are to be maintained. Policy wing has to decide the nature of all the audits like performance; statutory. This wing is headed by Deputy Auditor-General. I am serving at the mid tier i.e Deputy Director and am responsible to examine and scrutinize the audit as well as accounts policy of the AGP office for its implementation of same by field offices.

2. Could you describe the implementation situation of acquired knowledge from Japan at your work place?

The experience, knowledge and skills gained during my two years studied in Japan is helping me a lot. The work ethics of Japanese society and their inter-personal skills are unmatched. So, studying in Japan has made me a good time manager. Research skills are helping me to examine the audit and accounts policies in professional and academic way.

3. Could you explain how your study field in Japan fits with the current development issues in Pakistan?

Pakistan is currently passing through a critical phase of her economic life. The IMF program has introduced politically and socially unpopular policy interventions. Due to these policies the prices of essential commodities have skyrocketed. The prices of utilities are at an increasing surge. Such programs have been a political point scoring in the country. Opposition parties are pushing present day government for more fiscal space to poor segments of society. In the given scenario and situation my research thesis which was to know either the Foreign Aid was beneficial for Pakistan or not is most relevant field of study.

Please summarize your introduction **within 10 lines** in maximum.

I am SHER Ahmad. I belong to 38th Common Training Program (CSS Cadre). I am a mid carrier officer of Pakistan Audit & Accounts Service (PA&AS). Before joining PA&AS, I had worked for government of Punjab as Section Officer/ Assistant Commissioner (PMS Officer Batch 3).

After joining PA&AS I worked at various positions at Accountant-General of Pakistan (AGPR) office, Deputy Controller Military Accounts (Rawalpindi Command), Punjab Food Department, Foreign Audit Office, AGP Office's Special Sectors' Audit Wing and Military Pension.

B. Summary of Master Thesis

Field of Study in Japan : International Cooperation Policy (Asia Pacific Studies)
University Name in Japan : Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) , Beppu
Title of thesis : Was Foreign Aid effective for the economic growth prospects
in Pakistan?

Please summarize your Thesis within 20 lines in maximum.

Pakistan receives financial support from other countries. Its effect on economic growth has always been debated. This research is a secondary data based empirical analysis of the linkages between economic growth and external assistance coming in to Pakistan using Autoregressive Distributed Lags (ARDL) econometric model with bound testing technique. It finds negative effect of foreign aid on economic growth in long run creating “dependency syndrome” effect, which restrict the economic growth and internal investment plans. Greater amount of loans is taken and then foreign aid is taken to reduce the loans resulting in negative implications for Pakistan economy in long run. However, it finds the positive effect of foreign aid on some economic accounts in short run. The study concluded that foreign aid is certainly persuading the financial growth in short run and negatively influencing the fiscal development of Pakistan and improvement in institutional quality and investments are key economic indicators to improve the per capita income growth of Pakistan in long run. It suggests that Pakistan should develop alternative sources of filling saving and investment gaps. Foreign assistance may be specified for sector specific projects and evaluated over the years to reallocate it for effective use.

C. Future Plan

How are you planning to utilize your acquired knowledge from Japan at your current job?

Please summarize your plan within 10 lines in maximum.

I am planning to get myself posted at Special Sectors Audit’s Foreign Aided Projects’ desk audit assignment. I will work there for one year. My area of study is the effectiveness of foreign aid. While auditing the foreign aided projects I would suggest best model aid for Pakistan.
Then I’ll join Federal Audit office and will conduct field of foreign aided projects within jurisdiction of federal government. Meanwhile I would join Mid Career Management Program (MCMC) a mandatory course for promotion which is research based program. So, my research skills and knowledge would be of great usage for me.

D. Photo

Please send **your best two** pictures on your academic and daily life in Japan (JPG format)

