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The Embassy of the Republic of Turkey presents its compliments to the Foreign Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and has the honour to inform that the Turkish Language Programme for Public Officials and Academics (KATİP), which has been implemented since 2014 by the Presidency for Turkish Citizens Abroad and Related Communities, will also be offered for the year 2021-2022.

KATİP is a scholarship programme, which addresses to promising foreign public officials, academics, and researchers who wish to learn Turkish and get familiar with Turkey. Participants will be offered six-month and ten-month programme options. The scholarship holders of this programme will study Turkish language at the Istanbul University Language Center. Apart from Turkish courses, various seminars, conferences, institutional visits, excursions and other cultural and art activities are organized with the goal of enabling the participants to broaden their knowledge about Turkey and establish lasting ties with our country.

An informative note on the said programme is attached herewith.

The Embassy would appreciate it if the esteemed Ministry could kindly inform the interested persons who meet the application requirements and inform the Embassy of the outcome by **30.06.2021**.

The Embassy of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Colombo, June 17, 2021

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Foreign Ministry of the
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

The Turkish Language Programme for Public Officials and Academicians (KATİP) 2021-2022

The Turkish Language Programme for Public Officials and Academicians (KATİP) is designed for foreign public officials, diplomats, academicians, and researchers who wish to learn Turkish and get closely familiar with Turkey.

Participants in the Turkish Language Programme for Public Officials and Academicians (KATİP) also play an important role in the development of mutual relations between countries, while meeting other participants from around the world and contributing to the formation of new networks.

Within the framework of this scholarship program, KATİP grantees receive Turkish language training in Turkish Training Centers of certain universities. In addition to Turkish lessons, various activities including seminars, conferences, and institution visits and facility tours aim to ensure the participants learn more about Turkey and form more permanent bonds with our country.

Qualifications for the Candidates

- To be a foreign citizen (Citizens of the Republic of Turkey, Blue Card owners, and those who have lost their Turkish citizenship for any reason are not eligible for the scholarship program.)
- For public officials; to have worked at a related institution for at least 3 years and preferably hold a master's/doctoral degree
- For researchers and scientists; to be working at a university/research center/science academy and to have completed a doctoral degree or to be currently pursuing a doctoral degree
- For researchers and scientists; preferably to be working on a subject or in a social sciences field related to Turkey
- To have English proficiency (speaking and listening skills)
- Preferably to have basic knowledge of Turkish (Beginner level)
- Not to be residing in Turkey
- Not to be older than 40 years of age as of January 1st, 2021.
- Not to have benefited or be currently benefiting from other Türkiye Scholarship programs

The Scope of the Programme

- Participants will be offered two options (6-month and 10-month) for the duration of the program.
- The scholarship covers the expenses of Turkish language education, monthly stipend, round trip airfare tickets, accommodation expenses, and the cost of all the trips and cultural activities in Turkey.
- Monthly stipend is 3.000 TRY for the 2021-2022 academic term.
- Health insurance will be covered by the candidates themselves.
- Successful participants will be entitled to receive intermediate level (B1) certificate at the end of 6 months and advanced level (C1) certificate at the end of 10 months.
- Attendance to the classes, seminars and other events will be mandatory.
- The financial support will be reduced by 20% for the participants who fail the level exams.
- In case of prolonged absence and sustained failure, the support provided to the participant will be canceled and the amount of support provided until that date will be collected from the participant.

Application and Registration Process

Application and registration procedures will be carried out at tbbs.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr. Application options are available in Turkish, English, Arabic, Russian, Spanish, Persian, French and Bosnian.

Access to online application will be provided only for the recommended candidates. The registration steps are as follows:

1. Individual candidates must create a pre-registration account with a valid e-mail address. In order for the candidates to continue application, they must send the 10-digit user number created during pre-registration to the relevant institutions recommending themselves. The information of candidates must be submitted to YTB for confirmation until July 2nd, 2021.
2. Candidates who have completed the pre-registration and received confirmation will be sent an invitation e-mail to finalize the online application by filling out the personal information and uploading required documents. (Application Deadline: July 2nd, 2021)
3. Finalizing the application does not guarantee that the candidate will be granted scholarship. Successful candidates will be informed after the evaluation by YTB based on certain success criteria, country distribution etc. Online interviews will also be conducted with the candidates.

Documents Required

- Passport/ ID*
- Photograph*
- Transcript*
- Diploma*
- Letter of intent*
- Document indicating the employment of the candidate*
- Document from the workplace indicating that the candidate is allowed to participate in the scholarship program*
- Letters of recommendation received from the workplace

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