Dear All,

I am really happy to announce the Bridge Fellowship Program 2018 to our members.

1. BRIDGE 2018 fellowship program. (4 Nos.)

Our alumni association has been designated to nominate 4 (Four) Bridge Fellows for this year. Details regarding BRIDGE fellowship and application forms and policy details can be found at the following links and  Applications forms are attached to this mail too.

<http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-plaza/bridge/index.html>

<http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-plaza/bridge/appli.html>

<https://storage.jsps.go.jp/public/GBvIAALFwowA784BDsRZJf8AIypEuhNycDxFAuY3fMHI>

You can find out more details about Bridge fellowship - Indian Alumni Associations from the following link

<http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-plaza/bridge/india/index.html>

Visit period and Dates

1. A period of from 14 to 45 days

Last date for the application submission: **5 th  March 2018.**

Please submit your application forms to [bridgeindianprogram@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeindianprogram@gmail.com)

NB: Persons in the selection committee will have direct access to this mail ID so that they can submit their recommendation after checking the applications forms submitted for this year's Bridge Fellowship to Chairman, Indian JSPS Alumni Association which will be forwarded to JSPS for their final approval.

While submitting the application forms please mention in the subject line “Bridge Fellowship Application Form 2018” and your name. Pl. provide your name along with Form A and Form B application forms too.

**Points to be noted: 8 Points Pl. go through it..**

1. Bridge Fellowship is restricted to PAID registered members as per executive committee's decision of IJAA. Pl. make sure that you have PAID your registration fees before submitting the application form and pl. forward its receipt along with the application form.

2. Pl. submit the JSPS Fellows fact sheet along with the Bridge Application form. All forms are attached along with this mail (In total 3 application forms. For getting consideration you have to submit all 3 application forms)

 3. Of the shortlisted candidates, the first preference shall be given to JSPS fellows who have completed JSPS fellowship program and are having at least 5 years of post JSPS experience as well as currently working in India. However, if candidates are not available in this category, then we will consider candidates do not have 5 years of post experience.

4.  For getting selection as Bridge Fellow, the member should have minimum 5 years before their retirement. (However, candidates are not available then we will consider candidates of this category too): Pl. mention the minimum years which you will have service before retirement in the covering letter.

 5. Members who have joined Indian JSPS Alumni Association after the announcement of Bridge Fellowship program by JSPS (2018) shall not be eligible for consideration for this year’s round.

  6.  Very Important:  Along with your application, please submit a brief statement about your efforts and activities done so far to broaden the information about the JSPS programs and Indian JSPS Alumni Association. IJAA will give at most importance to this statement for the selection of Bridge Fellowship. If you are not submitting the statement then your application form will not be considered for the selection. (Pl. find that attached Fact Sheet of JSPS Fellow to be filled and submitted along with the application Form A and Form B)

7. Please submit your host professor’s acceptance form along with your application form. (Japanese and English version)- Form B

8. This we do have an additional clause. Persons who will get the Bridge Fellowship, **they have to submit the NOC from their institute within 3 months**, after the announcement from JSPS. They have to send the NOC to me ([drsakthi@gmail.com](mailto:drsakthi@gmail.com)) within 3 months, otherwise, IJAA will cancel his/her bridge fellowship and will request to JSPS to issue the certificate from the person who is in the waiting list. This additional rider we are putting because last year we lost one fellowship since the person who got fellowship did not receive the permission to visit Japan and we lost one fellowship. I came to know this situation only by January, and though I pleaded and requested JSPS and had meetings with them to provide the fellowship to the person in the waiting list, however, finding it difficult to clear all the process by March 31, 2018, JSPS canceled it. We are not interested to happen it again, hence, at least I should know what is happening after award, and if something happens, then I  have to take necessary steps so that we will not lose the fellowship allowed to IJAA. Hope all can understand the situation.