

Program in Economic and Public Policy (PEPP)
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1. Purpose of the Program

The Program in Economic and Public Policy (PEPP) is a master's program that offers scholarships to mid-career professionals from developing and transition countries who have had a solid university education and working experience in areas related to policy making. Using an interdisciplinary approach, the PEPP provides the scholars with the training and the necessary skills for the conception, design and implementation of development policies. It endeavors to contribute to the creation of an international community of highly trained professionals primed to grapple with the challenges of economic and social development.

2. Donors

- World Bank (WB)
Founded in 1944, the World Bank is an international financial institution that has served as a vital source of financial and technical assistance to developing countries. It consists of two institutions, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA). The World Bank has two goals: to end extreme poverty within a generation and to boost shared prosperity. With 188 member nations, it is a part of the World Bank Group, which is in turn a part of the United Nations (UN) system.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
The Asian Development Bank is a regional development financial institution founded in 1966 that seeks to improve people's lives in Asia and the Pacific. The ADB aims to make the Asia-Pacific free from poverty and to help build a world in which everyone enjoys the benefits of sustained and inclusive growth.

Past Donors (for reference)

- ❖ African Development Bank (AfDB)
- ❖ Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)
- ❖ Ministry of Finance (MOF) of the Republic of Indonesia

3. Brief History of PEPP

The PEPP started out in April, 1995 as the Program in Policy Management (PPM) under the Graduate School of International Political Economy (GSIPE) of the University of Tsukuba. In accordance with an agreement between the university and the World Bank Institute (WBI), the PPM was established as a trans-disciplinary program targeting mid-career professionals from developing and transition countries. The first cohort consisted of ten young professionals from developing countries. Subsequently, recruitment was done every two years.

The program received sponsorship for scholars from developing countries through the Joint Japan/World