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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: **AARDO's Scholarship for Master's Degree Programme at Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul (PSPS), Yeungnam University, Gyeongsan, Republic of Korea, Spring Admissions 2027**

The undersigned is directed to inform that the African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), New Delhi, India, is sponsoring scholarships for subject-titled Master's Degree Programme (one and a half years or four semesters) in Department of Saemaul and International Development, Department of Public Policy and Leadership, and Department of Sustainable Development, at Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul (PSPS), Yeungnam University, Gyeongsan, Republic of Korea. The master's programmes are offered in the majors of:

- Saemaul and International Development;
- Public Policy and Leadership; and,
- Forest and Environmental Policy.

2. The degree programme can be completed within a year and a half, or four semesters. One academic year consists of three semesters: 15 weeks of spring semester, 10 weeks of summer semester, and 15 weeks of fall semester.

3. Following is the detail of the scholarship inclusions as well as exclusions:

Sr. No.	Included (Borne by AARDO and Partner Institution)	Exclusions (to be borne by nominating government/institution or candidate)
1.	Admission Fee	Application Fee
2.	Tuition Fee	Boarding & Lodging
3.	Return Air Ticket by economy class (from capital city, i.e., Islamabad)	Passport, Visa Fee, Vaccination, Airport Taxes etc.
4.	Living Allowances to cover boarding & lodging (for 12 months@KRW 1 million/month)	Travel and Health Insurance Premium, Telephone Calls, Laundry, Medical Expenses
5.		Extra Baggage Allowances (Above that provided by the Airline)

4. During the first three semesters, students will be required to remain on campus to complete their coursework. However, in the last semester, the candidate(s) may choose to prepare for their thesis either in Korea or in their home country (Pakistan). In case, the candidate(s) needs to travel to Korea again, travel cost will have to be borne by the candidate(s) or the nominating department/organization represented by them.

Eligibility Criteria:

5. The candidate:

- Must be a mid or senior level Government Officer or expert (Civil Servants only) working in the relevant field;
- Completed 12 years of formal education covering elementary, middle, and high school (or its equivalent prior to undergraduate studies;
- Obtained a bachelor's degree from a recognized institution, equivalent to a 4-year Korean bachelor's degree;
- Demonstrates a high level of proficiency in English;

- Must be in good health, suitable for completing the degree programme. (Please note that conditions such as pregnancy, tuberculosis, or any contagious diseases may disqualify an applicant from the selection process.);
- Must be below 50 (fifty) years of age; and,
- Must obtain travel and health insurance.

6. The last date to submit online application and admission forms through the website of the university: http://psps.yu.ac.kr is October 17, 2025. The copy of the application and duly endorsed form along with a copy of valid passport may please be forwarded to Director General, NCRD, latest by **October 21, 2026**. Advance scanned copies of the approved nomination(s) with the afore-mentioned documents may please be emailed at: ro2@ncrd.gov.pk and ahkncrd@gmail.com. The nominations may also be faxed at 051-9255157.

7. Only those nominations would be considered which are routed through proper channel to NCRD as per given details:

- Federal Government employees through their concerned Ministries;
- Provincial Government employees through their relevant Planning & Development Departments.

8. Incomplete/late nomination(s) will not be entertained. Nomination(s) directly sent to AARDO bypassing NCRD will **NOT** be entertained.

9. After scrutiny and approval of nomination(s) by the competent forum, the selected nominee will be informed accordingly. Likewise, other necessary details will also be shared later on. In case of any queries, please feel free to contact the undersigned (focal person).

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CC.

- Joint Secretary (Training), Establishment Division, Islamabad.
- Assistant Director (T-I), NCRD, with the request to upload this OM on the NCRD website.