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Dear Registered Members of the Doctoral Human Resources Database,

National Institute of Science and Technology Policy (NISTEP),
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

Regarding "Doctoral Student and Graduate Affiliation Confirmation and Attitude Survey on Career Paths, etc. Using the Doctoral Human Resources Database (JGRAD)" (Request)

We, the National Institute of Science and Technology Policy (NISTEP) of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, are currently working on the Doctoral Human Resources Database (JGRAD) as an information platform for tracking the career paths of doctoral graduates. The JGRAD, the pilot operation of which began in FY2014, is continuing to operate on a trial basis as of FY2015 with the cooperation of 22 universities.

We are conducting the "Doctoral Student and Graduate Affiliation Confirmation and Attitude Survey on Career Paths, etc. Using the Doctoral Human Resources Database (JGRAD)" in order to analyze information on research activities, occupation and other status of doctoral human resources obtained via the JGRAD and provide a feedback of the results to you, the doctoral students and graduates who are registered members, so that you may utilize the information to, among other things, plan your future career path. We strongly encourage you to complete the Web-based survey consisting of confirmation of your affiliation information and a questionnaire on your experience, level of satisfaction and thoughts regarding your career path during doctoral studies, and on your status following completion of doctoral studies if applicable.

- (1) Survey Period: November 30, 2015 (Monday) ~ December 25, 2015 (Friday)
- (2) Request: Please access the JGRAD Web site (<https://hr.nistep.go.jp/>) to update the previously registered information and answer the questionnaire in accordance with the attached instruction manual.
- (3) Subject of Survey: Affiliation information, desired career path, awareness on competence and skills, employment following completion of doctoral studies, etc.

Your answers, which will be handled in strict compliance with the privacy protection requirements, will be utilized as basic data in formulating policies on science and technology as well as on human resource development, in addition to being used for future improvement of the JGRAD. The survey results, upon compilation, will be provided as information on the career trends of FY2015 doctoral students and graduates via the JGRAD Web site and/or by other means to those who kindly answered the questionnaire and the universities participating in the pilot operation.

Your understanding and cooperation regarding this survey is greatly appreciated.

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