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**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2020 GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
WORLD FISHERIES UNIVERSITY (WFU) PILOT PROGRAM**

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Paper by the Republic of Korea

This paper is written to share the news that 2020 Graduate School of World Fisheries University (WFU) Pilot Programme is open for applications from interested students.

At its 32nd Session in July 2016, the Committee on Fisheries of FAO requested a feasibility study on the proposal of the Republic of Korea to establish a World Fisheries University under the auspices of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

While doing so, a pilot programme for the WFU was operated by Pukyong National University located in Busan, Korea during the period from September 2017 through February 2019. A total of 44 students from 24 countries participated and successfully completed 2 courses WFU operated: a 18-month Master's course and a 10-month leadership programme.

As a follow-up, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea and FAO signed a Memorandum of Understanding in May 2019 on a Pilot Programme for the FAO World Fisheries University.

One of the objectives of the FAO WFU Pilot Programme is to provide education on the fisheries industry and science to contribute to the enhancement of fisheries resources, fisheries, aquaculture and fisheries economics and policies. The WFU will be hosted in Pukyong National University located in Busan, Korea.

Thirty (30) participants from developing states will be selected to take the 18-month pilot programme, which will start in March 2020. Expenses of the students will be fully covered and those who complete successfully the academic programme will obtain a Master of Science in Fisheries. The deadline for applications is **October 31, 2019**.

Admission guidelines and programme information can be found at the following websites:

- <http://wfu.pknu.ac.kr>

WCPFC Members are kindly requested to distribute this information as much as possible in order to attract a wide range of qualified participants.

For any questions or request for further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Jieun Gwak (wfu@pknu.ac.kr, +82-51-629-6683).

<Admission Guidelines>

1. Qualifications

○ Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- a. **Nationality:** Applicants must be a national of developing countries
- b. **Academic Requirements:** Applicants must have a bachelor's degree, or be expected to receive one from an officially accredited educational institution at least by February 28th, 2020.
- c. **Language Proficiency:** Applicants are required to have language competence in English enough to understand lectures delivered in English and write a dissertation in English.
- d. **Computing Competence:** Applicants should be able to use at least MS-Office.
- e. **Others**
 - Applicants should not bear any of the following relationships to a staff member or other staff of FAO: father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.
 - Applicants must have the ability to adapt to a multicultural environment.

○ Preferential Conditions

- a. A bachelor's degree in a related field
- b. Working experiences in a related field or governmental officials
- c. A recommendation letter from a head of a related governmental organization
- d. A score of internationally recognized English tests (TOEFL, IELTS)
- e. A certificate of Microsoft Office specialist

2. Admission Schedule

- **Application Period:** September 9 - October 31, 2019
- **Paper screening:** November 4 - November 12, 2019
- **Consultation with FAO:** November 13 – December 6, 2019
- **Admission Notification:** December 20, 2019 (provisional)
- **Assistance for Entry into Korea (including visa issuance), application for dormitory:** January – February, 2020
- **Admission:** March 2, 2020