

**COMMUNIQUE**  
**OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE**  
**PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA 2011-2012**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of ten scholarships offered by the Government of the People's Republic of China (**two** scholarships at undergraduate level for the study of Chinese Language and **eight** scholarships for Master's & Ph.D programmes).

**2. Course of Study**

- (i) Preference will be given to candidates whose Fields of Study are specific to the prevailing scarcity areas and market demands of Mauritius and to courses that also appear on the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study available for consultation on the Notice Board, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Ground Floor, MITD House, Phoenix and on the following website:

<http://ministry-education.gov.mu>

- (ii) Candidates must also ensure that the course they apply for is available in the Universities/Institutions of their choice by consulting the "Directory of the Chinese Institutions" available on the following website:

<http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua>

**3. Eligibility Requirements**

**3.1 Qualifications**

**A. Undergraduate Studies (Chinese Language only)**

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in at least five subjects at one and the same sitting; and
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal level (one of which should be Chinese Language) obtained at one and the same sitting.

## B. **Master's Degree**

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in at least five subjects at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting; and
- (iii) A minimum standard of Upper Second Class Honours Bachelor's degree.

## C. **PhD**

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in at least five subjects at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting;
- (iii) A Bachelor's Degree or equivalent in the relevant field;
- (iv) A good Master's Degree;

3.2 An alternative qualification acceptable and equivalent to the above.

**Note 1:** Applicants for Master's and PhD programmes must submit two references, one of which should be an **ACADEMIC** reference from the University where they previously studied.

**Note 2:** Applicants for Music Studies are requested to submit a CD of their own works. As for applicants for Fine Arts programs, they must submit a CD of their own works comprising two sketches, two color paintings and two other works.

**Note 3:** Candidates applying for postgraduate studies in medicine must submit a copy of their Registration Certificate from the Medical Council.

**Note 4:** Potential applicants are informed that they will have to follow a one-year course in Mandarin prior to embarking on the studies they will apply for.

#### **4. Age Limit**

Candidates should not have reached at the closing date:

- (i) 25 years of age for Undergraduate studies;
- (ii) 35 years of age for Master; and
- (iii) 40 years of age for PhD.

#### **5. General Conditions**

- 5.1. The scholarship covers tuition fee and allowances as approved by the Chinese Authorities. **International airfares are not provided.**
- 5.2. Applicants are reminded that being nominated by the Ministry does not automatically guarantee final selection for an award. The final decision to award the scholarships rests with the donor country.
- 5.3. Beneficiaries of scholarships will be required to sign a bond, thereby committing themselves to return to Mauritius immediately after completion of their studies and work for at least five years in the public or private sector.
- 5.4. Only the best-qualified candidates will be nominated. Candidates who have not been informed of their shortlisting within six weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been nominated.
- 5.5. Self-financing Mauritian students who are currently studying in universities registered with the China Scholarship Council may also apply for the scholarship. However, they will have to submit a letter from their university to certify the course duration that remains to be covered.

#### **6. Mode of Application**

- 6.1. Applications must be made on the prescribed form available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MITD House, Phoenix, or downloaded from the Ministry's website:

<http://ministry-education.gov.mu>

Applicants may also submit applications on-line on the following website:

<http://www.gov.mu>

However, applicants should submit certified copies of all supporting documents within three working days after application for the scholarship online.

- 6.2. The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by ***Tuesday 8 March 2011 at 14.00 hours at latest.***
- 6.3. Candidates should ensure that originals along with certified copies of certificates, transcripts of final university results/marksheets and all other relevant documents relating to their qualifications are submitted to the Scholarships Section, along with their applications by the closing date. A **motivation letter** must be included for undergraduate and Master's studies (around 250 and 500 words respectively). For PhD applicants have to submit their detailed Research Proposal (around 1500 words). **Non-submission of same in due time will result in elimination from the selection exercise.**
- 6.4. PhD candidates are invited to submit evidence of any publications or Research Papers.
- 6.5. Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.
- 6.6. Applicants already in employment, whether public or private, must fill in the application forms in duplicate. One copy thereof along with the relevant supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section, and one copy to the applicant's employer to enable the latter to decide on the release of applicant for the course, and if so, on what terms and conditions. ***Such information should be made available by the closing date.***
- 6.7. A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.
- 6.8. All documents/supporting evidence should be in English or accompanied by a translation in English.

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