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TO : OFFICIAL CONTACTS OF FORUM ISLAND COUNTRIES
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FROM: FELETI P. TEO, ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL

SUBJECT: CHINA-PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SCHOLARSHIP, 2010/2011 INTAKE

The Forum Secretariat is pleased to announce that Scholarships for study in China under the China-Pacific Islands Forum Scholarship Scheme are now available for the 2010/2011 academic year. The ten scholarships available through this scheme to nationals of Pacific Forum Countries (excluding Australia and New Zealand) are in addition to scholarships available under bilateral arrangements with Forum Governments.

2. The China-PIF Scholarship Scheme falls under the authority of the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China through the China Scholarship Council (CSC) and covers full scholarship under the following categories:-

Undergraduates	4 – 5 academic years
Master's Degree Students	2 – 3 academic years
Doctoral Degree students	3 – 4 academic years
Scholars	1 – 2 academic years

3. For the most part, courses are conducted in the Chinese language. Applicants with no command of Chinese are generally required to take one to two years' Chinese language course studies prior to the academic study. Such courses will be arranged by the CSC. Students will be required to pass the Chinese language courses before being accepted for academic studies.

4. Under the scheme, full scholarship includes

- Exemption from fees relating to registration, tuition, internship, basic learning materials (as prescribed by the host institution);
- Free accommodation on campus;
- A small stipend;
- A small, one-off settlement subsidy after registration;
- A one-off inter-city travel subsidy;
- Monthly living allowance granted through the host institution; and
- International travel.

5. On-line application is encouraged and can be accessed by following the attached instructions. Completed applications should be forwarded to the Forum Secretariat either as scanned documents by email to chinapifscholarships@forumsec.org.fj or sent by courier to: China-PIF Scholarships, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Ratu Sukuna Road, Suva, Fiji by **20th March 2010**. Applications should be endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

6. Initial screening of applications will be carried out by the Forum Secretariat while the final processing will be undertaken in China by the Chinese Scholarship Council. Successful applicants will be contacted by the Forum Secretariat. Enquiries should be directed to the Forum Secretariat's Trade Commission Liaison Officer, Ms Glynis Miller who can be contacted on email glynism@forumsec.org.fj or phone +679 3220 214.



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