COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE
PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA 2013-2014

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of 29 scholarships offered by the Government of the People’s Republic of China for the Academic Year 2013/2014 as follows:

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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:


   (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](http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua)

3. **Eligibility Requirements**

3.1 **Qualifications**

   **A. Undergraduate Studies**

   (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 obtained at one and the same sitting.
Note: Candidates wishing to make an application for studies at Undergraduate Level in Medical or Dental Studies are invited to consult the eligibility criteria as specified in the Communiqué from the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life which can be consulted on the Ministry’s website:

http://ministry-education.gov.mu

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. An alternative qualification acceptable and equivalent to the above.

3.2 Notes:

Note 1: Candidates wishing to take Chinese Language at Undergraduate or Master’s Level should have Chinese Language at Principal Level or Undergraduate level respectively.

Note 2: Applicants for Master’s programmes must submit two references, one of which should be an ACADEMIC reference from the University where they previously studied.

Note 3: Applicants for Music Studies are requested to submit a CD of their own works. As for applicants for Fine Arts programmes, they must submit a CD of their own works comprising two sketches, two colour paintings and two other works.

Note 4: Candidates applying for a specialist degree in Medicine/Dentistry must submit a copy of their Registration Certificate from the Medical Council.

4. Age Limit

Candidates should not have reached at the closing date:

(i) 25 years of age for Undergraduate Studies; and
(ii) 35 years of age for Masters.
5. **General Conditions**

5.1 The scholarship covers tuition fees and allowances as approved by the Chinese Authorities. **International airfares are not provided.**

5.2 Beneficiaries will not be allowed to change their courses, their institutions or extend duration of their courses.

5.3 Laboratory costs or internship costs beyond the Institutions’ arrangements would be borne by the students.

5.4 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.

5.5 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.

5.6 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, 1st 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://citizen.gov.mu

   Applicants should submit **originals along with copies** of all supporting documents after the online application which should not be later than the closing date specified below.

6.2 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Friday 8 March 2013 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 by the closing date. Non-submission of these documents on time will result in their elimination from the selection exercise. Certification of documents may be done at the Scholarships Section of the Ministry or at the Career Guidance Service in Rose Hill.

6.4 A motivation letter of up to 250 words must be included for all applications. In addition, a Study/Research Plan of up to 500 words must be included for Master’s Studies.

6.5 Non-submission of documents requested for at 6.3 & 6.4 in due time will result in elimination from the selection exercise.

6.6 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.

6.7 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.

6.8 All documents/supporting evidence should be in English, or accompanied by a translation in English.

7. A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

Ministry of Education and Human Resources
MITD House, Phoenix

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