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SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED UNDER THE MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP) 2014

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian candidates for the award of scholarships at postgraduate level offered by the Government of Malaysia for academic year 2014. The duration of the award is between 12 to 24 months for Master’s programme and 36 months for PhD.

2. Field of Study

Candidates should ensure that the courses opted for are available in Malaysian Universities and that same should match the development priorities of Mauritius. The List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study for Mauritius has been affixed on the Notice Board, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Ground Floor, MITD House, Phoenix and is also available on the Ministry’s website at:

http://ministry-education.gov.mu

Applicants are strongly advised to consult same.

3. Eligibility Requirements

A For Master’s Degree

(i) HSC/GCE ‘A’ Level in three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting or any equivalent qualification; and

(ii) A minimum standard of Upper Second Class Honours Bachelor’s degree.

B For PhD

(i) HSC/GCE ‘A’ Level in three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting or equivalent qualification;

(iii) Bachelor’s degree; and

(iv) a Master’s degree in a similar field of intended PhD study for Doctor of Philosophy degree.
**Note 1:** The applicant must demonstrate outstanding verbal, reading and writing proficiency in the English language through one of the following:

- a score of at least 580 for TOEFL paper based test/a score of at least 230 for TOEFL Computer based test/a score of at least 92 for TOEFL internet-based test (not more than 2 years before date of application).

- a score of at least 6.5 for IELTS Academic Test.

**Note 2:** Applicants must:

(i) submit a written proposal that is relevant to the needs and interests as per the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study for Mauritius.

(ii) have secured admission to postgraduate/doctoral studies in Universities of Malaysia (letter of offer/acceptance should be submitted at the time of application or confirmation of acceptance).

4. **Age Limit**

Candidates should not be more than **35 years of age** for Master’s degree and **45 years of age** for PhD by the closing date.

5. **General Conditions of Award**

5.1 **Value of Awards**

- The Scholarship covers:
  i. a return air ticket from Malaysia;
  ii. approved tuition fees by the respective university;
  iii. monthly maintenance allowance;
  iv. annual grant for books and internal travel;
  v. thesis allowance, installation and termination grant;
  vi. medical/health insurance.

5.2 Scholarship holders must undertake full-time studies for postgraduate studies at a campus of Malaysian Universities. **It is the responsibility of the scholarship holders to secure admission to the University.**

5.3 Scholarship holders must not change their programme during tenure of the scholarship.
5.4 Scholarship holders must follow the approved programmes and abide by the university’s rules, regulations and codes of conduct.

5.5 Any suspension from the university will result in an immediate suspension of the award. Monthly allowances are not payable during suspension, including suspension due to illness.

5.6 It is the responsibility of successful candidates to meet the requirements and to apply for an appropriate entry visa. The offer of the scholarship does not guarantee the granting of a visa.

5.7 Scholarship holders must maintain satisfactory progress and good standing as stipulated by their host university and degree programme to avoid the withdrawal of the award.

5.8 The scholarships are tenable in Malaysian universities and research must be carried out in Malaysia.

5.9 Scholarship holders are not allowed to take any paid employment during their tenure.

6. **Nominated candidates** will be requested to produce a medical certificate to state that they are medically fit.

7. For additional information, interested candidates are advised to visit the MTCP websites:

   http://www.mohe.gov.my

   http://www.mtcp.kln.gov.my

8. The final award of scholarships rests solely on the decision of the donor country.

9. **Mode of Application**

9.1 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
However, applicants should submit **certified copies** of all supporting documents after application for the scholarship online, which should not be later than the closing date specified below.

9.2 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **29 November 2013 at 14.00 hours at latest**.

9.3 All applicants should ensure that **certified copies** of certificates, transcripts of final university results/mark sheets and all other relevant documents relating to their qualifications are submitted to the Scholarships Section, along with their applications. **Non-submission of same 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. Official translation in English is required if the transcript is in another language.

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

10. 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 together with the applications.**

11. 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

29 October 2013