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Re: Offer of Scholarships for the Academic Year 2016/2017

Dear Mr. Lu,

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic offers, for the academic year 2016/2017, **ten 10-month scholarships for study or research visits** of Taiwanese university students to the Czech public universities. Applicants should preferably hold a Bachelor's degree or equivalent as of October 2016 (however, placement of students who will have finished two or three years of university studies should be also possible).

The period of each of the 10 scholarships is 10 months and the winter semester normally commences in the second half of September or at the beginning of October, depending upon the receiving university. The 10-month scholarship can be divided into two 5-month scholarships, if the Taiwanese side would wish to recommend applicants for shorter visits.

Please find enclosed detailed information on the general terms and conditions of scholarship awards. The application form remains the same as last year; it is being sent simultaneously to your attention via e-mail.

The nomination of students selected by the respective Taiwanese authorities, possibly in co-operation with the Czech Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei, and the nominees' filled out application forms plus the required attachments mentioned on the last page of the form should be presented to the Department for International Relations of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport by the end of March 2016, if possible.

The nominees are requested to indicate the order of preference of host universities; the list of eligible (i.e. public) universities is available at: http://www.msmt.cz/international-cooperation-1/public-institutions-of-higher-education-1.

I have also much pleasure in informing you that we are going to offer, for the year 2016, **seven scholarships for the Czech language courses within the Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies**. Each scholarship comprises tuition fees and free board and lodging during the course term. Detailed information on the distribution of slots and scholarship application forms will be mailed to the TECO later this year.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TAIWAN FOR 2016/2017

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic (hereafter referred to as the "Ministry") offers **10 ten-month scholarships** for the academic year 2016/2017 to applicants nominated by the competent authority (the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office).

Scholarships of this type are designed for university/college students or graduates and Ph.D. candidates (exceptionally also for university researchers/teachers) who wish to accomplish a **study or research stay** at one of the Czech public institutions of higher education.

Scholarship-holders may be admitted for **research visits** (i.e. either attending non-degree courses of their choice, or pursuing an independent research activity, depending on their qualifications and preferences), or for **study visits**, when they enroll in a standard study programme for the period of scholarship. Since the courses they follow in the Czech Republic do not lead to the award of a degree, the universities concerned usually do not require them to sit entrance examinations.

The terms and conditions of admission and requirements concerning the language of tuition are stipulated by the host university that takes an autonomous decision whether or not the applicant can be accepted within the framework of the Ministry's scholarship programme.

Prospective applicants are **advised to contact the selected university directly and request a letter of invitation** from the appropriate department. Although such a letter is not listed among obligatory attachments to the application form, its submission is recommended, since it may simplify and expedite the admission procedure. **Applicants are requested to point out to the selected university that they are applying for the Ministry's scholarship award.**

Access to art academies can be somewhat limited because the applicants must meet demanding requirements and demonstrate their talent. Samples of artistic work, e.g. photographs, video/audio recording of a musical performance etc., must be attached to the application forms of fine/performing arts students/graduates.

All applicants should indicate the preferred period of scholarship in their application form. The Ministry reserves the right to change the requested term of scholarship and/or place any applicant to a course and/or higher education institution different from those indicated in his/her scholarship application form, if admission as requested by the applicant is not feasible.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Nomination and application dossiers should be **submitted to the Ministry by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, preferably by 31 March 2016.** Applications sent directly to the Ministry by individual applicants will not be processed.

Each application dossier should comprise 2 copies of a completely and legibly filled out application form and the following required attachments which are also submitted in duplicate:

- curriculum vitae;
- list of publications (if applicable);
- medical certificate to the effect that the applicant is fit to pursue studies abroad;
- two letters of recommendation from academic supervisors or employer;
- photocopy of diploma (if applicable);
- certified transcript(s) of records.

All these documents must be written in or translated into Czech, English, French or German.

Fine arts and performing arts students/graduates are moreover required to attach **a sample of their artistic work**, e.g. photographs, video/audio recording of a musical performance etc.

PRACTICAL DETAILS

The scholarship award is notified by a **Decision issued by the Ministry**. There is no legal claim to the scholarship award. The scholarship is not transferable to another person.

For the academic year **2016/2017**, the scholarship amounts to **CZK 9,000 per month** for those who do not hold a Master's degree or equivalent and **CZK 9,500 per month** for holders of a Master's degree or equivalent.

Scholarship-holders are exempted from tuition fees. The scholarship has to be collected in person at the appropriate department of the respective Czech university.

Inexpensive accommodation at student dormitories is offered as well as the possibility to take meals in student catering facilities. The applicants are requested to indicate in their application form whether they wish to obtain lodging at a student dormitory.

MEDICAL CARE AND LONG-TERM VISA FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDY

The admitted applicants are required to arrange a **health insurance** policy for the period of their stay in the Czech Republic. The Czech Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei should be consulted for detailed information concerning the requirements for health insurance as well as the appropriate residence permit. The aforementioned Decision on Scholarship Award issued by the Ministry serves as a document

confirming the purpose of stay and means of subsistence and should be therefore attached to the residence permit application.

FORFEITURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is not paid during the scholarship-holder's absence from the territory of the Czech Republic which lasts for more than 30 calendar days, and during the interruption of or following the termination of studies.

In the month in which the scholarship-holder is present in the territory of the Czech Republic for less than 15 calendar days, only one half of the monthly scholarship is provided.

The claim to scholarship is forfeited and the scholarship is withdrawn, if the admitted applicant fails to commence his/her research or study within 30 calendar days from the prescribed date indicated in the respective Ministry Decision without previously filing a well-founded application for postponement of the date of scholarship commencement.

Czech system of higher education

Information on the Czech system of higher education and links to individual public universities' websites are available at www.studyin.cz.