Huayu (Mandarin) Enrichment Scholarship 2016

Registrations for the 2016 Huayu (Mandarin) Enrichment Scholarships have now officially been opened. We welcome anyone with an interest in Taiwan and/or the Chinese language to apply for the scholarship. We have an all-time high amount of scholarships to hand out this year and look forward to reviewing and meeting all the successful applicants.

Purpose

The purpose of the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) Program, sponsored by the Education Ministry of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and implemented by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Prague, is to encourage Czech students and individuals to pursue a Mandarin Chinese language study at a university- or college-affiliated Mandarin training center in Taiwan. It also aims to provide them with opportunities to increase their understanding of Taiwanese culture and society, and to promote mutual understanding and interactions between Taiwan and the international community.

Scholarship and Duration

- a. A monthly stipend of NT\$25,000 (Approx. 800 USD);
- b. The scholarships are granted in durations of 3, 6, 9 and 12 months. Please take this into consideration when submitting your application.
- c. In principle, the scholarships run from **September 1, 2016**, until **August 31, 2017**. Students opting to go for short summer courses in 2016 are however also eligible for the scholarship. If recipients fail to go to Taiwan for enrollment during the designated time, they will forfeit their right to retain their scholarships.

Eligibility

An applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- a. **Be** 18 years of age or older, a high school graduate or above, have **Czech nationality**, have an excellent academic performance in his/her most recent formal educational study experience and have no criminal records;
- b. Is **not** a national of the Republic of China (Taiwan);
- c. Does **not** have the status of overseas Chinese student;
- d. Is **not** currently a registered student at a Mandarin training center, and has never been a degree-seeking student at any university or college in Taiwan;

- e. Is <u>not</u> an exchange student in accordance with an agreement of cooperation between an international university/college and an educational institute in Taiwan, at the time of receiving the HES;
- f. Has <u>never</u> received an award either under this scholarship program or the Taiwan Scholarship Program;
- g. Is <u>not</u> a recipient of any other scholarship or subsidy offered by the Taiwan government or any other educational institution in Taiwan.

Required Application Documents

- a. One copy of the digitally filled in and printed out application form. Any other version of the form or incomplete forms will not be accepted;
- b. One photocopy of your passport;
- c. One photocopy of the highest-level diploma and a complete grade transcript. If you are currently enrolled in a program at an educational institution, please provide us with grade transcripts of your current study as well.
- d. Two signed letters of recommendation;
- e. Photocopies of your application to a Mandarin Language Center. If you have already received your admission letter from the center, please include that as well.

Application Deadline

- a. Scholarship registrations close on <u>March 31st, 2016</u>. Please make sure your application is complete before this date.
- b. Please send the application documents to:

Taiwan Scholarship 2016 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Prague Evropská 2590/33C 4 patro 160 00 Praha 6 Czech Republics

c. For inquiries you can contact us by email at tecoprag@gmail.com or by telephone at (+420) 233 320 606.