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Re: Taiwan Fellowship

Dear Sir Jim,

As the official representative of the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Scotland, I would like to introduce to your attention the "Taiwan Fellowship" program, a grant sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and encourages overseas scholars to conduct advance research in Taiwan.

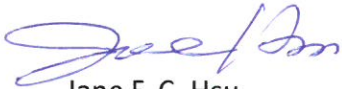
Given the Republic of China's (R.O.C.) unique status in the international community, programs that facilitate direct interactions with foreign academics and opinion makers constitute an important aspect of the nation's diplomatic initiatives. "Taiwan Fellowship" was launched by the MOFA in 2010 and in just short time has become one of the most significant and successful exchange programs.

It is open to foreign nationals who are doctoral students, doctoral candidates, postdoctoral researchers or professors. They are encouraged to conduct advanced research at universities or academic institutions in Taiwan with topics related to Taiwan, mainland China, cross-strait relations, Asia-Pacific region and Chinese research. During the period of the fellowship, which can last from three months to a year, recipients are awarded a monthly stipend based on their academic qualifications. Doctoral candidates, postdoctoral researchers, assistant professors and assistant research fellows receive NT\$50,000 (approximately US\$1,535) per month. Associate professors, professors, associate fellows and research fellows receive NT\$60,000 (approximately US\$1,845) per month. Participants are also provided with economy-class round-trip airfare between their country of residence and Taiwan.

Your consideration or recommendation to your students and colleagues to apply for the "Taiwan Fellowship" will be very much welcomed. The application date will begin on 1st May and end on the 30th of June 2016. Results are expected to be announced in October 2016 and recipients will begin their research in Taiwan in January 2017. For more information, please refer to the Taiwan Fellowship's official website: <http://taiwanfellowship.ncl.edu.tw/eng/index.aspx>

Our office will be more than happy to assist as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Aurora W. M. Tsai at wmtsai@mofa.gov.tw or 0131 220 6886. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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