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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023 INTAKE OF THE ASEAN-CHINA YOUNG LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat announces the call for applications for the 2023 intake of the ASEAN-China Young Leaders Scholarship (ACYLS) Programme.

Funded by the ASEAN-China Cooperation Fund (ACCF), the program provides rare and unique opportunities for ASEAN professionals and future leaders to increase their knowledge, broaden their horizons, develop work skills, and improve their competitiveness, while also enriching their life experiences during their stay in China.

In 2023, ACYLS will provide support for ASEAN nationals to pursue the following programs in top universities in China:

- 1. Master's degree 2-3 academic years, and
- 2. Doctoral degree 3-4 academic years.

For the 2023 recruitment, each ASEAN Member State can recommend up to five doctoral candidates and five master's degree candidates, who must meet the eligibility requirements. A total of 55 eligible candidates from across ASEAN will be selected, from which 25 slots are for the doctoral program and 30 for the master's degree program.

The awardees will be provided with a full scholarship covering the following expenses:

- 1. tuition and other school fees,
- 2. accommodation,
- 3. round-trip international airfare,
- 4. comprehensive medical insurance, and
- 5. stipends.

Due to the travel restrictions caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, several short-term visiting scholars have not been able to go to China. Therefore, it has been decided that recruitment for short-term visiting scholars would be suspended for the Year 2023. It will resume when conditions permit.

Interested applicants may consult the ACYLS focal points or the Education, Youth, and Sports Division-ASEAN University Network (AUN) Secretariat through email at EYSD@asean.org. Applicants shall submit their applications to ACYLS national focal points of their respective home countries before March 31, 2023.