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FROM : CRISTELLE PRATT, ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL

SUBJECT : **CHINA-PIFS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2018/19**

The Government of the People's Republic of China has offered twenty (20) scholarships to nationals of Forum Island Countries under the China – PIFS Scholarship Scheme for the year 2018/19. This is in addition to scholarships offered on a bilateral basis.

2. Information regarding online applications is contained in the attachment to this circular “**Instructions of the Chinese Government Scholarship Information System**” (Attachment A). Also attached is information on “**2018/2019 Chinese Government Scholarship Application**” at Attachment B. We would be grateful if this information could be made available to all potential applicants for the scholarships. Potential applicants are strongly advised to study the application procedures carefully in making their applications online.

3. Please note that potential applicants should select three preferred institutions from the information available on the website of the China Scholarship Council (www.csc.edu.cn/studyinchina). All applicants must also complete a **Foreigner Physical Examination Form** which can also be obtained from the website. Note that applicants should send a photocopy of the Foreigner Physical Examination Form attached to their application while retaining the original.

4. Copies of completed applications with all necessary supporting documents should be forwarded to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, either as scanned documents by email (filipej@forumsec.org.fj or gracec@forumsec.org.fj); or sent by courier to: China-PIF Scholarships, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Ratu Sukuna Road, Suva, Fiji by **13 April 2018**. Please note that applications should be sent through Ministries of Foreign Affairs with a covering letter.

5. Initial screening of applications will be undertaken by the Forum Secretariat and final processing by the China Scholarship Council. Successful applicants will be contacted directly by the China Scholarship Council.

6. All enquiries regarding the scholarship should be directed to the Forum Secretariat's Social Policy Adviser, Mr Filipe Jitoko (filipej@forumsec.org.fj).

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