



## THE GBF (CHINA) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2009

*“The all expenses paid scholarship hopes to encourage future Filipino leaders to better understand the ‘economic miracle’ of China and eventually help the Philippines benefit from this phenomenon. It is tragic that much of the Philippine society only looks up to the West traditionally for trade, aid, cultural exchanges and ideas, instead of the ancient civilization and the fast-growing economy of China.”*

- Mr. John L. Gokongwei, Jr.

### A. PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

In 2007, the Gokongwei Brothers Foundation established the GBF (China) Scholarship Program, with the pilot batch comprised of 34 gifted young talents. This leadership development program is intended for young Filipino leaders--- outstanding college graduates and promising professionals--- who recognize the growing importance of China and are willing to spend ten months of study as scholars.

#### **VISION**

A competitive and progressive Philippines, brought forward by its youth leaders imbued with a Global Mindset

#### **MISSION**

To provide a learning opportunity for Filipino Youth Leaders to understand the successes of China by learning their language and culture through practical study and immersion, in order to spearhead efforts in driving the Philippines to seize opportunities and address challenges.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

At the end of the 10-month practical study and immersion on Chinese Language, Culture, and Business, recipients of the GBF China Scholarship shall impact their immediate community and area of influence through the application of their unique and individually developed commitments that shall ultimately better the country.

### B. CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE PROGRAM

This program will offer selected scholars an all-expense paid scholarship that includes monthly living allowance, medical insurance, travel expenses, as well as tuition for studies in learning Mandarin language, Chinese culture (e.g. selected topics on government, history, etc) and other development-related fields (e.g. economics, political science, etc). Scholars will be enrolled at our partner academic institutions in the Philippines and the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The scholarship duration is for ten months starting **July 2009**. The first five months to be spent in a partner academic institution in Manila, Philippines and the remaining five months to be spent in a partner academic institution in China.

### C. POST- PROGRAM COMMITMENTS

Upon completion of their study programs, scholars are expected to return to the Philippines and contribute to the economic and social development of their region through identified post- return action plans. Scholars will also serve as the programs' advocates, speaking about their experiences in China and how these have shaped their perspectives about Filipino-Chinese relations.



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### D. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- a. A Filipino citizen.
- b. A bachelor's degree or its equivalent in Social Sciences, Business, Management, Humanities, Education or similar fields with superior academic record.
- c. At least one (1) year of full-time professional working experience
- d. Proficiency in oral and written English communication skills to be able to pursue studies.
- e. Not more than 30 years old at the time of application.
- f. In good health.
- g. Should be able to present and provide clear post- return plans that will benefit home country.
- h. Should agree to return to his/her home country after completion of studies under the Program.

### E. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- a. Request further information from GBF-CSP Office and participating academic institutions.
- b. Complete the **Application Form** and **Written Interview Form**- it may be photocopied, and send to GBF-CSP Office. Attach all **requirements** which include: (1) Transcript of Records or Certified True Copy of Grades and (2) Photocopies of related certifications, awards, commendations and citations
- c. The GBF-CSP Committee, using their standard criteria, will evaluate the applications and contact candidates for further information.
- d. GBF-CSP Committee will select scholars and inform each accordingly.

### F. APPLICATION PERIOD

Application period is from **February 23 to March 23, 2009**.

### G. CONTACT DETAILS

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