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Dear Mr Renggli,

### **Pursuing MPhil/PhD Programmes at Lingnan University**

I would like to bring to your attention a very attractive PhD programme that the Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong has established: *the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)*, hoping you will share this information with students and graduates who may be interested. I should be grateful if you would arrange for posting up the attached poster. A copy of the Prospectus for MPhil and PhD Programmes is attached for your reference/display as appropriate.

The Scheme is aimed at attracting the best and brightest students from around the world to come for PhD studies in Hang Kong, and I very much hope to have one of yours pursuing this degree with us at Lingnan. Each Fellowship awardee will be provided with a monthly stipend of HK\$25,100\* (US\$1=HK7.8) and a conference/research-related travel allowance of up to HK\$1 2,600/year\* for a maximum period of three years by the RGC. In addition, the full tuition fee for a non-local Fellowship awardee will be waived by Lingnan for his/her first year of study. For an awardee with a normative study period of four years, the University will offer the same level of Fellowship and conference/research-related travel allowance for his/her fomih year of study. The intention is to make this Scheme prestigious and highly international, hence hopefully attractive to you and your students/graduates.

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Lingnan is Hang Kong's only liberal aiis university and was named by *Forbes* as one of the "Top 10 Liberal Atis Colleges in Asia" in 2015. Our small size, top international faculty and strong emphasis on close staff and student relationships offer a unique environment for the pursuit of advanced studies in this exciting patt of the world. The University offers MPhil and PhD programmes in the Arts, Business and Social Sciences disciplines. Our top value is student-centred learning hence, for graduates, to ensure close and suppotiive thesis supervision. At Lingnan, students establish peer-type working relationships with world-class scholars who offer expert and close-contact supervision in their respective areas. Our cornpact working environrnt where research students relate as peers with world-class scholars has enabled Lingnan to maintain a track record in HKPFS Fellowships Scheme. You will get better understanding of the strengths of our various departments from the attached.

Applicants may seek admission to our PhD programmes in two ways as follows:

- *Apply via the HKPFS during the period from 1 September to 1 December 2018 (Hong Kong Time 12:00 noon). Applicants who apply for and do not get the Fellowship can still be considered for the regular PhD places at Lingnan.*
- Apply to the University directly from **1 November 2018 to 25 January 2019**. Normally, full-time PhD students will be awarded Postgraduate Studentships which offer a monthly stipend of HK\$16,720/month\* before confirmation of candidature and HK\$17,050/month\* after confirmation of candidature.

We also have our popular and excellent research-based 2-year MPhil programme. Applicants may apply for admission to our MPhil programmes directly from **1 November 2018 to 25 January 2019**. Full-time MPhil students will normally be awarded Postgraduate Studentships which offer a monthly stipend of HK\$16,480\*.

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For more details regarding application methods and requirements, please visit our website at [www.LN.edu.hk/reg/info/pgrad](http://www.LN.edu.hk/reg/info/pgrad)

Should you have any queries, you are most welcome to contact the Registry (Tel.: (852) 2616 8750; Email: [rpgadm@LN.edu.hk](mailto:rpgadm@LN.edu.hk))

I would be more than happy to hear from you and your students/graduates.

With best wishes,



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