

China-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement Doctoral Research Scholarship Programme

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CHEN Deming
Minister of Commerce
The People's Republic of China

Your Excellency,

I refer to the signing on this date of the Free Trade Agreement between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of the People's Republic of China ("the Agreement") and to the discussion in relation to the establishment of a reciprocal New Zealand – China Doctoral Research Scholarships Programme.

I wish to propose that:

New Zealand will fund three-year Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) scholarships for up to ten new students per annum from China to study in New Zealand.

China will fund three-year Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) scholarships for up to ten new students per annum from New Zealand to study in China.

The New Zealand – China Doctoral Research Scholarships programme will be jointly reviewed after three years. The review will be conducted under the auspices of the Joint Education Working Group established by the *Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Education and Training between the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Education of New Zealand* of 9 December 2002.

If this proposal is acceptable to China, then I propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply will constitute an arrangement between our two Governments, concluded in association with the Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Goff
Minister of Trade
New Zealand

7 April 2008

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Dear Minister,

I refer to the signing on this date of the Free Trade Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of New Zealand ("the Agreement") and your letter of the same date, which reads:

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If the proposal is acceptable to China, then I propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply will constitute an arrangement between our two Governments concluded in association with the Agreement."

I have the honour to confirm that the proposals in your letter are acceptable to the Government of China, and that your letter and this reply will constitute an arrangement between our two Governments, concluded in association with the Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

CHEN Deming
Minister of Commerce
The People's Republic of China