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06th March 2026

Attn: Officer In-charge of Foreign Training

Secretary to the President / Presidential Secretariat
Secretary to the Prime Minister / Prime Minister's Office
Secretary/ Office of the Cabinet of Ministers
Secretary General/ Sri Lanka Parliament
Heads/ All other Special Spending Units
Secretaries / All Ministries
Chief Secretaries / All Provincial Councils

PhD in Applied Economics – September 2026 Intake

Long Term Scholarship Programme at the Institute of Global Development, Zhejiang University, China

The Economic and Commercial Office of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in Sri Lanka has invited nominations from eligible Government officials for the above doctoral programme conducted by the Institute of Global Development at Zhejiang University. The programme details including eligibility criteria, are enclosed herewith for your reference.

This programme is designed for current and emerging leaders who are committed to development, governance, and global cooperation. The opportunity is open to qualified officials serving in the Government and Academic sectors.

Accordingly, you are kindly requested to circulate the programme information among the Departments, Divisions, and Institutes under your purview and to forward one (01) or two (02) suitable nominations to the Department of External Resources (ERD). Nominations must be submitted in compliance with TA Circular No. 2013/2014(ii) dated 24 October 2013 of the Ministry of Finance and Planning, together with the following documents:

- Nomination Letter from the respective Ministry (covering letter with the recommendation)
- Duly completed Application Form (computer fill-in edition), downloadable from www.erd.gov.lk
- Soft copy of the completed Application Form in Word format, with an inserted electronic passport-size photograph (to be emailed to info@erd.gov.lk)
- Duly completed ERD Form (downloadable from www.erd.gov.lk)
- All documents stated from 1 to 10 under Step 1 of the Application Procedure in the information document attached

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Applicants are required to apply concurrently to Zhejiang University, as indicated under Step 2 in the information document attached.

Please ensure that complete applications are submitted to ERD **before 4:00 p.m. on 20 March 2026**. Only duly completed (i, ii, iii and iv) applications received on or before the stipulated deadline will be processed. However, ERD will not verify the completeness of the documents submitted under Step 1 of the Application Guidelines (All documents stated from 1 to 10 under Application Procedure in the information document attached); therefore, applicants will bear full responsibility for providing accurate and complete documentation as required.

You are kindly requested to ensure that the number of nominations submitted does not exceed the number specified above. If nominations exceeding the specified number are submitted in a single covering letter, ERD will select the required number based on the sequence in which the names appear in the covering letter. In the event that nominations are submitted through multiple covering letters bearing different dates, priority will be given to the covering letter received first. Where covering letters bear the same date, the required nominations will be selected at random. Accordingly, in order to avoid such situations, you are kindly requested to submit only the number of nominations specified in this letter.

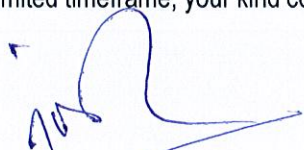
The requested number of applications received by ERD will be forwarded to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office (ECCO) of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Sri Lanka for the selection process. Applications selected by ECCO will thereafter be forwarded to Zhejiang University for further evaluation under the PhD programme, and the shortlisted candidates will be contacted in due course regarding the subsequent steps of the admission process.

Please be informed that once selections are confirmed, nominees are expected to honour their acceptance and refrain from withdrawing except under exceptional and unavoidable circumstances. As these training opportunities are extended for the benefit of the country, withdrawals after selection adversely affect Sri Lanka's standing and result in the loss of valuable training slots, while depriving other deserving officers of the opportunity. Accordingly, both nominees and respective Ministries/organizations are kindly requested to ensure that applications are submitted only with a firm commitment to participate.

Please note that the Government of China will provides a full scholarship covering the following expenses for participants:

- Tuition fees
- Accommodation
- Roundtrip international travel expenses essential for study
- Living allowance in china
- Medical insurance

As the relevant information must be submitted to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China within a limited timeframe, your kind cooperation in expediting the nomination process would be greatly appreciated.



Tharanga Liyanage
Additional Director General
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Enclosed:/ Information Document