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Dear International Education Partners:

On behalf of the Ministry of Education, it is my pleasure to announce that applications are now open for four new scholarships and awards related to international education. I am hoping that you will join me in promoting these awards, ensuring as many students as possible are able to benefit from them.

The new awards include funding (i) for groups of British Columbia students and for individual teachers to study abroad, (ii) for international students to study in British Columbia, and (iii) for British Columbia students to study Mandarin. The table below provides an overview of each of the awards, application deadlines and links to more detailed information.

The awards promote the development of intercultural knowledge and understanding in support of British Columbia's new education curriculum and contribute to the goals of the *British Columbia International Education Strategy*, increasing the two-way flow of students, teachers and ideas between British Columbia and the world.

Developing these awards has been a large undertaking that would not have been possible without the support of the international education sector and foreign government partners. Thank you to the two working groups that partnered with the Ministry of Education in the awards' design and development. The working groups comprised representatives from education associations, school districts, independents schools, offshore schools, post-secondary institutions and partner ministries.

### *Overview of Awards*

Award/Scholarship	Recipients	Purpose	Value	Number of Awards	Deadline	More Information
<b>BC Student Exchange and Mobility Award</b>	Groups of BC students travelling to China and Japan	Increase number of BC student groups travelling and studying abroad	\$5,000 to \$10,000	14 to 28	February 12, 2016	<a href="http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/international-education/scholarships-awards">http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/international-education/scholarships-awards</a>

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<b>BC Teacher Mobility Award</b>	BC teachers partnering with schools and teachers in China and Japan	Support BC teachers to enhance partnerships and intercultural knowledge	\$5,000	6	February 12, 2016	<a href="http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/international-education/scholarships-awards">http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/international-education/scholarships-awards</a>
<b>BC China Award for Excellence in Chinese</b>	BC grade 12 students studying Chinese	Increase the study of Chinese language	\$500	50	March 31, 2016	
<b>BC International Student Ambassador Scholarship K-12 and Post-Secondary Entry</b>	International students from China, Japan and Korea	Attract high-performing international students to BC	\$1,250	120 total 60 K-12 60 PSI* <small>*graduating BC K-12 international students</small>	April 15, 2016	

Thank you, again, for your continued support regarding the communications and administration of these new international education awards. I look forward to their successful implementation and to the opportunities they will provide to British Columbia students, teachers, schools and communities, and to international students who have chosen British Columbia as their study destination.

Sincerely,

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