March 11, 2004

President Kao Chiang
National Cheng Kung University
Tainan

Dear President Kao:

I would like to seek your help in identifying people who may be interested in a Fulbright "Scholar-in-Residence" (SIR) program in the U.S. for the 2004-2005 academic year. These programs are designed for U.S. institutions that do not usually have a chance to host visiting scholars from abroad, such as liberal arts colleges, regional undergraduate universities, community colleges, and minority-serving institutions. The scholars teach regular courses, give campus-wide lectures and talks to community organizations, help initiate international student exchange programs, and contribute to curriculum development. The institution can name the countries from which they would like to have a scholar.

Each scholar will receive round-trip international travel, a monthly stipend of US$2,500-2,900, a one-time professional allowance of US$750, a one-time settling-in allowance of US$500, accident insurance for the scholar, and access to Fulbright enrichment programs. If the scholar will be accompanied by qualifying dependents for at least 80% of the grant period, s/he will also be eligible for the following benefits: (1) a dependent allowance of US$200-350 per month, and (2) round-trip international travel for one dependent if the grant is for an academic year.

Two institutions have specifically requested scholars from Taiwan for the 2004-2005 academic year:

(1) Whittier College (located near Los Angeles, California, in the city of Whittier) is requesting a scholar in the Humanities from China, Taiwan, or Hong Kong "who will bring first-hand knowledge and awareness of Asian culture and traditions, and contribute to discussions about a new major in International and Cross-Cultural Studies." The college will provide housing, meals and a supplementary stipend of US$850 per month for ten months.

(2) University of Texas (Tyler) is seeking an art historian from China, Japan or Taiwan "to teach two courses on East Asian art, never taught before at UT Tyler, during a single semester of the 2004-2005 academic year, thereby enhancing the Art Program's teaching resources on Asian art, such as books, and substantially upgrade its slide collection." The school will arrange housing and provide US$5,000.00 for the semester, as well as US$2,000.00 for travel to other campuses and professional meetings.
The complete proposals of each of these institutions are available at the Foundation upon request. Interested applicants may contact Ms. Amy Pan (Tel. 02-2332-8188, Ext. 112; pan@saec.edu.tw) at the Foundation for further information and to obtain application forms. Deadline for receipt of applications at the Foundation is April 9, 2004.

Your help in making this known to the appropriate departments at your institution would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director