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**INVITATION TO APPLY FOR TWO CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
INTERNSHIPS FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO BE HELD AT
BEIJING UNIVERSITY OF CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY, CHINA**

Purpose of the internship

1. Under the OPCW Programme to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa on the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Africa Programme”), the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) wishes to invite African Member States to nominate participants for two internships in chemical engineering, to be held at the Beijing University of Chemical Technology in Beijing, China, from September 2015 to February 2016.
2. The aim of the Africa Programme is to strengthen and expand the human resource pool of National Authorities in African Member States through training related to the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”).

Description of the internship

3. The chemical engineering training programme for African Countries is sponsored by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China, and is organised by the Beijing University of Chemical Technology. The aim of the training programme is to familiarise trainees with the Convention and to promote the level of chemical research in African countries. Through courses and research, in both legal and chemical engineering aspects, the programme contributes to the development and further strengthening of the human resources pool of National Authorities in African Member States.
4. The main components of the training programme will include:
 - (a) an introduction to the Convention;
 - (b) one professional course (introduction to materials) and basic Chinese courses;
 - (c) academic research and research report writing;
 - (d) industrial practice (one week); and
 - (e) cultural exchanges activities organised by the university.



Duration of the course

5. The training programme will begin in Beijing in September 2015 and last for about five months. The Beijing University of Chemical Technology will notify enrollees of the specific dates, travel itinerary, and curriculum.

Selection of candidates

6. Only two candidates will be selected for the internship.

Financial assistance

7. According to the established rules, the programme will provide the following at no cost to the participants:
 - (a) return travel costs from the home country to Beijing (airline tickets to the closest airport only);
 - (b) registration fees, tuition, laboratory fees, internship fees, cost of basic teaching materials, and costs of on-campus accommodation;
 - (c) a monthly subsistence allowance of Chinese yuan (CNY) 3,000 to cover meals and other sundry expenses;
 - (d) a one-off settlement grant of CNY 1000 upon arrival in Beijing; and
 - (e) cost of outpatient medical services at the university's hospital or hospitals entrusted by the institution, and comprehensive medical insurance for international students studying in China.

Candidate requirements

8. Candidates are generally required to be less than 45 years of age, and should have a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering or chemistry. Candidates must be proficient in English with good listening, speaking and writing skills. Priority will be given to candidates who work for National Authorities responsible for implementation of the Convention and those engaged in the management of petrochemical enterprises.

Application procedure

9. Applicants are required to submit the following application materials to the International Exchanges and Cooperation Department of the Beijing University of Chemical Technology **no later than 15 May 2015**:
 - (a) an application form for the "Training Program on Chemical Engineering for African Countries", which can be downloaded and printed at: <http://english.buct.edu.cn/international/studentmobility/internship/index.htm>;
 - (b) a curriculum vitae and proof of the highest degree;
 - (c) study or research plan for training in China (800 words minimum);

- (d) a letter of recommendation from the National Authority responsible for implementing the Convention;
 - (e) a copy of the applicant's valid passport; and
 - (f) a copy of the Foreigner Physical Examination Form (printed by the Chinese Quarantine Authority).
10. The above-mentioned application materials should be sent, in English, to the International Exchanges and Cooperation Department of Beijing University of Chemical Technology, via e-mail at aoffice@mail.buct.edu.cn or via fax at +86-10-64423610.
11. Beijing University of Chemical Technology will select two trainees based on a review of the above-mentioned application materials.
12. Requests for additional information or questions about this programme should be directed to the following address:

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