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November 6, 2017

Dr. Joseph M. Daisy  
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Dear President Daisy,

I present my compliments and am pleased to inform you that during my recent visit to Hainan Province last week, People's Republic of China, I visited Haikou City to meet and follow up on our eight FSM students who are currently studying at the Hainan University under the newly offered Hainan Provincial Scholarship program. As you may be aware, the scholarship from Hainan Province was a product of the successful State Visit of His Excellency President Peter M. Christian in March 2017. During that State visit, a letter of intent was signed between Yap State and Hainan Province to establish a sister-city relationship. The Hainan Scholarship is a product of the sister-city relationship and will be available for the next four years. Out of the ten slots offered this year, we currently have eight students that took up the scholarship offer in Hainan

While in Hainan, I met with the leaders of Hainan University, which included their President, Professor Li Jianbao. In our meeting, our two sides shared the common desire to further promote our bilateral relationship through cooperation between Hainan University and the College of Micronesia-FSM. To demonstrate Hainan University's desire to establish cooperation with COM-FSM, I am very pleased to forward to you the enclosed invitation letter from the President of Hainan University for you to visit Hainan Province at a convenient time in the near future.

This year the FSM-China diplomatic relationship has reached 28 years. In general, the FSM and China enjoy a mutually beneficial relationship. The Chinese Government has played a vital role in the overall capacity building efforts of the FSM through scholarships and training opportunities that they provide each year. As China continues to rise in global influence, we are seeing a growing trend of more scholarship offers from China as well as more students from the FSM coming to China for higher education. In addition to our annual slots provided through the Chinese Scholarship Council, we are also very pleased to note that COM-FSM has an exchange-student arrangement with Zhejiang Ocean University, and a scholarship scheme to study at Quanzhou Normal University.

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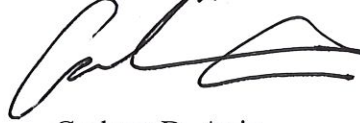
Letter from Ambassador Apis to President Daisy  
November 6, 2017

Hainan University's interest to cooperate with COM-FSM is indeed welcoming and will complement the College's already existing efforts to expand and cooperate with overseas institutions. I believe the cooperation with Hainan University will open more opportunities for FSM students. As indicated in the enclosed invitation letter, Hainan University would also like work together with COM-FSM to establish a Confucius Institute in the FSM. A Confucius Institute at the College would better help promote understanding of China, and will certainly be beneficial to students interested study in China.

I hope you would consider favorably the invitation from Hainan University should your schedule permit. The Embassy will be happy to facilitate your visit, but should you want your office to work directly with Hainan University on the arrangements and schedule, please feel free to do so. We certainly hope that some positive outcomes and results will be agreed upon between COM-FSM and Hainan University. Please do not hesitate to let us know if there is anything we can do from this end to assist.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlson D. Apis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carlson D. Apis  
Ambassador

Enclosure

Cc: Secretary, FSM Department of Foreign Affairs  
Secretary, FSM Department of Education

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## Letter of Invitation

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Joseph M. Daisy, EdD  
President and CEO  
College of Micronesia — FSM

Respected President Joseph M. Daisy,

In order to promote the friendship between Hainan and Federated States of Micronesia, Hainan University hopes to develop wide cooperation and communication with your college. We'll try to establish a Confucius Institute at your college. Therefore, I invite you to visit Hainan University this year. All the expenses, including international travel costs, accommodation and food in Hainan will be covered by my university.

Hainan University is not only the largest and most important university in Hainan province, but also one of the most important universities in China. Hainan University has advantages of disciplines in Tropical Agriculture, Marine Science, Tourism, Material and Chemical Engineering, Economics, Law, etc. In regard of the education for international students, the university has formulated an integrated and high level cultivation programs for bachelor, master, and PhD international students. Hainan University is awarded as a National Key Base for cultivating international students supported by the Ministry of Education, China.

I sincerely hope to establish a friendly and cooperative relationship and build a Confucius Institute with your college in the near future.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards!

Respectfully yours,

Li Jianbao



President of Hainan University