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It is my great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute and to express my deep appreciation for your continued engagement as one of the Institute's valued partner institutions. As a student of Chinese politics and modern history who was born in China and raised in Japan by university professor parents, I feel pleased and privileged to have the opportunity to head an institution committed to the advancement of higher education in Asia.

Once again we would like to invite your participation in the programs of the Harvard-Yenching Institute by nominating scholars as candidates to our visiting scholars and fellows program. For the academic year 2010-11, your institution may nominate up to a total of 4 (four) candidates from among your most promising scholars for admission to these programs. In conjunction with the mission of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, nominated scholars should be working in the humanities and social sciences with an emphasis on culture. Scholars whose research is comparative, and includes one or more Asian countries, are especially welcome. This year, we will continue the centralized interview process that was put in place last year. In addition, we would like to bring to your attention a significant change regarding the qualifications of applicants, namely that there is no longer an age limit; however, preference will be given to younger scholars who are in the early stages of their academic career.

Currently, the Institute has more than 50 affiliated universities and institutions that are eligible to nominate candidates. We plan to review the list of the Institute's partner universities this year with an eye toward making our partnerships more dynamic to reflect the changing conditions of higher education in East Asia. As a result, some universities may no longer be affiliated with the Institute, and some may be asked to participate in the programs every other year. We will update you soon after we complete the selection process for 2010-11.

The following is a summary of our programs:

Visiting Scholars Program

This program offers faculty members in the humanities and social sciences the opportunity to undertake 11 months of study and research at Harvard University. Approximately 10 to 15

applicants are chosen each year as researchers at the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and have access to the Harvard University libraries and facilities. Scholars are provided with living expenses while at the Institute. All the applicants and university/academy administrators will be notified of selection results in mid-December. The selection criteria include English proficiency, academic training (including PhD degree), quality and originality of the research proposal, demonstrated depth of subject knowledge, the feasibility of conducting the research at Harvard University and/or other major universities in the United States. Selected scholars are required to collaborate with faculty at Harvard and/or other appropriate universities, and to make at least one public presentation in English on their proposed research project during their stay at the Institute.

The deadline for submitting applications is **June 15, 2009**.

Visiting Fellows Program

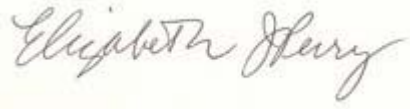
This program provides advanced PhD candidates (graduate students and junior faculty members) in your institution an opportunity to do dissertation research at Harvard University for three semesters, with access to Harvard University libraries and facilities. Fellows are provided with living expenses while at the Institute. All applicants and university/academy administrators will be notified of selection results in mid-December. In our selection process, preference is given to advanced graduate students and junior faculty members working in East Asian Studies, especially with a comparative focus. The selection criteria include academic training, quality and originality of the research proposal, depth of subject knowledge and feasibility of conducting the research at Harvard University. The deadline for the receipt of application is **June 15, 2009**. An official TOEFL score is required for this program. The TOEFL score must be submitted to the Institute by September 1, 2009.

We ask that you send all of your completed applications, by June 15, 2009, in one package to the Harvard-Yenching Institute at the following address:

Dr. Ruohong Li
Assistant Director for Academic Programs and Planning
Harvard-Yenching Institute
25 Francis Avenue, Suite 20
Cambridge, MA 02138 USA
Tel: 617-495-0702
Fax: 617-496-7206

Please note that the Institute does not accept individual applications for the above programs. Scholarship applications sent directly to the Institute without official approval by an authorized nominating institution will not be considered. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter with Dr. Ruohong Li via e-mail at <ruohong_li@harvard.edu> , or by fax at 617-496-7206. We look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter. We appreciate your kind attention and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth J. Perry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Elizabeth J. Perry
Director, Harvard-Yenching Institute

APPENDIX

1. Eligibility:

Visiting Scholars Program candidates should have been serving at their home university for at least two years as a full time faculty. Scholars who gained their Ph.D. in an English speaking institution in the past five years are not eligible for applying for this program.

2. Coverage of the scholarships:

The following is the detailed information on the fellowship coverage:

Visiting Scholars Program:

Round trip airfare for a selected scholar;

A stipend of US \$3,100 per month for the period of residence in Cambridge, Massachusetts (for 11 months);

Fees for health insurance and the use of the Harvard Health Service;

Funding (up to \$500.00) for one-time participation in an academic conference within the USA and Canada.

Visiting Fellows Program:

Round trip airfare from a selected fellow's home institution to Boston;

Payment of the Harvard University Visiting Fellows fee;

A stipend adequate for a single scholar (for 2009-10, the monthly stipend is \$2,200) for three semesters,

Funding for one time participation in an academic conference within the USA and Canada

3. Fields of Research

Candidates' fields of research in the humanities and social sciences to be considered:

Anthropology

Archaeology

History (including art history, economic history and legal history)

Linguistics

Literature

Philosophy

Politics

Study of Religion

Sociology

Scholars in the fields of Economics and Law may be considered, but need to check with the Institute before submitting applications. If the research field of any of your

candidate falls out of the range mentioned above, and you are not sure if the candidate is eligible for the program, please contact Ruohong Li at <ruohong_li@harvard.edu> before you submit the application.