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**Applications for 2013/14 Chevening Scholarships Now Open**

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 Oct 2012 – Application for the prestigious 2013/14 Chevening Scholarships programme is now open. Malaysians are invited to submit their applications until 2 Jan 2013.

Funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and partner organisations, Chevening is a scholarship programme by the UK government which operates in over 100 countries worldwide. The programme provides opportunities to exceptional individuals with leadership potential to study in the UK and bring back their experiences and knowledge to their home country.

The programme funds full-time post-graduate study for one year at a UK university of the students' choice. It covers a substantial monthly stipend, travel costs (return) to the UK, total academic fees, an arrival allowance and thesis grant.

Up to 30 scholarships will be made available to Malaysians for the 2013/14 intake, making Malaysia among the top five countries to award the largest number of Chevening scholarships in the world.

Thanks to BAE System's generous sponsorship, the 2013/14 intake will also see 14 awards in the field of Engineering and Sciences – the first time that Engineering and Sciences have been included in the programme.

HSBC will sponsor two scholarships in the areas of Finance, Economics and Environment while the Cambridge and Commonwealth Trust are offering up to two scholarships for study at the University of Cambridge.

Simon Featherstone, the British High Commissioner to Malaysia said:

*"The Chevening Scholarships programme is a unique platform for future leaders to excel in their chosen disciplines at British universities which rank among the best in the world. Chevening alumni have an excellent record of rising to positions of leadership across a wide range of fields including politics, business, media, civil society, religion and academia. I have great pleasure in inviting Malaysians to apply for this year's programme."*

Nabila Nasir, recipient of the 2012/13 Chevening Scholarships who is studying MA in International Studies and Diplomacy at the School of Oriental and African Studies said:

*"Please don't hesitate to apply if you are passionate about something you feel you can make a difference in. I am living my dream because I worked hard and I believed."*

For further information and to apply for a Chevening Scholarship, visit [www.chevening.org](http://www.chevening.org) or e-mail Jade Robinson, Scholarships Officer at [Jade.Robinson@fco.gov.uk](mailto:Jade.Robinson@fco.gov.uk). A video on the Chevening Scholarships is available at <http://ukinmalaysia.fco.gov.uk/en/>.

## **Notes to Editors**

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## **About Chevening Scholarships**

Chevening Scholarships are the UK government's global scholarship programme, funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and partner organisations. The Chevening programme began in 1983 and has developed into a prestigious international scheme. 700 scholarships will be awarded in the 2013/14 intake to scholars from more than 100 countries worldwide. There are over 41,000 Chevening alumni around the world who together comprise an influential and highly regarded global network. There is no age limit for Chevening Scholars.

Candidates for the 2013/14 intake are invited to apply for study in the following fields: Climate Change, Sustainable Development, Human Rights, Foreign & Security Policy, Science and Engineering, Good Governance and Business and Islamic Finance. Closing date for submission is 2 January 2013.

For more information, see [www.chevening.org](http://www.chevening.org).