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Ambassador Bruno S. Beijer
Embassy of the Kingdom of Sweden
Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

Your Excellency,

Graduate Scholarship Opportunities at Masdar Institute of Science and Technology in Abu Dhabi

I would like to follow up on the correspondence from Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, CEO of Masdar, to you earlier this year about the excellent opportunity for qualified students from Sweden to enroll in a fully funded graduate program at Masdar Institute of Science and Technology in Abu Dhabi. As the Provost of Masdar Institute, I would like to add my support to Dr Sultan Al Jaber's invitation by calling on you, once again, to nominate ten outstanding candidates from your country to apply to the Master's programs offered by Masdar Institute.

The Institute, which started classes in its inaugural academic year in September 2009, is the centerpiece of the MASDAR Initiative, a landmark project announced in April 2006 by the Government of Abu Dhabi to establish a global thrust dedicated to alternative energy and sustainability. Masdar Institute was established in collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). It aims to become a world-class, graduate-level institution that seamlessly integrates research and education to provide future leaders and critical thinkers in advanced energy and sustainability. The campus will be located in the world's first sustainable city, Masdar City in Abu Dhabi, which will be powered entirely by alternative energy.

The Institute currently offers Master of Science degrees in the following programs: Mechanical Engineering; Materials Science and Engineering; Water and Environmental Engineering; Information Technology; Engineering Systems and Management; Electrical Power Engineering; and Microsystems. In addition PhD programs will be offered in the Fall of 2010.

Students accepted into the graduate programs receive a full graduate scholarship that covers tuition, housing, transportation, and a monthly stipend among other expenses. In addition to the degree awarded by Masdar Institute, graduating students also receive a certificate from MIT verifying that the degree matches MIT's excellent academic standards.

Applications from students are evaluated by Masdar Institute's academic selection committee, with the minimum requirements including a high grade point average, GRE score, and TOEFL/IELTS score. More details on the academic programs, admission criteria and application procedure are available at www.masdar.ac.ae.

Once you have identified the candidates who are finalizing their undergraduate studies, or already have an undergraduate degree in engineering, science, or information technology, please send all their details to Mr. Stephen Lee, Assistant Provost at registrar@masdar.ac.ae and your nominees will be contacted directly regarding their applications.

I look forward to welcoming exceptional students from Sweden to Abu Dhabi and the Masdar Institute of Science and Technology.

Yours sincerely,

Dr John Perkins
Provost
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